

LOLLIPOPS EDUCARE – Ahuriri

January 2012 Newsletter



A note from management...

-Welcome back to another year of learning and fun. A big thank you to all of our families who attending our children's Christmas parties in December 2011 and to our families who kept us supplied with recycled materials and donations of fruit and spare children's clothes during 2011! Plus the very thoughtful children and parents who remembered our hard working teachers at Christmas time with our lovely gifts.

-Louise Smith, our account lady's email address is louise.s@lollipopseducare.co.nz Whanau are welcome to email Louise at anytime with questions and queries about your child's account or WINZ.

-'RED dot'. If you notice at red dot beside your child's name, on the register, please talk to a teacher in your child's room. A 'RED dot' will mean your child has had a minor accident or incident that you need to be aware of and for you to sign our accident/incident report and take a copy.

Many thanks, Cathy and Jessie



Kakapo Infant News...

Kia ora everyone and Happy New Year! Haere mai, nau mai! Welcome to all of our new children Adam, Ekhi, Lucas, Charlotte, Natalie, Lukas and Bailee. It is lovely to have you with us and everyone is settling in so well. It is very important to us that all children and whanau develop a sense of belonging and feel welcome in our Infant room. So please don't hesitate to ask us any questions you may have about the settling in process, your child's primary caregiver or any general questions.

The Infants are still showing an interest in our sunflowers and gardening and love to water them everyday.

Our current curriculum review is blocks and construction. Playing with building and construction equipment such as blocks has many values. Your child will learn physical, language and social development as well as early mathematical concepts.

We are interested in making some mosaic art for our outdoor area. If anyone has any knowledge, skills or materials they would like to share with us this would be fantastic.

Has everyone had a chance to see our new 'Infant Safe Zone'? We have has a small partition with a gate built in the Infant room. This will be a nice calm and safe space for our younger Infants to enjoy time for **uninterrupted play** and **freedom to explore and interact** with other Infants.

From the Kakapo Infants-Lisa, Chloe and Alexis.

Kakapo Toddler News...

Happy New Year to all our parents, friends and whanau of the Toddler room. We have been very busy in the Toddler room this month! We welcome to the Toddler room our new friends Aileen and Mia, it's lovely to have you with us. We have also said goodbye to Bastian who has moved onto the Young Children's room.

Water play has been very popular with the water trough always in action, the sprinkler, and water running down our slide- anything to keep us cool in these lovely Summer days! We have also got a new mini swimming pool which is great to paddle in and play with our friends. With all the water play we do ask parents to please pack plenty of spare named clothes in your child's bag.

With construction and blocks being our curriculum focus we have been busy exploring various construction sets, and building with the blocks. Building garages and houses for our trucks and animals has been popular encouraging the children to explore different designs and problem solve.

We have also recently purchased some new puzzles for the children and are continuing to develop the outdoor area- most recently putting up some real life pictures on the fence which has provoked some great discussions and language skills amongst the children and staff. Our new shade sail has now been put up and it providing great protection from the Hawke's Bay sun.

With the lovely weather we have also been able to get out and about in our community. We have been on the Hopper bus circuit quite a few times and have also had a couple of outings to the park for morning tea and some fun with our parachute, running races and Frisbees! Kai pai Toddlers.

Ka pai Toddlers- Candice, Kate, Tasha and Nicky.



Kakapo Young Children News...

Kia ora and welcome back to all our families in this new year. It is wonderful to see everyone again and hear all about everyone's Christmas, New Years and holiday's away. Welcome to our new friends Charlotte, Eliza, Elise and to Bastian from our Toddler room.

Our new year started with a dragons roar, learning about the Chinese New Year. We have made lanterns, fireworks pictures, and a giant Chinese New Year dragon puppet, which comes alive with the children walking under it's long blanket tail and cardboard constructed head. Our veggie garden has come to fruition and we have been picking and eating much of what we had planted and lovingly grown from seeds. It is almost time to sew for next season. Any ideas on what is in season and great for children to grow?

