



# Stoke Kindergarten

March 2019

Absences can be sent by text to 0275214224

Please add your name so we know who it is

## Farewell

Sadly we have said goodbye to Luca and Aarsh. We wish them both well on their adventures at school.

## Welcome

A warm welcome to Aiesha Sayles, Anna Foley, Danielle Van Dyk, Emma Wilson, Hunter Mew, Remy Hunter -Wright and Rowan Oppenheim. I know you are already loving Kindergarten.

## Term Break

### Fill out Form

We will be remaining open for the term break. To assist us for staffing purposes, can you please complete the form on the art bench, if you would like your child to attend the holiday programme.

Please note we will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Friday. Easter Monday and Anzac day.

## Storypark



We love to get you and your child's comments about

your child's learning on their Learning stories, or if you prefer write on the copies of the stories we put in their profile books. Some suggestions for doing this are just to....

- \*Write down what your child says when they see the photos and you read out their stories
- \*Answer the questions we pose in the story.
- \* Tell us if you have seen this interest or skills at home.
- \* What are they interested in at home.
- \*What do you feel is important for their learning at the moment?

## Up coming Events

- 8 March 10.15am—Welcome morning tea
- 11 March 10.15am—Christina's birthday teddy bear's picnic in the reserve.
- 15 March—Barb's birthday bubble day
- 20 March—Wheel-a-thon—Green theme

Ko taku reo taku ohooho, ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria

My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul

## Programme

Continuing to support children to become familiar with routines and regular event and customs of the Kindergarten. Children now sit in their groups to have morning tea to help them develop a sense of belonging to their group.

Providing opportunities and support for children to build and maintain friendships. We encourage children to get involved in group games and work alongside them to encourage turn taking, sharing and to use their words to communicate their feeling and solve conflict situations in their play.

Focusing on setting up equipment to develop some foundation skills such as jumping and balancing.

Providing an extension and transition to school programme to support the needs of our 4 ½ year olds called the Clever Kiwis.



## Morning tea on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March

\*This is an opportunity for our new parents to meet other parents.

\*Also Karen Gilbert who has taken leave from her position is coming to say good bye to those parents and children from last year as she was away on leave when her new position was confirmed and started at Hira Kindergarten as soon as she came back.

\*Kay Herniman, who will resume her job as teacher on March the 18<sup>th</sup>, will come in and meet the new parents.



### Staff changes

Sue is taking leave from her position as head teacher as of the end of the term. Sue will remain at Stoke Kindergarten in a part time position.

You will all have noticed Jess here on a Monday Tuesday and Wednesday, Jess is here as part of a Porse education training programme.

Kay will be returning on the 18th of March.



### Information about the Kindergarten Committee

As a part of the committee you attend meetings (usually held once or twice a term at someone's house or the kindergarten). We organise social events for children and their families and also fundraising. You do not need to have any experience to join the committee, just a keen interest in helping your child's kindergarten and its future. We are always happy to welcome new members at any time. If you would like any more information please talk to Sue.



Please make sure you collect your child on time so we don't go over our child/teacher ratio.

Thank you 😊

### Wheel-a-thon

On Wednesday 20th March we are having our annual Wheel-a-thon, Green is the Theme.

Each child will get a sponsorship form to obtain sponsor's for the night.

This is not a race, it's a fun night for the children and families and your child gets to ride around the circuit as much as they like.

We are looking for helpers for the bbq, please put your name down on the form at the art table.

This is always a fun night and the children enjoy taking their bikes to the school and dressing up.



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