



Balclutha Kindergarten Panui

February 2019



Kia Ora Iwi Katea

Kōhunga-hunga Whanau/Hello



Welcome back. Its so lovely to see you all and we hope you have had a wonderful festive season!

We have several new children and families joining our kindergarten whanau this term.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1: 3rd January - 12th April

22nd February - Bike-a-thon

25th March - Otago Anniversary - Kindy will be closed

Term 2: 29th April - 5th July

Term 3: 22nd July - 27th September

Term 4: 14th October - 20th December

A Few Messages.....

On arrival in the morning we would love it if parents support their children to become independent with their belongings. You can do this by getting your child to get their locker label in the morning and hang it up, along with putting away their bag and lunch box. To help settle your child it would be great if you could engage in one activity with them before wishing them goodbye. We also have a waving window your child can use to wave goodbye when you leave.

Please ensure if you are picking your child up early to make it before 2.45 if you don't wish them to stay for mat time. If you are early and don't mind them staying for mat time, we would love any

Food Policy Reminder: All children will supply their own healthy food for kai times and teachers will educate children to eat healthy choices first and encourage them to self-monitor this as a life skill. Children always have access to water and clean cups for drinking. High fat, high salt and high processed sugar foods are not encouraged at Balclutha Kindergarten e.g. lollies, fruit strings, rollups, chewing gum, potato chips, twisties, rashuns, cheezels etc. Foods not in line with our food policy will be returned via the child's lunch box and parents will be informed. Facilities are not available to heat up food items for the children's lunches. Some healthy lunchbox ideas are scones, salads, fresh fruit and vegetables, pretzels, plain popcorn, rice crackers, hummus with vege sticks or crackers, sushi, muffins both savoury and sweet, custard, rice pudding, yoghurt, sandwiches with fillings like lettuce, ham, cheese, tomato, marmite, honey, jam etc.

Thank you for your support in ensuring this happens :)



Fun In The Sun

With these extremely warm days it is vital to make sure your child has sun screen on before coming to Kindy, we re-apply this after lunch! Please put extra clothes in for your child, as you can imagine water play is very popular on these hot hot hot days!

Wet Bags - Now that plastic bags are hard to come by with the introduction of reusable bags, we ask that ALL FAMILIES supply at least 2 wet bags for wet/soiled clothing and water play. Kindy has a limited number of bags for sale at \$6 each. Please see a teacher if you would like to view these and purchase.



Bike-A-Thon



We are having our annual Bike-a-thon on the 22nd of February!

We would really appreciate some family support to help with getting the children to the bike park next door and the Bbq. It's a really fun day and the children just love it! Please see a teacher if you can help.

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

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