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**(Term 1 ends on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April and Term 2 starts on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May)**

We would like to welcome you to our first newsletter for Term 1.

We extend a very warm welcome to all our new families who have just joined Trinity Kindy. We also welcome all our existing Trinity Kindy families back after the wonderful summer holidays. The Trinity teaching team have been enthusiastically planning many fun, interesting activities for us to enjoy this term. Te Whāriki (our New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum, 1996) reminds us that children learn through collaboration with adults and peers; and so we hope that together with you, our Kindy parents, we are able to support our Kindy children as they grow and develop into unique, valued individuals.

We would also like to welcome Janine Pieterse back to our team. Many of you will remember Janine from when Pippa was on maternity leave. We loved having Janine part of our team and are so blessed to have her return permanently to Trinity.

Over the holidays, staff attended professional development workshops and these will be continued throughout the year. In Term 1 & 2 Engela, Pippa and Janine will be attending the Incredible Years training series. First Aid certificates will be revised and renewed too to ensure the safety of the children.

**Term 1 dates to note:**

- **24<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Life Education to visit Rising Stars
- **1<sup>st</sup> March** - Local Library visiting Kindy to read to children
- **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Book dress up day - children to dress up as favourite book character
- **3<sup>rd</sup> March** - **Pet Safari to visit us!**

*The children will have a wild time with the team from Oracle Animal Care Workshops and their amazing line-up of animals! They will meet tiny tortoises, groom and feed the exotic breed guinea pigs and watch the performing pups. There will be giant skinks to learn about, dragon lizards on laps, and a mouse zoo park to create. We are also joined by spectacular stick insects, and a squadron of frogs!*

- **14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March** - Rising Stars Chats with parents - bookings will open in Week 4
- **22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Grandparents welcome to visit children on their session
- **13<sup>th</sup> April** - **Last day for Term 1**

**Some general reminders:**

- We request that you please remember to **sign your child in and out** for each and every session with the correct time recorded. This is a Ministry requirement and it ensures that we are able to keep your child safe in the event of an emergency (e.g. a fire or earthquake). This also affects our funding.
- Please collect your child's art from the Art box weekly.
- Please check the lost property box and please kindly ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled as this helps us to easily locate the owners. We also request that your child does not bring any toys, jewellery or "cuddlies" to Kindy as these can easily go missing and this may distress your child.
- Term 1 it is compulsory for your child to wear a hat. We do have hats available to purchase at the office.
- Please continue to check your child's Kindy pocket for any communication that needs to go home.

- Please note that Term fees are payable in advance.



- "Helping Hands". We welcome any parent help throughout the year! Please see the office if you can give any time at Kindy or are able to take a small job home to do for us (cutting, pasting etc.). Any help will be greatly appreciated.

***Ka kite ano ... until the next time!***

***From your committed, enthusiastic Trinity Teaching Team***

***Engela, Bernice, Debs, Debbie, Janine and Pippa***

*"Trinity Kindergarten aims to develop in each child, a healthy mind, body and spirit and to build a sense of belonging for the child and the family, based on the principles of the Christian faith."*