

# GOLDFIELDS KINDERGARTEN

# NEWSLETTER



*Kohi-tātea / January 2020*

## Tena koe, Hello, Guten Tag

Tau hou hari, a very happy New Year and welcome back to Kindergarten. As you know at the end of last year, Melissa was appointed as head teacher at Kaikorai Kindergarten in Dunedin. It was with sadness we farewelled her and Kurt. Melissa played a pivotal role in building, strengthening and ensuring the ongoing success of Goldfields Kindergarten over 9 years. We will miss her and Kurt enormously, but we wish them both well in their new adventures. We have new term this term and this first newsletter is a chance for making introductions and sharing little about ourselves.

## WELCOMES & FAREWELLS

We welcome Lily and Mika this term. It is great to have you as part of our kindergarten whānau. We also farewell Jimmy who has gone to continue his learning journeys at primary school.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Term 1**  
23/01/2020 – 9/04/2020
- **Vision and Hearing Checks**  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am
- **St John's Baby Health Evening**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm
- **Closed Otago Anniversary Day:**  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

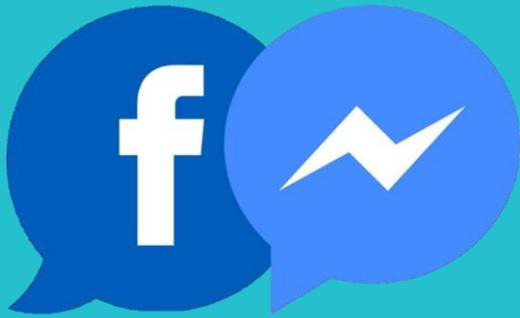


## SunSmart Reminder

It is South Otago Kindergartens policy that in term 1 everyone needs to have sunblock and sun hats to play outdoors, so can you please ensure you sunblock your child before kindergarten and send them along with a hat. We have a limited supply of hats for children to use if necessary and Teachers reapply sunscreen at 12pm. If your child needs a specific sensitive sunscreen, bring it to kindergarten named so we can use it for them.

## House-Keeping

- The information book is on the bench by the lunch box shelf, please use it to write daily messages. As we have new staff that are still learning routines and it is important information for relievers.
- Forest Kindy is in recess this term as we settle in with new teachers.
- We need our cotton Sleep bags back so please check if you have them at home because some are still missing
- Please ensure all of your child's belongings are labelled.
- Our Goldfields Kindergarten Facebook account is getting closed down



## Facebook & Messenger

Midway through last year we trailed starting a Facebook page for Kindy as another way of communicating.

We have found that we haven't really used it so will be **shutting down the Facebook account**. We have noticed a lot of communication in the messenger group is meant just for the teacher. If possible if you're running late or your child will be absent, please text this through to the

Kindy phone: **021 242 0429**

We know this is not always possible and, in these situations, Messenger is fine to use.

### A FEW REMINDERS...

Please remember to name all of your children's property that is coming to kindergarten. Our lost property pile is ever increasing and we would love to return property to its rightful owner.

Some things to be named are:

- Baby bottles
- Clothing
- Gumboots
- Wipes
- Hats
- Lunchboxes
- Containers
- Bags

Also with the warmer weather coming, we will be having a lot of water play outside so please remember to pack changes of clothes so that your child can get in on the fun! 😊

## Jenny

I am Jenny Hayes and I have been a kindergarten teacher for many years, both here in Otago and Auckland. I am married to Obie, we live in Beaumont and have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Goldfields Kindergarten is a great environment to work in with great support from you as parents and community, and the fabulous teaching team over the years.

I have tried to retire from teaching for the last 3 years and it is the enjoyment and love of working with your beautiful children that has kept me coming back.

However, from February 10th I will only be here in a day-by-day relieving position when your teachers are absent.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your love and support – I have really enjoyed being a part of Goldfields kindergarten community.

## Hayley

I'm Hayley Macdonald I live in Waitahuna with my hubby and four kids Blake and Kegan who attend S.O.H.S and Addyson and Hannah who attend Lawrence Area School. I have been in Lawrence for roughly 25years and I joined the team at Goldfields in April last year.

I love that every day at work there is always something that amazes me about these wonderful kids we have here.

I am enjoying observing and teaching the children, support their growth into truly amazing people.

## Mon

Kia ora my name is Mon, I have lived most of my life in Lawrence. I have 3 children who are 13, 6 and 2, who have all, at some stage in their lives attended Goldfields over an 11-year period. I myself have been teaching on and off at Goldfields for 10 years. I love the unique sense of community that Goldfields offers and our large outdoor area which boasts to be one of the largest in New Zealand.

