



KidzWay

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"Remember, setting firm limits makes children feel safe and secure – you are the big person, so stay calm and keep your expectations positive." Early Years Tool Box Course

Kia Ora Families and Whanau

Welcome to new families just joining us – we trust you are settling in. Please feel free to ask Denise or the staff if you have any queries; the parent handbook and our website (kidzway.co.nz) are also a great places to look as well.

Where is 2017 going?? With busy Term 4 now upon us, could the final part of the year go any faster?? Stay tuned for all the action and events coming up at KidzWay for this final term of the year.

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

Programme and Planning

Ngahere Explorers has started again and is on a Thursday this term. Children are looking for a Gruffalo!, exploring dams and are always on the look-out for whatever birds may decide to drop in and visit them.

Thanks to all who came on the Otago Museum and Botanical Gardens Bird Aviary Trip – the day was a great success, and hopefully some of you ventured back to the Museum over the school holidays. The Programme here at KidzWay has moved onto Spring activities, with preparations starting for the Christmas Concert. ☺

Our Tool Box Course is in its sixth and final week this week. It has been a great time of sharing, learning tips and empowering parents in their very important role of bringing up the little people in their care. Early next term we will be seeking parents' feedback as to which time of the year it suits best to run the next course in 2018.

Have you noticed the beautiful mural up on the wall in the playground? We received a grant from the Clutha District Council and enlisted the help of the West Otago Art Group who were supported by Wayne Edgerton. He will be popping back soon to finish it off. We then plan to have an unveiling ceremony to acknowledge the work of all these talented people.



Pet Day – Change of Date...Now Thursday 9 November

Due to a clash with the Primary Schools' Sports Day, we have changed the date of this fun event to **Thursday 9 November** (postponement date: Wednesday 15 November). Please be here with your children's pets by 9:30am (the event usually runs until 11:00am). **If you are**



bringing a dog, please ensure it has a lead and can be tied up, and that it **has been wormed and dosed for hydatids** at least 2 days before the day. A Prattley pen will be available to contain lambs, and the fence-line provides space for any other animals that may need to be tied up. We are all looking forward to seeing the pets and soft toys (if you don't have a pet). There will also be a Grand Parade, Big Dig and shared morning tea. **Please bring a plate to share – thank you.** ☺

Please note: There will be no Ngahere Explorers on the morning of the Pet Day.

KidzWay Christmas Concert

As mentioned above, preparations for this exciting part of the year start this week, with children practicing the Christmas play and learning songs. The concert will take place at **Church on the Way on Wednesday 13 December at 1:30 pm**. More details will follow in early December.

Also, in the spirit of Christmas we will again gather your pre-loved toys and food items that you may like to donate. These will go into Gore to be distributed far and wide to those who may need a hand up at this time of the year.



Sun Safety

With the arrival of warmer weather and the increase in UV index, we have begun our twice-daily sunscreen applications. If your child requires their own particular type of sunscreen, please see Denise about this and she will ensure all staff are informed.

PLEASE ensure you are sending a named sun hat along with your child each day and placing this on their hook on arrival in the mornings, **then taking it home each night**. This helps reduce the spread of nits and our daily washing load!!! Also please update yourself by reading over the attached Sun Protection Procedure. Thanks. 😊



Parent Library in Whanau Room

With the refreshing of the foyer, our Parent Library is now located in the whanau room just across the hall as you come into the Centre from the foyer. All sorts of parenting books and DVDs are available for you to borrow. Just record what you take in the note book on the shelf. Please feel free to make yourself a coffee and have a read in here also.

Policies Currently Under Review

- Code of Conduct
- Responsible use of ICT Equipment Procedures
- Toileting and Nappy-Changing of Children Procedure
- Sickness and Infectious Diseases Procedures
- Visitors to the Centre Procedures
- KidzWay Staff Dress Code
- First Aid Procedures
- Excursion Procedures
- Infectious Diseases Procedures
- Child Supervision Procedures

Please add your comments to these on the pinboard at the end of the hall. Thank you.

Thank You...

To parents who have filled out our 3-Month Surveys and our Exit Survey when your child leaves. We appreciate your kind words and encouragement, and also take on board any ideas and comments that could help us improve our practice and the service we provide here. 😊

Dates for your Calendar:

Thursday 9 November: KidzWay Pet Day 9:30am (please note change of date)

Wednesday 13 December: KidzWay Christmas Concert 1:30pm

Thursday 21 December: KidzWay closes for 2017

Monday 15 January: KidzWay opens for 2018

"Do good because doing good is good to do." @Early Years Tool Box Course

