



KidzWay

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"I bring you the most joyful news ever told! And it's for everyone! The Saviour has been born tonight in Bethlehem!"

Luke 2: 10-11



Kia Ora Families and Whanau

Isn't it incredible that Christmas is almost here and another year about to roll over! It has gone so fast! There have been a lot of events, learning, fun and highlights as this year has flown by. I hope you got to catch up with KidzWay's highlights on the back page of the Blue Mountain Express.



From all the staff here at KidzWay; we have enjoyed spending our year with you and your children, as we have worked together to provide an interesting and challenging curriculum for your children to learn and grow from. We wish you all a happy Christmas and restful holiday break.

Nga mihi nui kia koutou tahi. With best wishes to you all.

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

KidzWay Christmas Concert



It is with great anticipation and daily rehearsals that the children and staff are preparing for our annual Christmas Concert

WHEN: Wednesday 14 December at 1:30pm.

WHERE: Church on the Way, Tapanui Presbyterian Church (11 Sussex St).

PLEASE BRING: A plate to share for afternoon tea in the church hall.

We will be letting parents know shortly which children will be holding key parts in the performance. We encourage children who do not attend on a Wednesday to join us to take part in the concert. Could these children please be dropped off at KidzWay by 1:15pm so we can all walk up to church as a group. Please note; you are responsible for your child while at the church. In past events we have hugely appreciated parents' support in helping take care of their children so that this event is fun and runs safely for us all. Please feel free to assist us or have your child sit on your knee during the concert, should they be unhappy up on the stage. Also, please feel free to use the crèche in the church foyer if your child becomes restless.

A shared afternoon tea in the adjoining church hall will follow straight after the concert. Please come and collect your child from the stage and take them through to the hall, get them something to eat, and sit them on the blue tarpaulin. Tea and coffee will be served also.

We look forward to seeing all of our KidzWay children there to present their favourite songs of 2016. ☺

Staff Changes

With Maree about to give birth shortly and now on parental leave, we welcome Sally Beattie on board the KidzWay Teaching Team. Sally has many years of teaching experience; a number also spent as Teviot Valley Educare's Head Teacher! Sally will take on Maree's Tuesdays and Wednesdays and her profile children. Best wishes to Maree, and welcome on board Sally. ☺

We welcome Fiona Dawson back next week, and would like to thank Vanessa Thomas for the great job she did in Fiona's absence.



Ngahere Explorers Programme – Meeting for Parents

To all parents of four-year-olds and children turning four next year; we plan to hold another meeting to explain this programme, expectations and documentation. Date to be advised early in 2017.



Summer Holidays

To help us with staffing requirements, please let Kath know if your child will be away over the school holiday period. Many thanks.

Christmas Eve Parade

KidzWay will not have a float in the parade this year, due to teachers being away on holiday.

Message from the KidzWay Trust

Just to let you know, the KidzWay Trust has had a change around of roles and Robbie Finlayson is now Chairperson for the Trust.

The Trust wish all our KidzWay families and friends a very blessed Christmas and look forward to 2017 for another busy and exciting year at KidzWay.

Policies Currently Under Review and Self Review Focus

Please take a moment to read the following procedures under review (located on your left as you enter the hallway), and add your comments by writing on a post-it note and sticking it to the policy.

* *Hand washing Procedure*

* *Sun Protection Procedure*

* *Healthcare Plans*

* *Immunisation Procedures*

* *Head Lice Procedures.*



Thank You...

- **Stuart Timber** (once again!) – for the very kind donation of timber to make our playground car!!
- **John Hellewell** – for coming in and sharing his singing and guitar-playing talents.
- **Brendon Stuart** – for giving up his time to come and be our celebrity Judge at Pet Day.
- **To our wonderful relievers:** Sally Beattie, Vanessa Thomas, Leonie Legg and Philippa Wealleans – for changing your plans so quickly to fill in when staff are away.
- **The team of Duke of Edinburgh students** who assist us with the pack-up at the end of each day.



Thanks so much to all of you for your input into the life of KidzWay

Dates for Your Calendar:

Wednesday 14 December: KidzWay Christmas Concert, starting 1:30pm at Church on the Way

Thursday 22 December: KidzWay closes for 2016 at **1:00pm**

Monday 16 January: KidzWay opens for 2017 at 8:30am



Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa

Christmas and New Year Greetings

