

February 2018

Kia ora Koutou, Congratulations to Victoria and Grant on the arrival of baby Harris. Nau mai haere mai, a warm welcome to Ava, Richie and Isla in the preschool, Gurmaan and Gia in the toddlers and Frankie, Piper in the nursery.

**Heathcote Valley Preschool annual survey.** We have been reviewing how we make children's learning visible within the preschool environment as well as how we provide opportunities for cultural learning. We have developed a short online survey that we would appreciate you to complete in order to help us better understand how you view your child's learning while at preschool as this is important to us. Please find the below, the link to the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCRG9HV>

Dates for your Diary, Term 1:

**Term 1 Extra Curricular Activities**

Tuesday's Sporty Shorties, from 13<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018.

Thursday's Flips & Tumbles from 8<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Friday's Creative Dance Friday from 9<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Open class Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**Event Days:**

14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's Day

16<sup>th</sup> February – Chinese New Year

22<sup>nd</sup> February - Christchurch Remembrance Day

2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Wildlife Day

17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day

23<sup>rd</sup> March – World Language Day

26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Celebrations

**Next Hair Cut's Dates:**

Monday 5th March

**New Equipment:**

We have new shelving cubes to display resources, painting easel, mirrors, birthday celebration board and tray, bowls, cutlery, pots, pans and utensils, light panel, seagrass baby carriers, sensory balls, ring stacker and natural basket of items.

**House Keeping Matters:**

Updating records, at the start of the new term we will be continuing the process of up-dating all records. You will be asked to check through your child's current enrolment form to check and sign off details. We are also updating immunization records for all children.

**Lost Property:**

We seem to be getting an abundance of lost property. Please name your child's clothing to help reduce this.

**Sunscreen:**

All children must be sun screened before arriving at Preschool each day. We sunscreen after all meal times, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea times.

**Policy Review:**

Philosophy/Principle Statements/Commitment/vision Policy, Cultural & Identity Policy, Cyber Safety Policy, Communications and Consultation.

These policies are currently undergoing review and we value your feedback, you can obtain a copy of these policies from reception.

**Professional Development Opportunities for Teachers:**

Team Building Day for all teachers held 10<sup>th</sup> February, professional learning on the Inquiry Cycle, Te Whaariki, Early Childhood Curriculum review and the new Teaching Standards, codes and professional conduct.