

WEEKLY CATCHUP NO.8 March 6, 2015

Fun fact - If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee!

Up and coming events for your diary

Event 1 - B4 School checks, Monday 23rd March 9.30am - for all 4 Year Olds

Event 2 - Dress Up day for Easter - Thursday 2nd April and an Easter Egg hunt



Centre News

Welcome back Heidi

A big welcome back to Heidi from her RIE Foundations course. Heidi has come back with lots of amazing information to share and we look forward to hearing lots more about it over the next few weeks.

Zoo Trip

This week it was our toddlers turn for a trip to The Zoo! They had a ball and we hope to be able to take them out and about more often to explore the community around us!

B4 School Check

We are having the hearing and vision team for the B4 School checks come in on Monday 23rd March at 9.30am to check all of the 4 year old children who have not yet been checked or who need a re-check. We need your consent to be able to get these tests done so please grab a form from the sign in area and return to Carolyn. If your child is not booked in on a Monday you are more than welcome to pop in and get the checks done anyway. Please see Carolyn if you have any questions.

Easter Celebration

We will be having a dress up day on Thursday April 2nd in celebration of Easter for all of our tamariki. We also plan to have an easter egg hunt either at the centre or at the Park - weather dependant!.

Coming Up

A reminder that we will be shut on **Friday April 3rd** and **Monday April 6th** for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

THE NEST

Kia Ora Whanau,

What an investigative week we have had this week - climbing in and out of boxes, posting pegs and chains into our large water cooler bottles and exploring our lock and handle board. There were so many beautiful moments captured this week that we had to add a page of extra photos for you to enjoy!

This week we would like to welcome Lachie and his whanau Alysha, Tom and Lachie's big brother Kyan who is in the over two's into The Nest. Lachie is starting to build relationships with us all - we are sure it won't be too long until he is super comfortable in his new environment.

Cardboard boxes has been such a big hit this week. They create little cosy spots to hide and enclose yourself inside and create opportunities for relationship building through child initiated games such as peek-a-boo. We also have a few children who like to help close up the sides of the boxes so the children can hide themselves inside - its a bit like a jigsaw puzzle fitting all the flaps together! Through boxes, children are also learning about different dimensions of space - near, far, horizontal and vertical, inside, outside and also about the depth of the box. It also takes quite a bit of skill and technique to maneuver their bodies into the small space of the box - quite the contortionists we have here in The Nest.

Posting pegs and chains into our water cooler bottles have also been revisiting. This also involves quite a lot of skill of being able to keep your hand steady as you line up the chains and pegs into the opening of the water cooler bottles - they have mastered this well and truly!

The tamariki continue to enjoy the water spouting on the magnetic board. Water is such a wonderful source for exploration especially when it flows down and into large buckets. There have been lots of transporting the water from the buckets straight into the sandpit and then back again too. A little mixture of water and sand with lots of focus! Perfect..

There has been a lot of exploration inside the ribbon mobile hanging inside The Nest with giggles from the tamariki. Both the infants and the toddlers have been getting into the action. A great space to play peek a boo or simply moving through the ribbons.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend together and enjoy the warm weather for a little longer.

Heidi, Kalpi, Fal'e, Kyoko and Venessa.



Welcome to The Nest Lachie Kalpi, Rose and Lachie reading books Abby posting pegs and chains



James and Madi exploring inside the boxes!



More fun in boxes - Madi and Sajan!



Team time!



Scarlett exploring the water!!



Ava, James and Georgia checking out the lock and handle sensory board!



Mavick relaxing with his book!



Chloe and Madi balancing themselves!



Rose exploring the drops of water!



Running through the ribbon mobile!



Sophia exploring the pegs!

Over 2's

Kia Ora Whanau

A huge welcome to Tom and Emily (and their whanau) who will be joining us permanently in the over two's room on Monday. They have transitioned so well and are so excited to have them and their whanau joining us.

What another beautiful week of sunshine, although we missed having the rain to dance in this week!! We had a few birthday celebrations - Savanna and Jasper celebrated turning 4 and Charlie celebrated his 2nd Birthday.

We have really noticed our toddlers are loving their group times at the moment, and they have become such a meaningful part of our daily routine and rituals. We even toddled up to the library for a quick group time on Monday before lunch - How great is Point Chev having all of these opportunities on our doorstep! This week Sarah White had the delightful experience of a caterpillar sticking to her arm which lead to a beautiful mat time about the life cycle of a butterfly. Each of the tamariki got to carefully hold it before we heading out and placed it back in the garden.

The sharing kete is back up and running with both Jack and Declan having turns this week Jack brought in photos of Rotoroa island and talked about the work that he and his mum do there with conservation. Declan shared with us photos of the renovation work that has been happening at his house!

Carpentry is still a huge hit, we are so proud of our tamariki and their sustained interest in this area - especially their planning and implementation skills. The learning that is taking place is incredible - not only are the children learning about what the various tools are and how to use them but they are using their prior knowledge, imagination and learning how to transfer ideas to paper (plans) before starting to construct their products! There is lots of idea sharing as well as helping and supporting their peers. We love how the knowledge and skills they are learning are being shared with their whanau too. We have some beautiful stories and photo's on the wall as well as some of their creations on display in the block area - please come and check them out - we're sure you will be as proud as we are with our incredibly clever tamariki!

Phrase of the week: **Ka tupato tamariki ma** - Children, please be careful

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!!!

The Team in the Overs

Caroline, Megan, Sarah, Sarah, Jess, Kyoko, Vanessa and Mabel



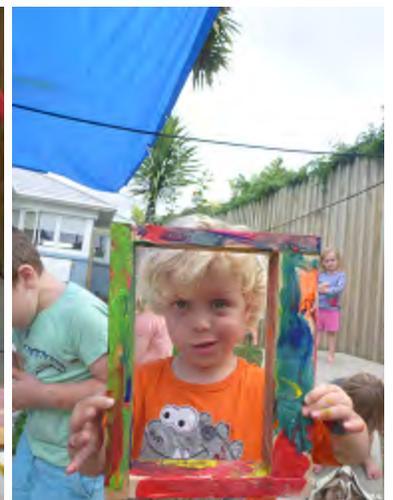
Welcome Tom!



Isaac preparing for work



Noah. S deep in the design stages



Jasper.D with his finished product



Declan sharing Kete



Carpentry Fun!



Jack Sharing Kete



Will and Vera inspecting the caterpillar



Marsh and Xav off on an adventure



Cameron and Marsh at The Park



Happy Birthday Savanna and Jasper and below we have some lunchbox day pictures - We love lunchbox day!

