



# Dorie Preschool Term One Newsletter

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## General Business:

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2025, this is something new we will be doing each term as a great way to let parents/caregivers and the community know what is happening at Dorie Community Preschool.

Who would have thought 18 months ago they were having chats with the community about having to close the centre down because there wasn't enough children. Now we have a near full centre and children on the wait list waiting for a space, we hope this continues for the foreseeable future.

Please remember we are a nut free preschool, we cannot have anything in the Centre that contains peanuts as we do have tamariki that have nut allergies. We can now have eggs again . Also in regards to lunch boxes our tamariki are super busy at preschool and are eating lots of food so please make sure you pack extra. Please no lollies in lunchboxes

For those that are new and don't know we do have a Dorie Community Preschool private facebook group, where we load photos and also communication notices with parents and caregivers. This is called Dorie Community Preschool .

Changes of clothes: we are noticing some children don't have many clothes in their bag, we love getting messy and wet at preschool so would appreciate some extra clothes in bag.

### Birthdays!



- Jordan 2nd April
- Misha 10th April 5
- Bonnie 5th April 3
- Harper 12th April 4
- Sonny 27th April 5



Kind Regards Mel  
Team Leader



### Welcome Back to Ashleigh

Ashleigh has just come back from Maternity leave.

Ashleigh is the preschool administrator if you need to touch base with Ashleigh she will be working Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9-2.30pm. A huge thank you to Taneka who covered Ashleigh while she was on Maternity leave.

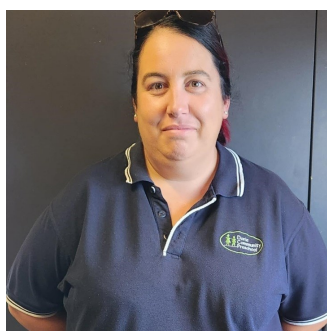
# staffing

## 'The friendly faces you will see around the centre'

### **Mel Fielding** (Team Leader)

I'm a mother of 2, Olivia 14 and Lachlan 10. I have been at Dorie Preschool for 1 year,

Mel will be working Monday to Thursday



### **Jo Dennett** (Nursery)

I started working at Dorie Community Preschool 8 years ago, I have lived in Rakaia for 20 years with my family and have been actively involved with local sports and clubs with my three now adult children.

Jo works 5 days 8-4pm



### **Jordan Todd**

Jordan is a mum of 4 from Rakaia and has been with us for 2 years. She is currently in her first year of ECE study/training.

Jordan will be working Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.



### **Lisa Robson** (nursery)

I have one daughter who attends Dorie Preschool.

Since becoming a kaiako in 2024 here at Dorie preschool, I have found it such a rewarding experience, so I am now in my first year of ECE Study/Training.



### **Nicci Heffernan**

Nicci is a primary trained teacher and has spent lots of time relieving for Dorie Preschool, Nicci also does lots of work at other Primary and Preschools

Nicci will be working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

### **Mia An**

I live with my partner and our playful dog. In my free time, I enjoy watching movies, going for walks, and discovering hidden gems — especially cozy little cafes or spots with great food.

Mia works Mon-Friday



### **Yvonne Dalglish**

Yvonne has been at Dorie Preschool for 14 months.

Yvonne is a mum of 4 children

Yvonne works Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday



### **Taneka Mewes** (nursery)

Taneka is mum to 2 children and has been with us 14 months. She is currently in her first year of ECE study/Training.

Taneka will be working Monday to Wednesday in the nursery



### **Sindiswa Mshengu** (nursery)

Sindy has been with us for 13 months some of those as a volunteer, and now as a teacher.

Sindy will be working Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

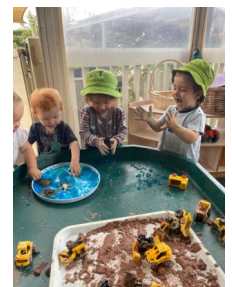


# Kiwi News

Kia Ora whanau, well it's been a busy term so far. We have celebrated birthdays and Elsie, Adaline and Caitlin have been doing their visits to the Kea room and are settling in well; it won't be long and we will be graduating them. We said goodbye to Lorraine and hello to Sindi, Lisa and Taneka, who will now be helping out in the Kiwi room. Over the warm days we have had lots of water play; now that it's getting cooler, we are into messy play. Our wall focus has been learning two new waiata, Kina Kina and Tohora nui these songs come with actions and the children have done very well. We have also done lots of art to display on the wall to go along with this. We celebrated St Patrick's Day by dressing up in green and decorating the room with green balloons and streamers.



