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Sustainability: As we begin our journey to become a more sustainable centre we need your help. Now that plastic bags are being phased out we are asking you to bring in a named reusable wet bag suitable for taking home wet/soiled clothing.



Kia Ora Whānau,

As the year is zipping by, it is timely to remind you of our end of year finishing times and the start details for 2020.

Holidays: The centre will close at 3pm on Tuesday 24 December: It will re-open on Monday 20th January 2020.

For a limited number of children we do re-open the Te Rito Whare from Monday 13th January- Thursday 16th. The hours of operation for this week are 8.15am- 16.45pm.

If you require bookings in this early week, please complete the booking form attached

Staffing: We congratulate Becs on her appointment to a position at Family Works- and thank her very much for all the contributions she has made to Whare Koru during her time with us. We are hopeful that we will be able to welcome Becs back as a reliever on the days that she isn't working for Family Works.

Our condolences to Jenny Empson for the passing of her much loved grandmother.

Our best wishes to Sharon and Joanne as they recover their mobility and get closer to losing their crutches. We also wish Mandy all the very best for her recovery from a twisted bowel, and Pippa for a speedy recovery from her strained back.

Regards

Avril



Don't forget to like the Surrey Park Early Learning Centre facebook page.

Calendar Fundraiser: Shortly the teachers will begin helping children with their artwork for the calendars that we do at this time of the year. In a few weeks order forms will be available in the rooms for you to let us know how many calendars you would like to purchase- they make such great presents- and they last all year!

Koru Update

This month in Koru - we have welcomed spring with open arms, Christine brought in some lambs and Mandy and the tamariki made a start at clearing our vegie garden, as we will soon be planting. We have also been introducing new heuristic play resources and the tamariki have been eager to explore this using all their senses. These experiences provide lots of opportunities for open-ended exploration and play.

We are also wanting to create a whanau gallery of family photos in our room. We would love it if you could email a photo of your whanau to -

admin@childcareinvercargill.co.nz

for us to print and display on our wall for the tamariki.

Waihopai Update

We have been fully embracing the out the gate programme. We have been on trips to the Grille café for fluffies and are in the process of looking into a field trip to a farm.

We have also been really involved in lots of sensory play.

Baking experiences have also been a favourite, with lots of yummy kai being whipped up and sampled.

We are also still embracing our love for dance. We are hoping to organize some Rock n Roll and Salsa demonstrations for the children to see.

Te Rito Update

We had so much fun at Whānau day over at MYPLC last week, the children enjoyed the Bouncy Castle, the Library man, and the kai. Thanks to all the parents who put this on for us.

We have so many children really interested in the table top fine motor activities we have out at the moment. This is really encouraging relationships within Te Rito. Children are turn taking, following instructions, considering others, problem solving, patience and using both their verbal and non-verbal communication skills.

KawaKawa Update

Kia ora whānau

This last month Te Whare Kawakawa have been busy preparing our community garden for Summer. The tamariki have been discussing the different vegetables we will be planting in our garden and helping to clear out the garden boxes. We have been learning about sustainability within our room and the different things we could do to help keep our world clean. We have been busy creating our beautiful calendar artwork that will be ready in a few weeks to purchase.

Totara Update

Kia ora everyone. What a busy month it's been in Totara with the development of the new museum that we call "whare pupuri taonga". Tamariki, whanau and Kaiako have all been invited to contribute to the museum. This links in with our centre wide goal in developing increasing proficiency in strengthening links with tangata whenua. It's been amazing to discover things about the families, so this is clearly doing what we set out to do. Tamariki are enjoying the revamped story reading area with many parents staying to read a story before they leave. A warm and welcoming atmosphere has been created here, so please feel free to stay and read. We have fare-welled many children and welcomed just as many! Hopefully we say goodbye to all the winter illnesses and welcome spring with a step in our toes! A NUI thanks to all those families who keep bringing in their boxes and bottle lids for our collage area. Please keep these coming. Welcome Spring!