



# KidzWay Early Learning Centre

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*"Education is not the learning of facts but training of the mind to think" Albert Einstein.*

### **Kia Ora Families and Whanau**

Brrrr.....winter has finally hit, however wasn't it great having our summer stretched out a bit! ☺  
The cold hasn't deterred the children from wanting to be outside here at the Centre or in the bush on our Ngahere Explorers (Nature Walks) programme.



News Flash...

The Trust and Staff here at KidzWay are thrilled to let you know that we have received our confirmed report from ERO informing us that we have been ranked "Very Well Placed" to promote learning outcomes for children. To define that grading a little more, it would be like receiving an A<sup>+</sup> in your exams. Not many Centres get to achieve this grade; we are extra pleased as we have now been awarded it for the second time in a row. Our next visit from ERO will be in four years' time. "Woo hoo...go the whole team"- Trust, Management Team, Head Teacher, Teachers and of course the wonderful families and children we get to work with here at KidzWay. View the report here at KidzWay or [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz).

*Ka Kite, Denise (Head Teacher), Josanne, Michelle, Alison, Nicky, Maree and Fiona (Teachers) and Kath (Administrator)*

### **Programme and Planning**

**Emergency Services:** The children are still enjoying learning all about the emergency services available to us in our community. No doubt you have been hearing the children using the catch phrases "get down, get low, get out" if the building they were in was on fire, also "drop, cover and roll" to put out the flames if a person was on fire. Still to come are visits from our local St John's officers and ambulance, and John Mawhinney (Tapanui's policeman).

**The Lantern Festival: Friday 1 July 5:30pm.** This is a popular annual event celebrating "Jesus the Light of the World," held at Church on the Way. We will share kai (food), karakia (prayer), waiata (singing) and hear the "Martin the Cobbler Story," then walk around the streets of Tapanui with our lanterns. See KidzWay's hall for more details.



**Wacky Hair/Wig Day: Wednesday 22 June.** This is a fun day where children come to KidzWay with a wacky hair-do or wig. If you run short of time or creativity on the day, no pressure – we are happy to do a hair creation for your child here at the Centre. This year we are asking for a donation towards Child Cancer. See the flyer on the white board in the foyer.

**PJ and Movie Days: Wed 6, Thurs 7, Fri 8 July.** Another mid-winter fun activity for the children. They can come to KidzWay dressed in their pyjamas, and we usually watch a short movie at some stage in the day (does anyone have anything suitable for this age that runs 30-45mins?). Please pack their usual day clothes too, should they want to change.





## “Ngahere Explorers” – Nature Walks



We have been running this programme with our eldest Tuesday four-year-olds for a couple of weeks now, and the children are loving the experience. There have been a few logistical tweaks to streamline the weekly event: parents are now required to come to KidzWay first to sign in, dress their child in KidzWay protective clothing, pop their lunch box, drink bottle and bags on hooks and cubbies as usual, before dropping their child off at the cemetery car park. In addition, KidzWay will now be providing morning tea in the bush, rather than parents supplying it. Please ensure you are at KidzWay by 8:45am so that children can be delivered to the cemetery car park by 9:00am sharp. Also please let us know by 8:15am if your child is not attending so another 4-year-old can go in their place that day. Thanks to our parent helps - without your input we would not be able to offer this great experience to the children. Please see Denise if you have any queries.

## Meals and More

KidzWay is proud to support Holly Roulston’s initiative in providing a 3-session “Meals and More” programme, where you can gain skills in planning healthy meals for your family and also glean budgeting tips and advice on healthy eating. Holly will be offering this programme on Monday 4, Monday 11 and Monday 18 of July starting at 6:30pm. The venue will be the Church on the Way hall and kitchen, and the cost is \$30 for the 3 sessions (subsidy available from KidzWay Trust). Please see flyer by sign-in sheet. Contact Holly on 027 3400821 or [mealsandmore2016@gmail.com](mailto:mealsandmore2016@gmail.com). For more info see [www.facebook.com/MealsMore](http://www.facebook.com/MealsMore). Be in quick as there are only 6 spaces available!

## Policies Currently Under Review

Please take a moment to comment on the following procedures currently up for review, located on the hall notice board. Thank you.

- **Pest/Vermin Procedures**

- **Healthy Environment Procedures**

- **Cleaning Procedures**

## Thank you...

- Brendon Stuart and his team at the Tapanui Fire Brigade, for providing a demonstration of the “jaws of life” at South West Autos. Also for giving the children and parents such a fun and informative insight into the fire station and for the fabulous service you provide to the community.
- South West Autos for providing the car and hosting the “jaws of life” event for us.
- Navjeet Ratte for bringing a “taste of India” to KidzWay when she cooked the delicious Indian dish Palek Paneer for the children and staff to sample.



## Dates for your calendar:

**Monday 6 June:** Queen’s Birthday – Centre Closed.

**Wednesday 22 June:** Wacky Hair/Wig Day (Donation to Child Cancer Foundation)

**Friday 1 July:** Lantern Festival, 5:30 pm at Church on the Way.

**Wed 6, Thurs 7, Fri 8 July:** PJ and Movie Days.

Keep an eye on white board for dates of visits from the ambulance and Policeman!!

*“Christ is the exact copy of the unseen God. He lived before God made anything at all. Christ created everything in Heaven and earth. He was before all else began. His power holds everything together.”*

*Colossians 1:15-17*