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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

We hope all your Christmas plans are coming together and the "Reason for the Season" – Jesus – fills you with joy and peace instead of the busyness and stress that this time of year can bring. 😊



It has been another full year of fun and learning here at KidzWay – I hope you got to catch up with KidzWay's highlights on the back page of the Blue Mountain Express a week or so ago! 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 the children to learn and grow from.

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

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



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 13 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.

By now parents of children holding key roles in our nativity play will have been informed.

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 that you are responsible for your child while at the church. If you notice that your child is not enjoying the stage experience, please pop up at any time and take your child back to your seat. 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. KidzWay will be open after the concert for you to collect your child's bag and belongings.

We look forward to seeing all of our KidzWay children there to present their favourite songs of 2017. 😊

Ngahere Explorers Term One 2018

Ngahere Explorers (our nature walks programme) will take place on **Mondays** next term, starting on **Monday 5 February 2018**. The 10 oldest Monday four-year-olds will be involved every week, and the next oldest four-year-olds will be the "reserves" in case there is a child absent.



We will be holding a brief meeting (approximately 20 minutes) for parents of Monday four-year-olds at 9:00am on Tuesday 30 January, so we can outline the details of the programme and the part you will be playing in it. If you have already attended this introductory meeting and signed the permission slip, there is no need for you to attend again. 😊

Staff Changes

It is a pleasure to welcome Sally Beattie to our permanent staff team. Sally has been filling in for Maree Laphorne while she has been on parental leave, and will now permanently fill Maree's Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday position. We wish Maree and her family all the very best.

Lost Property

Please check the pile of lost property in the foyer for any of your child's missing clothes. Any items left at the end of the year will be donated to the Salvation Army. Thank you.



Christmas Eve Parade

KidzWay will not have a float in the parade this year, due to teachers' prior commitments.



Summer Holidays

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

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.

- Healthy Eating
- Procedure for Non-Smoking
- Quarterly Playground Inspection
- Provision of Morning and Afternoon Teas
- Hazard Register
- Training Procedures



Thank You...



- **Stuart Timber** (once again!) for supplying pieces of wood for our budding carpenters.
- **Patrick Sloan** from Seasons for being our Celebrity Judge at Pet Day.
- **Our wonderful relievers** Sally Beattie, Fiona Dawson, Vanessa Thomas, Marilyn McKenzie, Cally Johnstone and Kay Williams, for changing their 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.
- **Our Speech and Language Therapists Sophie and Debbie, and our Public Health Nurse Pat Wyatt** for their support throughout the year.

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

Dates for Your Calendar:

Wednesday 13 December: KidzWay Christmas Concert, starting 1:30pm at Church on the Way

Thursday 21 December: KidzWay closes for 2017 at **1:00pm**

Monday 15 January 2018: KidzWay opens for 2018 at 8:30am

Tuesday 30 January 2018: Ngahere Explorers meeting for parents of Monday four-year-olds at 9:00am

Monday 5 February 2018: Ngahere Explorers starts for our 10 oldest Monday four-year-olds

Tuesday 6 February 2018: Waitangi Day – CENTRE CLOSED

A family is a place where we find our identity and our security ☺

