

Bethlehem Community Pre-School Inc.

"Your caring community Pre-School in the heart of Bethlehem"

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Welcome to Week 5!!

We have already started creating costumes and practising for our upcoming end of year BBQ and Performance.

The children continue to enjoy outdoor play so please remember to provide named hats, a change of clothes and togs each day - and remember we have our Re-Usable Bags for sale in the Office for \$5 – these are great for us to put wet clothes into.

Thank You for ordering our Photos and Calendars this year.

Katrina Friend – Little Smiles Ltd. – always takes amazing photos of our tamariki and this year donated \$110.00 commission back to Pre-School – so Thank You again.

Your calendar orders have also helped raise \$111.00 for the Pre-School.

This money will be spent on resources and books for more creativity and activities.

Management Committee Meeting

Our next Management Committee Meeting will be held at Pre-School on **Tuesday 17th Nov at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome. Please see Toni or Jo if you would like more information.

Wreath Making – Seed and Bow Flower Farm, Carmichael Road.

Design and create your own free form Christmas wreath. \$85pp with \$30 from each ticket directly donated to us here at **BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL**.

High tea is included, this is guaranteed to be a relaxing fun morning of creativity and learning. Your wreath will dry and see you throughout the festive season! Or longer if stored well.



Whanau Wall

If you haven't already bought in a family photo we would love to have one for our Whanau wall. Having our family photos displayed in the Pre-School helps to promote our sense of belonging and well-being for our children and families as they feel a part of the wider Pre-School community.



Family Xmas BBQ & Performance

Our Family Xmas BBQ will be held on **Wednesday 5th December** from 5pm – 7pm this year – so mark it in your diary for a night not to be missed! All family members are welcome. There will be a visit from the man in red too!

Pre-School will provide sausages and juice for all – we ask parents to bring along a salad to share! Further details will go out in a separate notice.



Reminder on Gate Protocol



We would like to remind all Pre-School parent/families and visitors to carefully check the gate as they enter and leave our Pre-School grounds – ensuring that the gate closes properly behind you – and also that you have not inadvertently allowed any other children through with you.

We constantly monitor the gate and the more eyes we have the safer our environment.



Yoghurt in Pre-School

Our stance on yoghurt (where possible not having it at Pre-School) comes from the packaging associated with yoghurts. Yoghurts in pots often result in spills and children frequently only eat a small portion (wasteful) and then discard. Also, many yoghurts contain a high content of sugar. If you should choose to send yoghurt please keep these points in mind and use a re-useable sachet style container – these are great and are available from The Warehouse: https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/p/kai-carrier-reusable-food-pouches-140ml-5-pack/R2083656.html?gclid=aw.ds&ds_rl=1268368&gclid=CjoKCQjw-

No Hat No Outside Play

Term 4 and Term 1 are our compulsory “hat-wearing” terms so could you please send your child with a hat (you can leave a named hat here in our Hat Box). No Hat means that children must play inside. Parents and teachers are role models for Sunsmart behaviour to our tamariki.

Please sunblock your children before arrival each day and we will re-apply at lunchtime. If your child has a special sunblock then please bring in a named tube for teachers to use here at Pre-School.

Lost Property

Please remember to check our Lost Property for any items you may have lost this term. Please remember to name all child’s belongings as this helps promote a sense of independence.

All Lost Property not claimed before the end of the year will be donated to The Sallies ☺



Term Dates

We finish the year on **Friday 18th December** at 3.15pm.

We start Term 1 2021 on **Tuesday 2nd February** (we are closed for Auckland Anniversary Day on Monday 1st).



At Pre-School we really want to promote healthy eating. Providing your child with plenty of fruit and sandwiches, crackers and cheese, and dried fruits are great lunch box fillers. **Please no chocolate, sweets, or yoghurts.** We also have a noticeboard above our Cubbyholes for some inspiration - with some ideas for Pre-School lunchboxes along with recipes and photos.

Booking Changes

If you would like to change/add sessions to your child’s booking next year (Term 1 2021) then please see Jo in the office before the end of term.



Please Name All Belongings

Please try to ensure that all your child/ren’s belongings are clearly named. We are trying to teach our tamariki responsibility for their belongings (a great skill to have!) as well as trying to keep our Foyer and Cubby hole area tidy.

Thank You

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank two of our out-going Committee members – Shelley Atkinson and Rachel Gray, for contributing their time to our Committee. Also, an extra Thank You to Shelley for all her hard work with our fundraising sub-committee – you were awesome!

And we also welcome Hannah Robinson as a new Committee member, joining us at the last meeting.