For everyone who helped with the Christmas raffle a BIG thank you. We have raised money to expand our musical resources and have a whole class trip to Hamoana Farmyard Zoo. We will need a few parent helpers, so watch for notices with dates to be confirmed.

Keep those plastic bags coming in, we are going through a lot! Also if you are out and about in the community – parks, farms, the beach or forest please gather some items to share with the children to expand their knowledge of our beautiful area.

Thank you Solveig for bringing in the birds nest for us to investigate and to Ruby for the variety of fresh cut flowers you bring to our room.

Ka kite ano.

From Kathleen, Amy, Sonya, Jean and Rochelle.

Monday 6th
February we are
CLOSED for
Waitangi Day.

**Happy birthday
to us!
Lollipops
Educare- Napier
celebrates it's
second year of
opening this
month.**



Art Deco week in Napier

14-19 February
Look out for art deco
events in our rooms
during this time!



Infant Ekhi in his construction hat.

**Children learning through
experiences Creative Arts.**

Toddlers Louis, Jade and Maya construct
with the Young Engineering set.



Young Children construct with
wooden blocks and plastic
animals.



What's on top...

We have had the painters in to touch up areas in our Young Children's room. Our children enjoyed watching the painters; sand, plaster and then paint, watching this process and looking at their tools.

Thank you to Leo and dad for the cardboard boxes. These junk materials were made into footwear, containers for transport and contributed to the Young Children's Chinese New Year dragon.

We welcome back EIT students Chloe, Tash and Paige this year. Staff members Rochelle, Kathleen and Candice continue towards their early childhood teaching qualifications also during 2012.

Thank you to our friend- Winnie from Princess Alexandra Retirement Village for more, kindly donated, recycled boxes, containers and milk bottle lids- our tamariki ma (children) enjoy junk modelling with these.

Congratulations to Jaymee and family (especially mum) on the arrival of new sibling brother Rylan. Born on 28th December.

20ECE sessions for 3 and 4 year olds! Please talk to Jessie- Centre Supervisor, Cathy- Director, or Louise- our accounts lady if you are interested in these sessions.

Thank you to teacher Amy for bringing in her Casio electric keyboard for our Young Children to play, the music produced may not be in tune- but is very creative!

Come and have a look at our Infant room new 'Infant Safe Zone', this was made by our handyman Graham for our younger infants.

Kai pai to Jade's Nan for the delicious cobs of corn. Our Toddler and Young Children ate these with their lunch.

General News...

Thank you to Kiah and mum for the yummy cupcakes made for our Infant and Toddler rooms' childrens' Christmas party. The cupcake size and pink icing was a real hit!

Congratulations to Logan on becoming a big brother to new sibling Brody, born on 28th December. Well done mum!

We are still enjoying lettuce in our MYOB (Make Your Own Buns) from our Young Children's veggie garden. This garden has grown very large from small seeds and is watered and checked for snails and slugs regularly.

Kai pai to Nixon and mum for the donated plastic bags.

Please remember to sign your child/ren in and out on our sign in/out sheets twice daily. Please put your name or a signature, thank you.

Ollie and mum, thank you for the donated plastic bags.

We now have a small white board in the kitchen, on our green coloured kitchen bench. This will have any changes to the menu recorded on it daily.

Thanks to Leon and dad for the large piles of cardboard boxes, we love people's unwanted treasures.

Kai pai to Bastian and Lucas' mum for the donated cups, saucers, mugs and glasses. These are well used in our family play area in the Young Children's room.

Thank you to William and his dad for the sports car magazines and posters.

**Raa Whaanau/
Happy Birthday
to...**

January birthdays-

Isla 3rd (1)
Addison 6th (1)
Ava.S. 6th (3)
Lachlan 9th (4)
Bastian 11th (3)
Jade 19th (3)
Ollie 21st (2)

