



Balclutha Kindergarten Panui



March/April 2021

Kia ora, Hello, Adaab, Bula, Hallo, Nihao, Poor sdey, Salaam, Hola, Namaste, Konnichiwa, Namaskar, Bonjour, Maloe lelei, Ciao, Aloha, Kumusta, Haai, Talofa, Guten tag, Helo, Susadei
Balclutha Kindergarten Families

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 2nd - Monday 5th April Easter
we are closed

Friday 9th April
Fundraising Team Meeting 3pm

Friday 16th April
Family evening at Kindy
5pm - 6.30pm

Monday 26th April

Anzac day observed
we are closed

Friday 30th April
Teacher only day (we are closed)



We have lots of new tamariki and families to welcome this year! A big welcome to Amelia, Nofo, TK, Jireh, Kristofer, VJ, Easter, Eazrianah, Isabella Scott, Briana, Kayla, Jack, Aubree, Axel, Leo, Oriah & Seti.

FAREWELL



Happy school days to Grayson, Harley, Blake, Karera, Nathanael and Cristian who are now at school. We will miss you all but hope you have a fantastic time at school!



We all need to work together if we want to slow the spread of COVID-19. Unite against the virus now.



Be kind. Check-in on the elderly or vulnerable

Make a difference by:
• checking in on any elderly or vulnerable people you know
• dropping supplies to those at home sick.



Washing and drying your hands kills the virus

wash often. Use soap, 20 seconds. Then dry. This kills the virus. By bursting its protective bubbles.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow

It keeps the virus off your hands, so you won't spread it to other people and make them sick too.



Stay home if you are sick

Call your GP before starting them. Or call Healthline on 0800 358 5453.

Find out more at [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)
New Zealand Government

Unite against COVID-19

Coughs and Colds

There are lots of bugs around at the moment. Please remember that Covid is still out there so it is important to use the Tracing App and sanitize where you can. If your child does become unwell please keep them at home and we advise seeing a doctor if they are displaying symptoms related to Covid.

Mornings

Just a reminder that parents/caregivers need to stay with their children until 9am as this is the time session starts and it is a legal requirement.

Fundraisers

We have a few on the go this term.

Lotto Fundraiser - Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. This raised \$340. We have 2 more weeks left so fingers crossed your ball is the lucky one! One family has been very lucky and won it 3 times! Well done!

Easter Fundraiser - Thank you to everyone who donated easter goodies and sold tickets for our raffle. We have 3 raffle prizes up to win due to the amazing amount of donations! This will be drawn on Thursday 1st April. Good luck if you have a ticket!

Cottage Bakehouse Fundraiser - Forms and money are due in by 14th April please. These will be delivered on the 6th May.

Sausage Sizzle - A huge thankyou to Hine's Dad Rob who has done the sausage sizzle at touch as a fundraiser for our kindy. We really appreciate this and its only with our families support that we can do these things.

We have received \$1500 from The Clutha Foundation and with this we are setting up our Forest Kindergarten Initiative which will start soon! A huge thankyou to the Foundation for their generous donation which is greatly appreciated!

Staffing - next term

We would like to welcome Donna Pettit who joined our team at the start of the year.
Welcome Donna!

Faylyn is our student teacher who will be graduating at the end of June!!

We also are incredibly lucky to have Hollie Steel back this year as part of the team. Hollie is an educational support worker who works at kindy throughout the week. Most of you will know Sara (Mary's mum). Sara is a volunteer at kindy but is also completing her certificate in Early Childhood Education.

Natalie does our admin (some paperwork) and is a support teacher.

ILLNESSES IN OUR KINDERGARTEN

We as a teaching team want to do our utmost to try and keep EVERYONE as healthy as we can, BUT to do this we need parents to follow guidelines set out from the District Health Board.

Keep your child at home if they:

- **Have green or yellow mucus coming from their nose.**
- Have signs of being unwell ie. Grizzly, Unsettled, listless or tired.
- Have a high temperature or appears very hot.
- Are complaining of, or appears to have a sore tummy, throat or ears.
- **Have a continuous cough.**
- Have had diarrhea and vomiting within the last 48 hours.
- Have weeping, red eyes and/ or a yellow discharge around the eyes.
- Have broken skin sores.
- Have become ill with a communicable disease eg. Measles, mumps or chickenpox.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOUR CHILD EXPERIENCES VOMITING OR DIARRHOEA OUR POLICY IS THEY MUST REMAIN AT HOME FOR 48 HOURS AFTER THEIR LAST BOUT. THIS IS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS AS WELL AS TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS 100% BEFORE RETURNING TO KINDERGARTEN - unwell children don't learn !!

If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact the Kindy or speak to one of our teachers.

Kindy Contact details:

**Phone: 4180330 Cell phone:
0212420411**

Address: 1 Lanark Street, Balclutha

Email: balclutha@sokindergartens.org.nz

Bank Account Number for Expected

**Payments: Westpac: 03 0905 0322661-00
(Please use your child's name as a reference)**

CLOTHING

The weather is starting to cool down now. Please make sure your child has a jacket, warm hat and gumboots or shoes for outside when it is wet.

We also have lots of messy play. Please can your child have a spare set of clothes in their bag for changing into afterwards.

**Your Teaching Team
Jolene, Carmen Katie, Donna, Faylyn, Hollie and Natalie.**