



### Welcome Back to all

our Pre-School whanau and Welcome to Andy, Brooklyn, Ruby and Ella and their families – we look forward to getting to know you all.

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before coming to Pre-School each day. Teachers will reapply at Lunchtime for those children staying all day. Hats are a necessity and we have a no hat no outside play policy during Term 1 and 4.

If you pack some togs and a towel we will be enjoying lots of water play to make the most of the beautiful weather we are having. Also remember a change of clothes and a "wet clothes" bag is also required to have in your child's bag.



### Term Dates 2020

**Term 1** 3 Feb – 9 April

**Term 2** 28 Apr – 3 Jul

**Term 3** 20 Jul – 25 Sep

**Term 4** 12 Oct – 18 Dec

### Management Committee Meeting

Our next Management Committee Meeting will be held at Pre-School on Tuesday 18 or 25 February at 7pm. This will be confirmed on the daily noticeboard as soon as possible. Everyone is welcome. Please see Sarah if you would like more information.

### 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.



### VIM Breakfast

Our annual Very Important Male (VIM) breakfast is happening at Pre-School on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 7.45am.

We would like to invite an important male from your child's life to share breakfast with us. (ie Dad, Uncle, Neighbour, Family friend). Please if possible, not siblings.

Breakfast will be served from 7.45am – 8.30am so those that need to rush off to work can do so if necessary. Otherwise we would love for our Important Males to share some play time with the children and get to know the staff.

If your child is not booked in on this day they are still very welcome to come along with their V.I.M. for breakfast. We would however need them to leave with their V.I.M.



### Opening Times

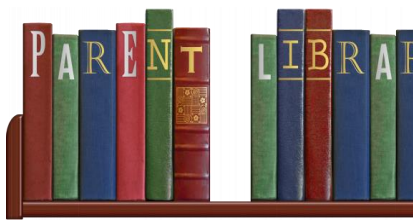
Our longer opening hours till 3.15pm seems to be working well. Our families are now able to go into Bethlehem School first picking up older children, or picking up from another School before coming here. This is also helping with parking around Pre-school at pick up times.

### Fees

Fees invoices have been issued and e-mailed to you – remember to check your inboxes. Please be advised that these may be paid weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Any concerns/queries you may have then please see Jo in the Office ☺

### 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.



Please help yourself to our parent library situated in our Staff & Parent Room. It is also a great place to find information on children's learning and development and to find books on parenting and relationships. Please just make a note of the book and the date you take it home so we can keep track of them in the notebook provided on the shelf.

### Signing in

Please ensure you sign your child in and out each day. This is a Ministry of Education requirement for record keeping but is also a safety requirement to ensure we know children are with us.

### Absences

Please also let us know if your child is absent. You can call us and leave us a message, email us or private message us on facebook. Once again this is a Health and Safety matter.

### Learning Stories

Please remember to check your Notice Pockets. When your child has a new Learning Story added to their portfolio a note is put in your pocket to let you know. Please then return the reminder to the Office. Thank You.

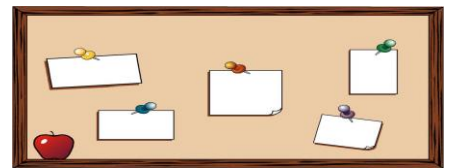


### Pre-School Hours

If you would like to add/change the hours that your child attends Pre-School now or next term, then please see Jo now.

### Information around Pre-School

Please take a regular look at your child's portfolio and check out our programme planning board to see the rich environment of learning activities happening in the centre each day.



Please see Facebook for regular photo updates and please feel free to talk to staff if you have any questions or queries about your child's learning.

### ECE Curriculum

The Early Childhood Education curriculum fosters children's love of learning through play. Social skills, Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Arts and Creativity are all woven through our programme here at Pre-School and the teaching staff work with children encouraging and extending their learning according to their individual development and ability.

Opportunities to learn writing skills occur within many of our activities.

Research tells us that New Entrant teachers value children's confidence, self-help skills, independence and willingness to learn. Oral communication skills and the ability to be curious about the world we live in are also highly valued. We are developing confident, capable life-long learners.

Please see teaching staff if you would like to talk about any aspect of your child's experience here at Pre-School ☺