## Amy

*Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau,  
Ko Maungatua te maunga, Ko Taieri te moana, Nō Waihola.*

Kia ora, my name is Amy Bullin, I feel very privileged and excited to join the whānau here at Goldfields Kindergarten. Just a bit about me, I am a local to Waihola, with my family managing the CYC Waihola youth camp for over 20 years.

I have recently retrained as an Early Childhood Teacher gaining a Graduate Diploma at the University of Otago in 2017. I then moved to Auckland to complete my provisional registration in a preschool in Manurewa. I enjoyed my time being part of a very multicultural preschool where I experienced some of the rich cultures of New Zealand.

Before entering a career in Early Childhood I studied Graphic Design and Geography at Otago University before moving to Melbourne, Australia to work on a Berry Farm in the Yarra Valley. I then returned to New Zealand to coordinate the holiday camp programs CYC Waihola. It was my interactions and working with tamariki on these camps is what inspired me to go into teaching.

In my free time I love traveling, visiting friends and family and one of my main interests is horse riding. I love trail riding and have participated in the Goldfields Cavalcade 3 times. When I am living in Waihola you can find me volunteering as a Horse Riding instructor at the Waihola riding club on a Saturday morning.

I am very excited to get to know you all and your wonderful tamariki as I take up a teaching role here.



Mainly Music would love you to come along and join us for a morning of music, food, chat and play.

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For parents, carers and young children

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**Friday mornings from  
10.30am  
Presbyterian Worship  
Centre**

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## Forest Kindy on Recess

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## Baby Health Information Evening



**St John**  
first to care

*Hi there, babies of the Lawrence district.*

Your local St John would like to invite you and your Mum & Dad along to a Baby Health information evening at the **St John rooms on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.**

They will be discussing infant CPR, choking, temperatures and general baby ailments. Your local St John volunteers will be there for you to meet and supper will be provided. We would love to see you and your caregivers (or if you prefer – stay at home and cuddle with Nana and Grandad and send your parents along on their own!).

Everyone welcome, new Mum and Dads or 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> timers!  
Please register your interest by 26<sup>th</sup> February with Adele Cotton on 027 493 4315  
or email [cottonsa@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cottonsa@xtra.co.nz)

## Tricia

Many of you will know me well, some less so and a number of you not at all.

I grew up in Lawrence attending the then St Patrick's School and Lawrence Area School. I began my early childhood teaching journey at Lawrence Playcenter when my daughter joined. I trained as a Playcenter supervisor then later moved to Dunedin to take up a position as head teacher at what was then Dunedin Community Childcare Associations sessional center.

Gaining my certificate in Early Childhood Education I then trained further at Dunedin Teachers College to complete my equivalency and specialist training in the area of teaching children with special rights. That interest in children with special rights saw me working as a member of the government working party on the forming of the new service at that time named the Special Education Service.

Later I worked as an early intervention teacher for the S.E.S, then as a regional behavioral specialist for children with autism. I was very fortunate to receive a national scholarship with the S.E.S. and travel to Hungary to study Conductive Education for children with cerebral palsy.

Due to family illness, I returned to Lawrence and joined an incredible group of local parents who's dream it was to start an early childhood facility that would meet the changing needs of the parents and whanau in a busier working world. This group started the Goldfields Educare which in turn became Goldfields kindergarten. I moved from the Educare to take up the position of the head teacher in Balclutha, later travelling to Kuwait to lead the early childhood department at the Kuwait American School.

I spent the last 12 years of my time overseas as a teaching principal of a private school in the Bahamas. In 2014 Chuck and I returned to New Zealand and I began work as the visiting teachers for Barnardos and relieving for the South Otago Kindergarten Association. I love being part of our small, vibrant, close knit community and it brings me a special joy to be teaching the children of those I taught when Goldfields first began.

Southern District  
Health Board  
Piki Te Ora

## Vision Hearing Checks

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Vision Hearing Team  
Population Health  
Private Bag 1921,  
Dunedin 9054

Ph: 03 476 9800  
Fax: 03 476 9858

### 4 year olds

**Lisa Sasse, Vision Hearing Technician will be visiting your early childhood centre on:**

**Date: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Time: 9.30am**

**If your child does not normally attend the childhood centre on this day or time, please make arrangements to bring them along for this important check.**

**Please check to see if your child is on the list, and that a consent form has been completed.**

**Thank you**