



Dorie Preschool

Term Two Newsletter



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Layla 4th June
Oliver 18th June
Logan 20th June
Hunter 21st June
Isla Jane 9th July
Joshua 22nd July
Martina 20th August



General Business:

Welcome to Term Two of our Newsletter and welcome to the middle of the year, it is crazy to think how fast it has gone and that we are now in June.

A huge thank you to everyone that made the Quiz night a huge success, a big thanks to Alice, Jordain, Jess, Martin and Jan our wonderful Board of Trustees that worked so hard to get all the wonderful prizes, auctions, and put on a fantastic night. A Massive thanks to all the local companies in the community that supported this event. The children at Dorie Preschool say thank you.

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 their lunchboxes, save these for a treat at home.

For those that are new and don't know, we have a Dorie Community Preschool private Facebook group, where we load photos and also communicate notices with parents and whānau - This is called Dorie Community Preschool.

Changes of clothes: We are noticing some children don't have a sufficient amount of clothes in their bags. We love getting messy and wet at preschool, so would appreciate some extra clothes for the Tamariki to change into if needed.

Kind Regards Mel

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Matariki Disco: Wednesday
18th June from 4.30pm-6pm
Shared Kai with families



Kiwi News

Kia Ora! Over the last few weeks, we have celebrated Mother's Day and proudly supported Pink Shirt Day.

We have warmly welcomed Islajane, Adrian, and Ariana. We are bidding a fond farewell to Collins and her family as they embark on a new adventure up north; we wish you all the very best. We also say goodbye to Lisa and Harper; Lisa has moved to Ashburton and will be working at Stepping Stones. We wish you all the best; you will be deeply missed. Blake has started visits to the Kea Room. We have been embracing the lovely weather and making the most of it.

Physical challenges are what the Tamariki are thriving on, as we now have lots of walkers wanting to challenge themselves, So, we have been setting up lots of obstacles including climbing and balancing fun!



Kea News

Kia Ora from the Kea Room

Wow Term One just disappeared so quickly, this term we welcome, Bruce, and Steph, and we welcome Caitlin and Blake from the Nursery who have transitioned over to our room.

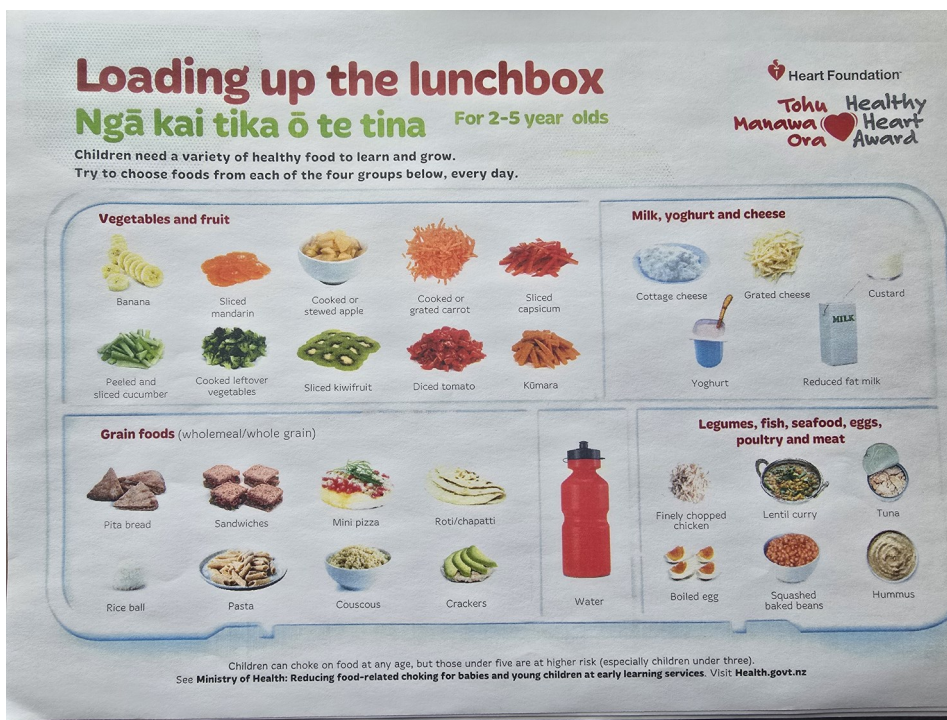
This term we bid farewell to Reid and Adaline who make the big move with their family to the north island, we wish them all the best on their new adventure.

We also say farewell this term to Oliver who is turning 5 in June and heading off to school and Joshua who will turn 5 in July.

Kea room is focusing on healthy food and nutrition over the next term. We will be looking at why we need to eat? What is it in our food our bodies need? What should we look at when we buy our food? What foods should we eat lots of and those we should avoid and why? We will look at the food pyramid and we have some games for the children that will support this learning. You can support this learning by talking about this at home and encouraging the children to be part of choosing healthy foods at home for meals and their lunch boxes.

We will be putting up some posters to give you some healthy ideas of how to help fill those lunch boxes with nutritious brain foods and some talking points we have come across in our learning.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to talk to the teaching team.





Board News

June already, how quickly has the first half of the year flown by.

I hope you are keeping warm with these cooler temperatures and maybe some of you are looking forward to some fun in the snow this winter. Unfortunately, winter also means more nasty bugs, viruses, ills and chills. The bugs continue to circulate so all we can do is keep our Tamariki at home when they are unwell to stop the spread to other children, and our Kaiako. Our Kaiako do an awesome job of educating our Tamariki on good hygiene practice like coughing into their elbows, not their hands and frequent hand washing to limit the number of bugs shared amongst the centre.

May was the month of our Bi-Annual Quiz Night. A Huge effort was put in by our board members to make this night a HUGE Success. A special thanks must go to Jordain Beattie and Jessica Mason for helping re-organise gift baskets, prizes etc all within a short time frame out of our control – So THANK YOU! Laura Lepoutre and Kate Eddington, our Preschool Parent helpers – thank you for giving up your Saturday night to help run this event. Glenn Jones (a Preschool Dad) – what an excellent job you did of being our Quiz Master/MC for the evening, Thank You for giving up your time. And to all past board members who pitched in to help and added to the auction items - Thank You!

Burglary aside, I am incredibly proud and extremely grateful for the community in which we live in. Everyone came together for a fabulous evening of fun, connection and generosity, all in support of our community preschool. We raised necessary funds to contribute to new resources, continuing low child: teacher ratios, zero fees from 9-3 for all Tamariki and to help with the ongoing maintenance costs of our community asset for future generations to come. So, thank you to everyone who attended, donated and supported the Dorie Preschool.

We are sad to announce to our community that the board has accepted the resignation of Melitta Fielding as our Team leader. Mel has been a part of the Dorie Team since March 2024 and has been a warm friendly face you've all gotten to know. We would like to thank Mel for her contribution to our children's learning journeys and her efforts while at Dorie Community Preschool. We wish you all the best for your future endeavours. Mel's last day will be 3rd July 2025.

The board are currently working through the recruitment process and will share this information with you in due course via Educa.

Please remember our preschool working bee is coming up on Sunday 29th June from 10am – 2pm. We would love to see all our preschool families their pitching in - *MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK*. There will a job for everyone from easy cleaning jobs, to turning over the bark in the playground areas. Looking forward to seeing as many of you there to keep our preschool looking beautiful for our children to enjoy.

If there are any questions, concerns or queries. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Stay warm and take care ,

Alice Vanderweg

On behalf of the Dorie Community Preschool Board of Trustees (Nicki Webster, Jordain Beattie, Jessica Mason, Jan Lepoutre and Martin Greene)