



Our vision is to have an independently run centre that is providing high quality early childhood education, along with an environment that is led and run by highly skilled teachers and leaders to support families and their child's learning

February 2017

Now we all seem to be settled back into the routines of 2017 we welcome back our existing whānau and a huge welcome to the many new tamariki and their whānau who have joined us.

We are sad to farewell Amy which has taken effect immediately. Amy has decided due to family obligations and requirements she needs to take a break from her teaching career. I am sure along with us you will wish her the best and on your behalf we have thanked her for the wonderful contributions she has made. For the present Lisa Mitchell will continue to help us out in the preschool.

We congratulate our three students Caroline Martin, Lisa Mitchell and Hannah Flett on attaining their Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (ECE) and wish them all the best for their on-going careers.

Upcoming events: Please mark your calendars

School Group Trip: Monday 13th -visiting the Rangiora Transfer station to further extend their understanding about recycling and sustainability. **Essential fully covered shoes must be worn such as sneakers, (not ballet flat or slip on)**

If your child is in school group and this is not your day you are welcome to join the excursion with your child. Please see Elissa for details to attend.

Monday March 13th – Teddy Bears Picnic, please have your child bring in their Teddy bear or favourite soft toy for a fun day!

Monday March 27th 5.45p.m. Asthma Awareness talk; here at preschool 30-45 minutes. Please let Sheryl know if attending.

Wednesday 5th April 10a.m. - Story Teller from Waimakariri Library

We Welcome: During the Christmas break and early this term we have welcomed Beau, Taylor, Cooper, Lucy, Xavier, Thomas and Timani-Rein to the nursery, Julieta, Emma, Azinta to the preschool who have been joined by Max, Milla and Sophie all moving from the Nursery.

We Farewell: Over the summer break and early this term we have had many children leave to attend school; Anna, Leah, Charles, Bianca, Miles, Charlotte, Sophia, Keeva, Jayde, Neah, Eli, Summer, Ollie, Rico, Jack and Georgia.



Family Fun Night

Thank you to all who attended, we have had a huge positive response. Having the opportunity to see the Playball provided a fun experience. Keep an eye out for our next Parent/Family event.

A THANK YOU FROM WAI AU SCHOOL

To everyone at Woodend Preschool

Thank you for the donation you have made for our new swimming pool. We are overwhelmed by the support from schools, businesses and individuals who have made donations to help us achieve our goal. Please pass on to the kids, staff and families at your preschool our heartfelt thanks.

Wishing you the best for the year!
Kind Regards
Mary Kimber Principal

Healthy Heart

We continue to strive towards the GOLD status, keep an eye out for all the opportunities that we may need your assistance with. Jana posts ideas on Facebook so if you have yet to like our page do so now. You will get many lunch ideas, yummy recipes and lots more to do with sustainable practice. The children have been making paper bricks for the long away winter days; these make great fire burners! Our worm farm and composting is looking fabulous and it will not be long before we will harvest some compost and liquid fertiliser for you to purchase for a gold coin. The money we receive from this is returned to our sustainable practice such as the lime and bran required for the worm farm and bokashi compost bin.

Need more ideas check out this website: www.fuelled4life.org.nz

Do you still have your child's book at home? Please we need this returned immediately for your teachers to continue to add information of your child's learning adventures.

Parent Survey: In the past we have asked for feedback at the beginning of the year however we recognise it is a busy time for you. Given we wish to start each year with your input of likes, aspirations and ideas we are shifting this survey to later in the year and look forward to all your feedback. As Henry Ford said:

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.