We have new children starting soon; we will be welcoming Archie, Isla-jane and the twins Ariana and Adrian.



# Kea News

Hello from the Kea Room,

We have had a busy start to the year, we have farewelled Florence to Dorie School. We have celebrated lots of birthdays already and have Misha turning 5 and heading off to Dorie School at the end of the term. We also bid farewell to Sonny and Bonnie Moore, Sonny is off to Dunsandel School and Bonnie is moving to a centre closer to home. We wish you all the best. We have also welcomed Mia to the Kea room teaching team and she has brought some amazing new and fresh ideas to the centre. Welcome to our new families, Aira Dani, Logan and Hunter and too our new two year olds from the Kea room, Caitlin, Elsie and Adaline, who are settling into a bigger space really well.

Our focus has been around transport this term, this came from the Christmas holidays when Angus went on a big plane and shared his experience with us. This then brought us into conversations around the different types of transport we have. If you have any cool forms at transport at home please share this with us. We have watched the rubbish man operate his truck here at preschool, we have seen harvesters in action and we are working hard to get the local police and fire truck to preschool too.



# Dorie Preschool Board of Governance

**Board Chair Alice Vanderweg:** Alongside my husband Michael we farm his family farm in Pendarves, we have 3 daughters - Florence, Olive and Grace and have been attending Dorie Preschool for one year now. I joined the board to do my part to support the community preschool and to do something that can benefit my children and yours for now and into the future. I'm friendly and approachable, so happy to speak to anyone should you ever need too.



**Treasurer: Jordain Beattie:**

Hi, I'm Jordain Beattie – Miller's mum from the under 2's room. I am excited to join the board and bring my experience in finance and banking to make a positive contribution to our very special community centre. Alongside my husband James, we live and operate a 1400 cow dairy farm in Pendarves. I work off-farm for New Zealand Agribrokers – a specialist agricultural finance advisory firm. I look forward to meeting more of our centre families as we continue to build on what is a real asset to the wider Dorie Area.

**Maintenance Manager: Martin Greene:** Hi I'm Martin Greene, I moved to Dorie in 2019 to pursue a career in dairy farming with my partner Leigh. We have 3 young kids, Angus, Ayda and Arlo who are all enrolled at Dorie Preschool. I was asked to join the preschool board 2 years ago and have enjoyed being part of the team helping to provide an awesome little rural preschool for our community.



**Secretary: Jess Mason:** My husband, (Henry) and I are contract milking two Dorie farms in a family dairy farming business. We have two young daughters and having a local preschool has proven invaluable for us and our staff. I joined the board in 2022 when my oldest started at Dorie Preschool. I have a background in environmental management and am also on the Acton Farmers Irrigation board as well as Enviro Collective Ltd.

**HR: Jan Lepoutre:** My name is Jan Lepoutre and I live in Dorie with my wife Harma and our since very recently 3 children We are very grateful to have a preschool so close to our home I'm happy to have gotten the opportunity to come on the preschool's board and hope to be able to contribute a little to the continuing success full running of it.

