



A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~James Dent

Welcome, Kia Ora Whanau

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families. It's great to have you at Lollipops Parnell and we look forward to providing an enjoyable environment for you and your children to be part of.

Summer time.....is finally here

Dear parents/caregivers — just a reminder that your child needs a named sunhat that can be left at the centre. Remember to apply sunscreen to your child before bringing them to the centre in the morning. Our teachers will apply sunscreen to all the children before they play outside in the morning and afternoon in the warm weather.

Please remember to bring extra named spare clothes, for your children.

Attention

This month every child will bring home a learning story with a parent feedback form. Please make sure that you read your child's learning story, fill in the feedback form and bring it back to the centre. It is important to us that you contribute towards your child's learning, growth and development. Your feedback is essential to the teaching team.



Christmas Party

Friday 10th December
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

We are inviting all parents/caregivers and whanau to come and be part of our Christmas celebrations. Our children from the toddlers and preschool room will be performing a production followed by a Christmas carol concert.

Even if this is not your usual day attending the centre, you are welcome to be part of our celebrations.

On Thursday 16th
December SANTA will be
visiting the children!
From 2:30pm to 3:30pm

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL ROOM BY MAIREAD WHITE

Current Strategic Focus: *Developing Key Social Competencies*

At Lollipops Educare our aim is to develop children as lifelong learners and we are committed to empowering and supporting children and their whanau/families in the transition to school process. Essentially this means helping children to gain key social competencies through opportunities for exploration and communication where their contribution to the life of our centre is respected and valued. This will stimulate an environment where both their emotional and physical needs and overall well-being are provided for and enhance their sense of belonging. Currently two emergent themes of seeds/planting and the story of "The Battle of the Mountains" are gathering momentum in our program. They are providing us with exciting opportunities for developing key social competencies.

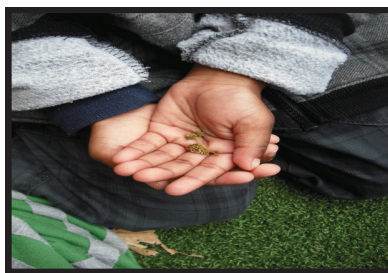
Developing Key Social Competencies through the topics: Seeds, Planting, Vegetables and "The Battle of the Mountains"

HERE AT THE CENTRE WE WILL BE:

- Children will be provided with opportunities to share ideas about how things work and be actively involved in problem solving, construction and caring for the environment. For example; planting, caring for plants and developing working theories about plants, natural and physical worlds, and constructing volcanoes through a variety of mediums.
- Children will be encouraged to learn respect for others and be introduced to the role of teacher. For example; be involved in and work alongside others in both large and small group activities related to our children's current emergent curriculum.



Working Together



Planting



Teacher Role

Ways that parents/caregivers can contribute

- Be involved in discussion with your children about the activities and learning experienced at the centre
- Help children to continue their research for knowledge about particular topics for example through the local library and internet

News from the Toddler Room

Rebecca Han

During October, the toddler's room have been focusing on 'Animals'. Our children have shown us that they enjoy dressing up as tigers, bears, dragons and butterflies while also making animal farms using the wooden blocks. Under the theme of 'Animals', the children have been participating in art activities creating lion masks, hippos, kiwi birds, sheep and more, using different kind of natural resources.



Every mat time the children sang animal based songs like old McDonald had a farm, kina kina song, Leo the lion, Baa-Baa black sheep as well as story time. This included magnetic stories based on animals.



Outdoor Activities – We have been filling up the water trough each morning, while adding animals and different colour dye to make our activities more fun.



News from the Babies Room

By Rinlesh Sharma

The Ataahua Room continues with its focus on communication and exploration. Our children are really into exploring through the wide range of medium provided to them, building on their communication skills in the process. We have had a lot of painting activities lately, using different materials such as shapes, hands and fingers, different paint brushes as well natural resources including pine cones. We are able to spend a lot of time playing outdoors now. The children enjoy the garden and spending time playing in it. We also get to do a lot of group activities such as water play, balls, and ring-a-ring-a roses when outside. The children really enjoy these group games. Our infants are crawling everywhere, trying to join in with the bigger children, extending their learning in the process.



Reminders

GST Increase

- Please remember to change your automatic payments to the revised fee due to the GST increase.
- Just a friendly reminder that we still need terms of trade forms back. Please return all the pages signed and dated at the back.