

# Richmond Kindergarten Newsletter - 28 March 2017

Kia ora koutou te whanau,  
Term 1 is coming to an end. We close on Thursday 13th April. There will be an early finish this day at 12.45pm which will make it possible for teachers to carry out end of term duties and to make plans for the coming term. Thank you for your cooperation.  
Term 2 dates: Monday 1 May - 7 July 2017.



## Easter Raffle

Have you remembered to bring in a small item for the raffle and have you sold your raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 12 April.

## Group Photo

There will be a class photo taken on Wednesday morning 29 March at 11.15 am. If this is not your normal kindergarten day you are welcome to bring your child in to be in the photo and please remain with your child in the kindergarten to cover ratios.

## Cleaning Roster

The cleaning roster has been put up by the entry door. Each job only takes about 15 minutes. We would appreciate any help you can give with these jobs to keep our kindergarten spic and span.



## Parent's Group

Coffee mornings will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of Term 2 at the 'Wooden Spoon'. Everyone is welcome. Please come along to have a chat and it is an opportunity to meet other parents from kindy.

## Swimming



Please let Di know if you would like your child to have lessons next term. The cost will be around \$140 but this is to be confirmed. The fees can be paid in weekly installments. The lessons will most probably be on Wednesday morning.



## Getting Ready for School Group

Our four year olds have a more formal group activity after our morning mat time. This could be a writing, drawing or number activity along with physical challenges and games for supporting, for example, eye hand co-ordination. You are welcome to look at your child's work book and share it with them as they are so proud of their work.

## Just Gym

We will be continuing with our fortnightly visits on a Thursday afternoon to the Richmond Town Hall for our Just Gym sessions with Linda. We require parent helpers to walk with us there and back. If we don't have parent support we can not continue these sessions.

## 'No child left inside'

This is a new programme we are introducing to our curriculum to further challenge your child to engage and progress their physical skills. Look out for more details next term.

## Matariki



Look out for more details about our Matariki celebration this June. We will need firewood so do you have access to some? Are you, your whanau or friends able to lay a hangi for us? Please see a teacher if you can help us.

## Irish Dancing

We had an Irish dance group perform here on St Patrick's Day and so we are arranging some dance lessons here at kindy for our children next term. This will be lots of fun!

## Have you got an old mobile phone?



Have you got any old mobile phones that you can donate to kindy for our children's dramatic play. Somehow our phones disappear!

## Holiday Programme

We still have some spaces so please see Di if you would like to enrol your child for any of the fun days.

## Holiday Ideas

- \* Arrange a play date for your child
- \* Go on a rock hunt
- \* Visit the library for story time
- \* Catch the bus to Nelson or Tahuna
- \* Feed the ducks at Washbourn Gardens
- \* Find Autumn leaves to make a collage
- \* Go on a bike or scooter ride
- \* Set up a picnic in your garden
- \* Find a large cardboard box to make a hut or rocket.

**Have fun!**



For Absences please text:  
027 952 7942 or phone 544 5588.

Have a great holiday break. Your teaching team next term will be Robyn, Rochelle, Susan, Angela and Tracey.