



# Newsletter October 2016

**Kiaora, Ni hau, Talofa lava, Jumbo, Malo o lelei, Namaste, Giddy, Hello, Annyanh ha se yo, fakalofa lahi atu, and Ayubowan to all our families and whanau.**

## Zoo Trip

It was a perfect day for our tamariki, whanau and kaiako to head out to visit Auckland Zoo. The children loved riding on the special double decker bus and waving to passersby, watching cars and trucks drive by, and singing their favourite songs. At the Zoo we saw the elephant and the lion having their kai while the tigers had a snooze and wouldn't move. The giraffes and the zebras were happily playing, and the cheeky monkeys made funny faces at us. We had a yummy picnic lunch before heading back to the centre. A big thank you to all parents and whanau who joined us on this excursion.



# Important Reminders

## Signing the Register

All parents/caregivers dropping and picking up tamariki must sign the register. This is a Ministry of Education requirement, and also a record of who is present daily, and a safety measure in the case of an emergency.

## Being sun smart

We kindly request you to provide a wide brimmed sun hat for your child. We adhere to a very strict sun smart policy, children are not allowed outside without a sun hat. The centre provides sun block for all children, however, if this sun block doesn't agree with your child, kindly provide sun block for her/him. You may have noticed we now have a hat box on the counter for the toys that tamariki bring from home to the centre each day. We have decided on having this in order to avoid loss of these precious items. Please remember to pick them at the end of the day.

## Fee Increase

As you are aware the 3% fee increase will come into effect from 1 October 2016. Please make changes to your automatic payments so they reflect these changes. Thank you.

Under 2 year olds - full time from \$ 213.00 to \$ 219.00 per week

Under 2 year olds – part time from \$ 46.00 to \$ 47.50 per day

Over 2 year olds – full time from \$ 202.00 to \$ 208.00 per week

Over 2 year olds – part time from \$ 42.50 to \$ 44.00 per day

20 subsidised hours (optional charge)

3 – 4 year olds – full time from \$ 112.00 to 115.50 per week

3 – 4 year olds - part time from \$ 22.50 to \$ 23.00 per day

## Revamped infant and toddler area

The infant and toddler area has got a complete face lift with the outdoor play space fitted with new safety mats, shade sails and a beautiful mural. These additions have given the whole centre a new lease of life and the tamariki love the space.



## New menus!

The tamariki love the change in our nutritious and delicious new menus. Ann is introducing the new recipes very efficiently. Please ask a staff member if you would like to look at the entire menu, which is on a four week cycle for summer and a four week cycle for winter. Please find the current week's menu on the information board at the entrance.



## The Annual Spring Spruce Up

A huge thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help out with the annual spring spruce up. It was a great opportunity to meet other parents and also make our centre look fabulous for summer.



## B4 school checks

The B4 school check for vision and hearing will take place on Tuesday 18 October at 9 am. The Vision and Hearing technician will check all four year olds. More information and permission forms will be given to you closer to the date.

## Christmas closure 2016

We will close for Christmas on Friday 23 December 2016 and reopen on Monday 9 January 2017. The Christmas party will be held on Friday 9 December 2016.

## Staffing

Christine will be on annual leave from Friday 30 September 2016 for four weeks. Anuradha Kanchireddy will be in charge during this time. There will be a few new faces in the centre with a student starting practicum from UNITEC, and a relieving teacher.