

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 3 December
Christmas Tree Extravaganza

3-18 December
12 Days of Kindness

Wednesday 18 December
Christmas Party, Santa arrives
1pm, shared afternoon tea.

Friday 20 December
Last day of term

22nd January 2020
First day of Term 1

Welcome to Rosebank Kindergarten

We are excited to welcome Olive, Antoinette, Brody, Luca, Jack, AJ and their whanau.

12 Days of Kindness

This year we are once again doing our 12 days of Kindness over the Christmas period to promote kindness towards one another.

Over the 12 days we will be doing a range of different activities and experiences.

Find the exciting calendar of activities attached...

Kindy Clean-Up

Please keep an eye out over the coming weeks for the end of year clean up jobs.



Please Note:

These jobs will need to be completed by Friday the 13th of December the second last week of kindy. So that we know we won't be rushing around in the very busy last week

Housekeeping

Please help us out by:

- Providing plenty of changes clothes in your child's bag.
- Bringing a named sun-hat.
- Naming your child's bag in an obvious way.
- Bringing a bag for wet clothes - we no longer have any plastic bags at Kindy.
- We will sunblock after lunch on sunny days. Families are expected to sunblock their child(ren) be-



Christmas Tree Extravaganza



Tuesday 3rd December
at St Andrews church
hall

We will be taking a bus down to decorate our "kindy tree" at 10.00am. We will need parent help on the day so that we can be a part of this festive occasion.

Please see a teacher to sign the excursion form and let us know if you can be parent help.

We will then be heading to the Heart n Soul Café for our annual morning tea with the Mayor.

If it's not your kindy day you are more than welcome to join us at the Church Hall at 10.30am (but you will need to stay with your child).

Session Times

Please remember our session times are: 8.45am - 2.45pm.
This is a Ministry of Education requirement.

Please Note: You are welcome to arrive before 8:45am but must not leave your child until the teachers are out from their meeting at 8.45am.

Parent Evening

A huge thanks to those who attended our parent evening a few weeks back. It was a great success! A big thank you to Vicky and Shonelle for bringing in their environmentally friendly goods. We also made some beeswax wraps to give as a gift to our new families as they start at Kindy. Thanks to Rose for sharing her knowledge in making these beeswax wraps. We loved getting the feedback from you all on ways we can be more sustainable at Kindy. We will be further investigating some of the ideas that were brought up. Thank you to Shonelle for making the most delicious carrot cake!!!!



A big thank you to **Sam Robertson** for baking and icing the amazing cup cakes. This fundraiser was such an amazing success we were able to buy useful and fun Christmas gifts for a child in need. Thank you to everyone who got behind this and brought the cup cakes we have money left over to buy a gift for the Westpac wishing tree as well.



Planning so far this term...

We have been learning about Kaitiakitanga - this translates to a way of respecting and caring for the environment.

- Children have been learning about looking after our Kindy environment and the animals and insects in it, while also learning about Papatuanuku the earth mother.
- Children have had opportunities to plant and grow a range of herb and sunflower seeds.
- Children have been spending time in the garden, weeding and caring for the plants that Pickles like to eat.
- Children have been planning and starting to construct bug motels for our new bug village.
- Teachers and children have created a space to explore and learn about insects in the research room.



A note from the Rosebank Team

Megan and Jason have asked us to let you all know that Esme (who attends kindy) is currently in Christchurch Hospital in the Paediatric Oncology Ward. The family have six months of intensive treatment ahead of them.

Over this time, we as their kindy community will be supporting the family each week by sending care packages - video messages, cards and kind thoughts coordinated from this end. We will also be working on a patch work quilt to send to Esme and we will be asking for the help of our families and whānau. Please let us know if there is anything you would like to do or have any ideas. We will be keeping you all updated of what we will be doing each week. This will be posted on a notice board next to the sign in sheets.

Our thoughts and positive vibes are with Esme, Megan, Jason and their wider family at this time.

A note from the Office...

To all the whānau that make Rosebank Kindergarten what it is today - It is in times like this that the true meaning of community comes through.

With this news there is a definite effect that ripples through the wider community as we all grapple with how we can support one of our families that are going through a really tough time.

On behalf of South Otago Kindergartens I ask you to wrap around the teachers, children and each other with kindness, caring, support and patience. It is an emotional time for us all and it is times like this that we need the collective strength to do the best we can for wee Esme and Megan and Jas.

"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini"

"My strength does not come from me alone but also from others"

Gillian Senior Teacher on behalf of South Otago Kindergartens wider family.