

### Events

*Thanks to those of your who made it to our healthy heart parents evening. It was really interesting and informative!*

*Parents day was heaps of fun! We had such a good time. It was really nice to mix and mingle with parents, staff and children. The photo booth was a hit! Look out for the funny photos on the tv!*

*Coming up –  
Celebrating 'Matariki'  
throughout the centre*



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*"While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about."*

*— Angela Schwindt*



### New Children

We would like to welcome our new Tamariki who have started at the Learning Corner in June. A big welcome goes to:

#### Pre-school

Karter Kirkman

Elighjan Vite

Samsara Hewett-Paeu

Violet Ruck

Virat Dasari

#### Nursery

Joaquin Sebastian Grau

We look forward to getting to know you, and watching you grow and develop!



## Toddlers

The toddlers focus of colour's and numbers naturally evolved into a interest in shapes. Some wonderful resources were made from the teachers, such as a colour and shape domino game which the children loved playing. Large shapes were displayed throughout the centre to help extend this area of learning. Whilst on this journey the toddler team saw a new interest emerging, that was in tactile art experiences. We all know toddlers love to get messy, so the toddler teachers have come up with some wonderful activities to explore this area of interest.

### Nursery

*Animals was a great topic to study for the Nursery, and it ended fabulously with the 'Old McDonalds Farm'. However there is a new focus and that is on Transport. After watching the children zoom their trucks up and down the ramp outside, and enjoy the small wooden cars inside, they decided to study this topic.*

#### Activities:

- \*Tracks on the floor inside
- \*Making traffic lights
- \*Songs about transport
- \*Painting with cars/trucks
- \*Visible transportation pictures
- \*Ramps set up

There is a big development difference between 0-1 yr olds and 1-2yr olds, so the 0-1yr olds have planning of their own. Because our 0-1's are all trying to move one way or another, the focus is setting up the environment safely to help develop their large motor skills.

## Pre-school

*How exciting, Pre-school's new topic is 'Dramatic play'. This is such a fun topic to explore, after watching the pre-schooler's role modelling, being super hero's and enjoying dressing up, the pre-school decided to focus on this area of play and development.*

### A few planned activities:

- \*Turning the family room into a shop
- \*Castles & Dragons
- \*Puppets/puppet show
- \*Weather chart
- \*Transport (petrol station)
- \*Introducing more dress ups

*If you have any old high boots/dresses or unisex' shirts lying around collecting dust we would love to take them off your hands!*



important notices:

Winter is here so we ask that you please provide lots of spare clothing for your child, a warm hat, socks and shoes and a jacket.

Please sign your child in and out – it is very important that you please remember to sign your children in and out in case of an emergency and Ministry of Education Requirements. Thank you. **Entertainment books are available!** \$13 dollars from each purchase goes towards a new resource for our Tamariki at the Learning Corner! Please see display at reception or talk to Sophie. There are only 2 physical books left! Get in quick!

### **Recipe of the month**

*Each month I will post a recipe from our cook. A recipe that the children loved, giving you the option to cook it at home if you choose too.*

#### **Mediterranean Lamb with hummus and pita bread**

- ½ Kg of lamb mince
- ½ cup cooked lentils
- Mediterranean seasoning
- Courgette, eggplant grated
- Lemon zest – x1 lemon
- 1 clove of garlic crushed
  - ½ onion diced
  - Fresh mint
- Mini pitas warmed in oven
- ½ cup of cooked pumpkin
  - Hummus
- Tomato, cucumber and lettuce
  - Natural yoghurt

#### **Method:**

- Cook lamb mince till browned with garlic and onion in a little oil. Add Mediterranean seasoning and lemon zest to taste. Add a little salt and pepper for seasoning.
- Add cooked lentils, grated courgette and eggplant
- Cook until nice and browned and a little crunchy, reserve for serving
  - Break up lettuce and reserve for serving
  - Dice tomato and cucumber and mix with lemon juice, s&p
  - Mix cooked pumpkin through the hummus.
  - Fill pitas with all mixtures and enjoy!