



(Term 1 ends on Friday 13th April and Term 2 starts on Monday 30th April)

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 Becky to our team. We loved having Becky part of our team and are so blessed to have her here at Trinity. You may see a few familiar faces around too, helping us out relieving as we prepare for our other new teacher to start. Lisa is a familiar face to you all who helps us out on Wednesdays and Kat (Lotte's mum) will be helping us out too.

Playball continues this term on Monday's for our Rising Stars sessions. They incorporate a moving and movement programme for our children thus improving basic movement development skills and refining sport skills and techniques. We are very fortunate to be able to offer this amazing opportunity to our children.

Term 1 dates to note:

- **9th March** - Old MacDonalds Farm visiting the Shining and Rising Stars
- **20th March** - Rising Stars Chats with parents - bookings will open in Week 5
- **22nd & 23rd March** - Grandparents welcome to visit children on their session
- **30th March** - Good Friday - **Kindy closed**
- **2 April** - Easter Monday - **Kindy Closed**
- **12th April** - Cultural dress up day for Mini Miracles
- **13th April** - Cultural dress up day for Shining and Rising Stars
- **13th 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.

Reading our notice boards

- Our large notice board is strategically placed in the area where many whanau members wait just before collecting their children. We are asking you to take just a few minutes to read some of the notices on the board because these displays will give you insight into our current programme and our emergent curriculum. It is so rewarding to see parents share these photographs and stories with their children so please consider pausing for a moment and reading just one or two of the displays when you have the time. Feedback through Kid Reports is also valued, so thank you for taking the time to do that too.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

Ka kite ano ... until the next time!

From your committed, enthusiastic Trinity Teaching Team

Engela, Bernice, Pippa, Hazel and Becky

"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."