

Trinity Kindergarten Newsletter 1 for Term 1 2016



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Welcome to our Term 1 edition of our Trinity Kindy Newsletter

We extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families who have recently joined Trinity Kindy. We also welcome all of 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.

Term 1 dates to note

- Our Term ends on Thursday 15th April 2016 and we will open again on Monday 2nd May 2016 at 8:30am.
- We welcome Hazel to the team this year. She will be doing her practicum this term and we will have Lisa in to cover her position. Janine is also joining us this term while Pippa is away having her baby☺. We also have Jacqueline in on Wednesdays allowing teachers to take release time.



- All children enrolled in the Monday, Wednesday and Friday Kindy sessions are invited to attend a Kindy field trip to Butterfly Creek on Wednesday 9th March during session. The purpose of this trip is for our tamariki to explore the animal kingdom including the dinosaurs and the butterflies. More details to follow on this exciting trip.



- "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.



- We will celebrate Waitangi day in Week 2 and will be asking for parent contribution too! Look out for our Trinity Treaty ☺



- We will be introducing the celebration of the Chinese New Year at Kindy over the next few weeks and would greatly appreciate any parent involvement e.g. teaching

our children a song in Mandarin or bringing in an item of interest, decoration etc. pertaining to Chinese New Year.



- We will be supporting the "Purple Heart Foundation". The Purple Heart is the last Bead a child is given as part of the Beads of Courage program when they have finished their treatment for cancer. Trinity support this Foundation as we have had children through Trinity who have bravely been through Cancer. More info to follow.



- Trinity Kindergarten will celebrate St Patrick's Day on Wednesday 16th March and Thursday 17 March. We encourage you to dress your child in green on that day and have some "wacky" fun with us at Kindy!



- We will be closed for the Easter Weekend from the 25th - 29th March 2016



- We will be conducting our Rising Stars Chats with parents of children in the Rising Stars groups during week 8 of the term. Invitations will be issued to parents to attend a 15 minute chat with their child's Rising Star teacher either on Tuesday 22nd or a Thursday 24th March in the afternoon between 1:00pm and 2:45pm. We will also be holding a school readiness evening - more info on that to follow.



- We extend a warm and friendly welcome to all grandparents of Trinity Kindy Kiddies to attend Kindy with their grandchild during part of a Kindy session throughout week 7 (14th - 18th March 2015). We would be especially grateful if they could bring their grandchild to Kindy and stay for the first mat time and morning tea as this will enable them to play, interact, sing and eat with their grandchild (and other Kindy Kiddies). We consider inter-generational learning and the promotion of inter-generational social interactions to be of vital importance for all children.
- Our Trinity teaching team are participating in continued professional development which links to curriculum development and planning during the course of the year.

Kindy pet's vacation



Thank you very much to all of the kind parents who cared for our Kindy pets during the summer holidays.

General Reminders



- During Term 1, in accordance with our sun safe policy, we insist that all children wear sun hats at Kindy and we ask that you please apply sunblock before bringing your child to Kindy. If your child arrives without a sunhat they will be asked to play in the shade and inside in order for us to keep them safe. A change of clothes is also imperative during the summer months when we encourage water play at Kindy.
- Please remember to arrive at Kindy on time and to sign your child in and out after each session. For safety reasons we urge you to please ensure that you **ALWAYS** sign your child in and out every day. This is a Ministry requirement and frequent late arrivals affects our Government Funding.
- Please supply Pull-ups if your child is not yet toilet trained as we do not supply these at Kindy.
- Invoices for Term 2 will be issued in the last week of this term. These invoices will be emailed to you.
- Please take the time to read our notice board as our teachers put a great deal of effort into creating interesting, visually appealing displays to keep you informed of the current activities, areas of interest and the Rising Stars focus.
- In order to minimise disruptions to our sessions we will continue to encourage perspective enrolments to visit between 9am and 11am on a Thursday morning. Please kindly advise any friends or potential visitors to book an appointment rather than just dropping in during session as this is less disruptive for our children and our teachers.
- Please do not hesitate to chat to Engela to discuss any issues or for any advice you may require. Alternatively you may arrange an appointment for a longer meeting if necessary. This will ensure that our teachers are always free to engage with your wonderful children rather than having lengthily chats with parents at the expense of spending time greeting your children.
- We are always in need of boxes for our craft area (cereal boxes etc.)
- Please check our website regularly as we try to update the photographs and newsletters as often as possible. You can find us at : www.trinitykindy.co.nz
- Please read attached letter about Incredible Years 😊

Let's get outside and enjoy water play and fun in the sun during this fine-weather term!

Ka kite ano ... until the next time!

***From your committed, enthusiastic Trinity Teaching Team, Engela, Bernice, Pippa,
Deb's, Debbie Hazel and Janine 😊***

"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."