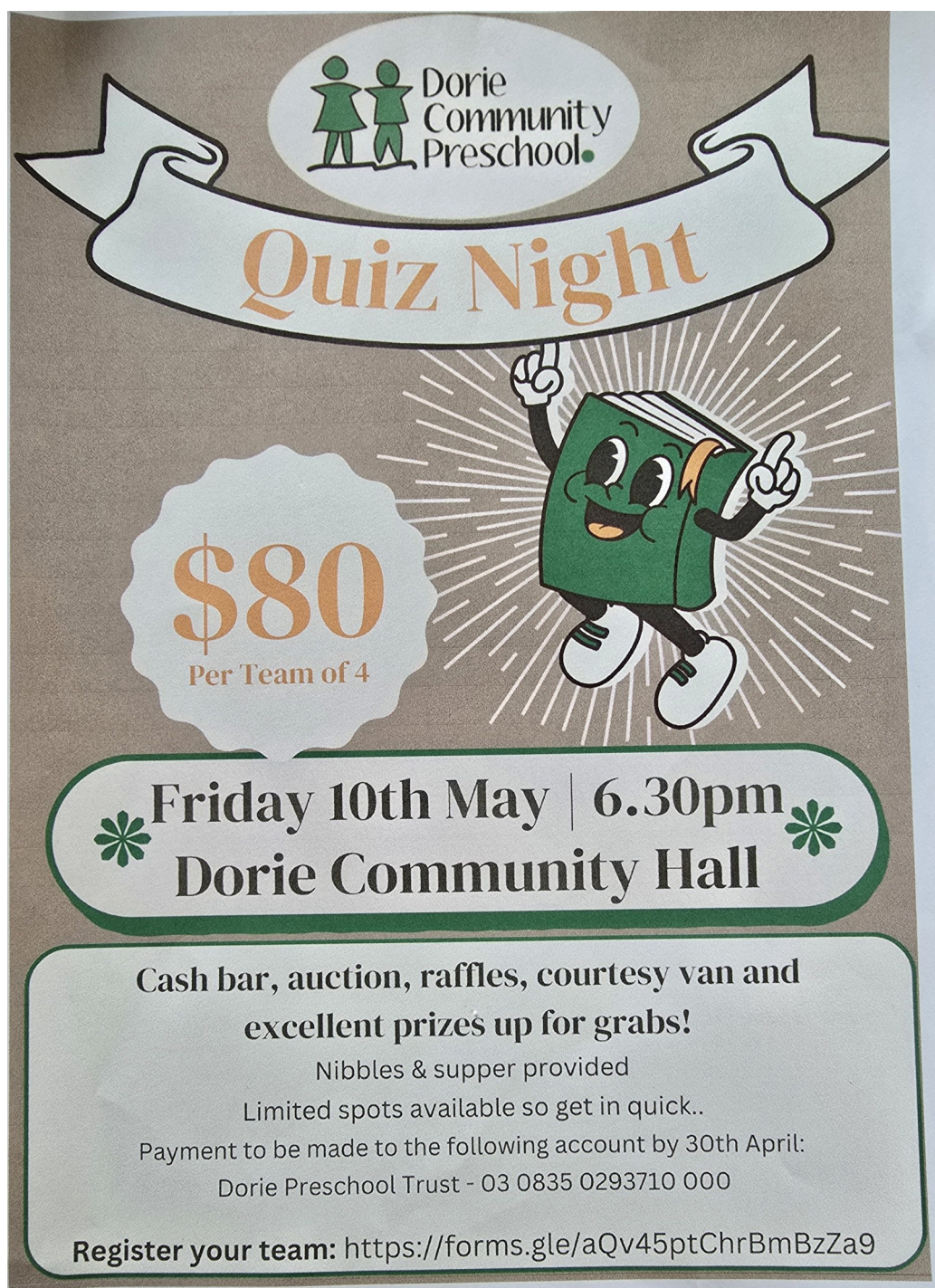



**Nicki Webster:** I have been a long-term resident of Dorie, and now reside in Ashburton. Our family have a cropping and dairy farm in the area which has been in the family for generations. Whilst I have no children at the preschool – way too old for that – I have a real passion for our community, and particularly our preschool. I was the chair of the founding committee and have a background in financial management. I have come back onto the board for the past year to assist with the next transition of parent representatives and am excited for what the future holds now with the increase in bookings and the leadership and staff that we now have.

Our Board have been busy preparing  
the Dorie Preschool Bi-Annual Quiz night.

This quiz is an integral part of our fundraising program to ensure we can continue to provide a high quality affordable childcare service, whilst maintaining our asset and resources for future generations to come. As a not for profit charity we would love the support of our community on the night, so PLEASE register your team now to avoid missing out on a space.

We cannot wait to see you there!!



 Dorie  
Community  
Preschool.

# Quiz Night

**\$80**  
Per Team of 4

**Friday 10th May | 6.30pm**  
**Dorie Community Hall**

Cash bar, auction, raffles, courtesy van and  
excellent prizes up for grabs!

Nibbles & supper provided  
Limited spots available so get in quick..  
Payment to be made to the following account by 30th April:  
Dorie Preschool Trust - 03 0835 0293710 000

**Register your team:** <https://forms.gle/aQv45ptChrBmBzZa9>