

Panui, Hui-turi-kōkā, 2017

August newsletter



Tena koe, Hello, Bula, Guten Tag



Welcome back to term 3, we had a fabulous start to the term with an amazing donation of money from the Crop night, a huge thank you to the families that put us down to receive money. We are spending the money on our outdoor environment, as well as some resources inside. We also came back from our holidays with a surprise from the Alexander McMillian Trust, they have given us \$1644.05 as a grant towards a new sandpit kitchen and storage container. We

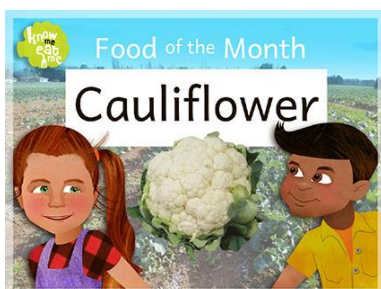
have been extremely spoilt!! Thank you to Trudy at SOKA offices for applying for the grant ☺

Farewell to Mackenzie Wallis, Cailyn Joyce and Lola Bradfield as they continue their learning journey at Lawrence Area School. Welcome to Olive and Molly Howard, and Josiah Van Miltenburg.

This term the Incredible Years teachers have started a parenting programme for us. This is very exciting for teachers as these are the strategies we use at kindergarten and find very successful. If you haven't signed up and are interested, please give Rebecca a call or txt 0278392233. The course is aimed at parents with children in the age bracket 3-8 years and held on a Tuesday in Lawrence.



This term the children are learning about kaihōpara (exploring), they are learning new songs, dances, stories, legends as well as appropriate ways to play out their schemas. The Hokey Tokey is proving to be a new favourite dance at kindergarten, we have brought the climbing boxes and monkey bars back inside and changed the environment around to support children with their schemas.



Know me, eat me food of focus for August is Cauliflower, we will be making a pizza base, roasting, and a cheese dip using cauliflower, as well as planting seeds!

Self review – this term the team are focusing on children and whānau setting learning goals, intentional teaching and numeracy.

Annual Plan – Teachers have been attending Takina te kupu (Te reo Māori course) to learn the language and increase their use of it in the





kindergarten. The team have one evening a week in class and then put what they learn into action at kindergarten. We are excited to continue on our bicultural journey alongside the children and families at kindergarten.

HOUSEKEEPING

- All children need to come to kindergarten with a change of clothes and jacket. **If you have wet weather overalls, please send them along also.**
- Please name all belongings (and keep anything precious at home).
- We ask all families to please keep toys at home that aren't required for settling or sleeping.
- The last day of Term 3 is Thursday 29th September.
- Personal devices at kindergarten are not permitted to take any photos or footage without consent please. This is policy that we must adhere to. Thank you.

Finally, thank you very much to all of our parent helpers with the end of day clean up. We really do appreciate the time that you spend in kindergarten for your children and the teaching team. We also appreciate all the extra parent helps and clean ups you do for us when you aren't rostered on!! 😊

KINDY PHOTOS – Monday 4th September, can all children please be at kindergarten by 9.15am for our photo at 9.30am, individual and family photos to follow this. There will be no paints out that day so children can come in their 'good' clothes 😊

Melissa, Amber and Starz



We are operating a waiting list at kindergarten. It is very important you let a teacher know if you intend on increasing your days or changing them so we can try and accommodate these for you. Please also if you know of any children in the community that aren't enrolled to invite them in to visit us 😊



CSLL

Clutha Speech, Language & Learning

My name is Helen Gibbs and I am a qualified Speech-Language Therapist and Primary Teacher. I am available to provide support for families in the area who are concerned about their child's speech or language. I can also offer primary level tutoring for reading, writing and maths.

For a small fee I can carry out an initial session to observe/assess your child and prepare a summary report with recommendations and options for further support.

Does your child need a Speech-Language assessment?

Development of speech and language varies and many children are still learning to say some speech sounds up to the age of 7. The table below is a general guide to show when *most* English-speaking children will be correctly using different speech sounds. Children who are showing a delay with their speech sound development can benefit from speech therapy support from the age of 3-4yrs. Early intervention is recommended as it is often easier to achieve success during the preschool years.

Age	Sounds Acquired	As a guide, your child's speech should be understood by an unfamiliar person:
by 3 years	m, n, h, w, p	
by 4 years	b, d, k, g, f, y	
by 5-6 years	t, l, r, ng	
by 7-8 years	z, ch, sh, th, j, v, s	75-90% by age 4-5

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