

Balclutha Kindergarten Newsletter



May 2022



Important Dates

6th June
Queens Birthday Kindy Closed)

24th June
Matariki (Kindy Closed)

8th June
Fundraising Meeting 3.10pm
(everyone welcome to come)
along and join in



Kia ora we are excited to welcome Payton, Noah W, Dean and Kayra to our kindergarten whanau.

A big farewell to Bella D and Abby who are now at school.

Group Plan

This term we are learning about understanding feelings (emotions).

It is important we understand how I am feeling and how someone else is feeling. This helps build friendships and relationships. We have been taking photos of different emotions and created a snug space/calm down space in our environment.

We value having conversations about your child's learning. Please make a time after 3pm if you would like to chat with us.

Orange settings Information

We welcome all of our families and visitors back into our kindergarten, but due to the case numbers in our community, the board have decided to continue with the requirement to wear a mask when you are inside our kindergarten. You are not required to wear a mask in the outdoor environment. This will be reviewed and discussed further if and when community numbers start to decline.

If your children or family member is sick—please keep your child at home and text the Kindergarten phone (0212420430) to let us know about the absence.

Naked Lunch Boxes

This is simply food without packaging and instead using reusable containers for example.

By using reusable containers or bags this enables you to buy food items in bulk and can be more cost effective as well. Any rubbish will go home.

Balclutha Kindergarten supports and encourages healthy food choices.

Some healthy food choice ideas are:

Sandwiches/wraps/roti/naan bread

Rice/sushi

Yoghurt

Plain/homemade biscuits/cake/muffin (no more than 1)

Fruit/Vegetable portions

Crackers/cheese

Fresh water is always provided and we don't encourage drink bottles/ flavoured milk or juice

Teachers have noticed that there are increasing packets of lollies slipping into lunchboxes, in particular the "fruit" jelly lollies. We ask that these types of treat foods are left to be eaten at home thank you.

Please remember our session times are:

9am - 3pm

This is a Ministry of Education requirement

Teaching Roles

Every morning and afternoon we have a float teacher who will meet you at the front door area. If you have any information that needs to be passed on to the teaching team, please let the float teacher know and they will pass this on.

Jolene is away from the 30th May until at least the 30th June. While we will all miss her, Katie will be Head Teacher so any queries you would go to Jolene about, Katie and the team will help you during this time.

Colder Weather

The weather is now getting colder as we get close to winter. We ask that your child please brings a jacket and warm hat. If you have waterproof pants please send these along too. Please make sure your child's sweatshirt is of thick material to keep warm and a good idea is to wear a long sleeved thermal top for an extra layer if you have this.

Water System

As part of our sustainable journey, we have set up a water system in the front garden that collects the rain water. This was designed by the children and will be used in our māra (garden)

Easter Raffle

Thank you to you all for donating prizes and selling tickets. We raised \$340!

1st - TK and 2nd Brendon Storer

Quiet Area

At the back of the kindergarten in the right corner is our quiet area. This is a space where our children can go and relax or calm down if they need to as life can get busy sometimes.

Tissues and Wipes

Can each family please donate a box of tissues and packet of wipes. This helps keeps our costs down. Thank you!

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: 0212420430

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)**

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Your Teaching Team

Jolene, Katie, Carmen, Faylyn, Donna, Kayla, Hollie and Natalie