

Kia Ora Parents and Whanau

## Christmas is nearly here

As I'm sure you are aware Christmas is nearly here! As always we will be hosting our Village Family Christmas Party on Friday the 6th of December from 4pm-6pm. We welcome all of you to join us for a great evening full of bouncy castles, sausages sizzles, singing, Santa and sweets. This is a great time to come and enjoy the centre with your child and to invite your extended families to come and be part of our Center. The teachers will be collecting R.S.V.P.s in each room over the next two weeks. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating with you! The car park will be closed from 2pm on the 6th, but parking will be available in the gravel car park and on the road side



## Share the Love FOOD DRIVE

If you have a little to share this Christmas, please drop your donation off at your child's classroom. Food will be taken to the Tauranga Food Bank in December.

## Share the love food drive

We are collecting Non-Perishable goods to donate to the foodbank for Christmas. We really appreciate everyone's generosity during what we know is an expensive time of year for all families. Please consider essential items that people often have to go without such as; toothbrushes, shampoo, sanitary items, as well as the typical tinned and boxed goods. I'm sure these will help to brighten the lives of families in need.



Christmas Holiday notification forms are available at your child's sign in sheet. We would appreciate you returning these as soon as possible so we are able to approve leave for our amazing teachers who work so hard all year. If you know your child will be away highlight the days on the form and return either to your classroom or to the office. It is always hard to turn down leave for the teachers based on the number of children booked in only to find on the day that more than half of the children who were booked didn't come in. The summer holidays is a great time to make special memories with your family, so if you know you will be off having fun let us know so our team can be too.

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January 2020						
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## Summer time

With the warmer weather comes water play and outside time. Please ensure your child has a hat every day, we will be sun blocking children 3 times per day as per our Sun Protection Policy, after Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea and children will be encouraged to play in the shade during peak burn times. Water is such a valued aspect of our curriculum and brings with it loads of learning opportunities and joy, especially during the hotter months, so we will be having lots of wet play so please send your child with a wet bag for wet clothes and if possible a rash shirt. If your child requires a special sunscreen please bring in a named bottle for us to apply.

## Changes to the Teaching Team

We are delighted to be welcoming Nat and Jackie back from maternity leave along with babies Blake and Kauri. Some of you may have seen Jackie around over the last few weeks, she has been doing some casual days in Explorers. You will have also noticed Hayley is pregnant and will be finishing up to go on leave in January when Jackie returns full time.

A Huge Congratulations to Rebekah, who has taken over the Team Leaders role in Explorers, we are excited to see the positive impact all your experience has on the Explorers room and the teaching team. Kate who has been away for the past month completing her final teaching practicum for her Diploma in ECE comes back in December to a full time role as a Registered Teacher, as a part of the Explorers team. We were also pleased to welcome Shervon back, Shervon will be doing some casual relieving with us.

Some new faces you will get to see are Skye our new teacher in training, Skye has 5 years teaching experience mostly with under threes. Skye will be joining the Explorers team. Rachael who has joined the Preschool team. Rachael is a Primary trained teacher with 6 years teaching experience across Primary and ECE setting. Rachael is enrolled to start her Post Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education in 2020. We also have welcomed Michelle who has been doing some relieving across Explorers and Preschool.





October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

We have a limited number of Breast Cancer Donation Sessions available from the 30th September—1st November

If you would like to take advantage of a 9.00 am—3.00 pm session to support this cause, please make your \$3.00 donation at the Office.

**Please Note:**

These sessions are for additional days only and must be paid for at the time of booking to secure the spot. Booking is on a first in first served basis.



## Donation Days

Thank you to all of our whanau who supported us in raising money for cancer research through our August Daffodil Day appeal and through October through our Breast Cancer appeal. Collectively we raised \$424 which has been donated to the appropriate charities.

## Refer a Friend

Thank you to all of our wonderful families who are out there telling people about the great experiences you have here at The Village, we hear from lots of our new families that they have been recommended us by a friend, or on a Facebook page, or by someone in their community. There is no greater compliment to us than when people share these positive reports. As part of an enrolment promotion we want to acknowledge the people who are putting the good word out about us and strengthening the reputation of The Village by offering these families a month free care for a recommendation that turns into an enrolment. If you have any questions about this pop in and have a chat with Claire in the office.



## Tots

With the weather getting warmer the Tots tamariki have been enjoying some wonderful time outside in the sun getting busy some water play. We have also been exploring different science concepts especially with ice, watching as it melts and what treasures we can find in our ice cubes. Some tamariki have also been exploring different painting methods and concepts and have been creating some wonderful masterpieces for their families. We welcome some new children to our Tots whanau We have settled Lauren, Thomas, Theo, Charlie, Claudia and Braxton into the tots room and we look forward to sharing some great memories with them and their whanau. At the other end Lawson, Benji and Rosaleigh have moved into Explorers successfully and we will be followed by Cooper and Hugo in no time.



## Explorers

What an amazing time we have had over the past few months! Our Tamariki have been loving Mat time, learning new songs and sharing these with their whanau at home. Singing encourages literacy, numeracy and language development. If you are wanting to know the words, just ask we are happy to share. We have seen a real interest develop in dramatic play with the re-vamp of the family play area both inside and outside. The children have been busy creating their where in to a happy home. We are seeing children enhancing their social skills, independence and a kind and caring nature through role play experiences. We have also been getting stuck into the mud pit. The tamariki have been great at communicating and leading this interest. Requesting different equipment and transporting buckets of water and spades into the area. Thank you to all our whanau for their support and encouragement. We look forwards to a whole lot of learning as we move into the summer months.



## Preschool

Look at these amazing photos of Pre-schoolers challenging themselves and their bodies and while they leap into the sandpit. Make sure you check out the Incubator 12 days of Christmas trees. We are lucky enough to be part of contributing out art works onto one of these trees that you will see on the Strand in the city. The trees will be on display for December. Our paintings were inspired by our native tree flowers that have been blossoming for the last few months. We have also been making pinecone bird feeders to encourage our birds into our playground. We are seeing an increase in the amount of insect that are entering our Preschool space with the warm weather. This has kicked off a real interest in Mini beasts and the children are loving finding them a researching more. Look out for insect inspired projects coming soon



## Testimonials

As part of our new website we are looking to update our family testimonials. Thank you to those who have emailed me with why the love The Village and what makes it special for them. If you have any thoughts along this line that you would like to share we would love an email form you too. Feel free to also review us on our Facebook page, or to complete a google review.

**Aroha nui  
Claire Hesketh & the Team at The Village**