

Dear Parents and Whanau

The year is flying by and we are heading towards the end of March and Easter already. The Centre will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, but if you are booked on these days please remember to see the Team Leader in your room to arrange an alternative day.



## KidsCan

Thank you to all of those parents who have booked additional sessions in support of KidsCan and International Children's Day. We have raised over \$150.00 so far for this wonderful charity that supports children in our community. There are still a few sessions left if you would like to take advantage of the last of them.

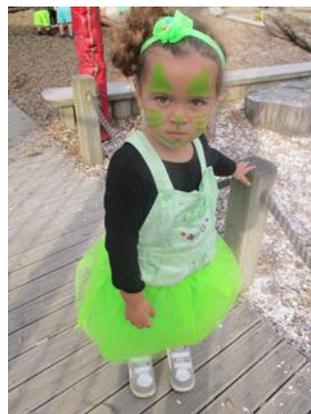
## Tots

We are pleased to welcome Lisa Havill and her daughter Shari to Tots. Lisa has fitted in so well to our little team, with a thorough understanding of the peaceful practices we promote. Over the past week we have been celebrating Sea Week, just like the big kids in the Centre. Even our smallest infants have a wonderful sense of exploration and discovery as they enjoy the textures and shapes of shells and other treasures from the sea. Just a reminder to all of our parents that the weather may be starting to cool, but that doesn't stop us spending lots of time outside. Please ensure your Tot has plenty of changes of warm clothes, including socks.



## Explorers

The Explorer Room definitely got into the swing of Sea Week. There was fishing, beach making and even fish dissection (very brave Katie). Sea Week was followed closely by our St. Patrick's Day Party where our Explorers certainly turned out in green! Contribution remains a focus in The Explorers room and we would like to thank everyone who participated in the Aspirations Survey. The information gained is important for us, as it allows us to provide meaningful experiences for children and their families. Just a reminder to parents who took home their child's portfolio. Please return them to us as soon as you have finished with them, there are lots of new stories to file in them. I know all of our children will be looking forward to the Easter break and the sweet treats that Easter brings. We will be enjoying some Easter related activities over the next few weeks, including an Easter Egg Hunt.



## Preschool

As always Preschool is a busy place, full of exciting learning. Over the past month we have seen some awesome literacy and mathematics work produced in the classroom. We would like to thank all of the lovely parents who volunteered their time to make our Sea Week trip to Kulim Park such a success. We were so lucky with the weather and the abundance of crabs and other sea creatures. At the moment our planning centers on ourselves, our family and what makes us special. We would welcome any pictures of your child with the important people in their lives.

We are continuing to work in our vegetable gardens at the Community Garden and are in the process of constructing some scarecrows to protect our veges from the birds.



**Claire Topping & the Team at the Village**