

Stoke Kindergarten

Nelson Tasman
KINDERGARTENS
NGA KOHINGAHIRINGA MAI WHAKATU KI AOREKI
For the best possible start

Feb 2016

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Seth Reynolds, J.J. Wells, Luke Holland, Lisetta Griffin and Izzy Archer to our morning sessions. We are sure that they will enjoy their time here

Absences can be sent by text to 0275214224

HATS ARE COMPULSARY IN TERM ONE
WHEELS DAY EVERY FRIDAY Scooters Bikes
BRING TOGS ON HOT DAYS FOR WATER PLAY

Parent Involvement

We do love you to stay anytime you want, and your child is always so proud to introduce you at circle time and show you what they do here. Grandparents or any other family member are also welcome to come and stay whenever they want.

We now have a place on our Parent/Whānau Involvement notice board above the art sink for you to put your name up for any day you would like to stay but we love impromptu visits too!



Named Sunscreen

For children staying for our all day sessions, can they please bring their own named sunscreen in their bags that we can apply at lunch time.

Hint: The 'Mum' roll on deodorants have removable lids so sunscreen can be added to empty bottles for easy, no mess application.

Upcoming Events



Feb 1st	Nelson Anniversary
Feb 8th	Waitangi Day Observation
Feb 12th	Isel Park walk AM
Mar 8th	Fishing Trip AM
Mar 22nd	Parent Interviews

More happenings to be advised!

Term 1 ends 15th April. Term 2, 2nd May– 8th July

Our Programme for Term 1

With many new children starting this term we are focusing on fostering skills and knowledge that will help them

- Become familiar and comfortable with our routines, regular events and customs.
- Develop relationships with other children and adults in the Kindergarten.
- Understand the limits and boundaries of acceptable behaviour

Literacy, numeracy, building resilience and self regulation are some of the goals set by parents for the children, so we will be providing experiences to foster the development of these skills as well.

Small group visits on a regular basis have been set up for children which include

- Visiting the reserve to develop children's love of nature.
- 'Getting ready for School,' programme involving taking older children to Stoke School to develop upper body strength, plus skills, strategies for coping in the playground to help their transition to school.
- Visit to Brook Sanctuary later in the term.

We will also be starting a 'Philosophy for Children' group. This involves reading a story to a small group and posing questions to encourage listening, thinking, questioning, and reasoning skills.

The focus for our Foundations Skills programme focus is on throwing and catching so we will provide lots of fun opportunities and be supported by Jenny Dravitski to develop these skills. Throwing and catching help to develop eye hand coordination, eye tracking and body awareness (all needed for reading and writing).

Excursions for the Morning group have been planned on; **Friday, 12th February**- Walk to Isel Park

Tuesday, 8th March- Fishing at Sunderland Pier

If you have some ideas for extending your child's interests or strengths, like bringing in an expert or going on a visit somewhere, we would love to hear your ideas. There is a white board on the art bench for you write them on.