

# Term 1 2010

Welcome Back!

We hope you have enjoyed the holidays and are ready for another fun and fantastic preschool year!

Term 1 finishes on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Term 2 begins Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Terms for this year:

Term 2 April 19<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Term 3 July 19<sup>th</sup> - September 24<sup>th</sup>

Term 4 October 11<sup>th</sup> - To Be Confirmed

## **New Children**

A warm welcome to: Livi, Te Amo, Ana, Joel, Peyton, Emily, Olivia, Caius and Shaye. We're going to have heaps of fun together!

## **Saying Goodbye**

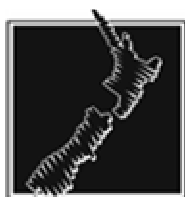
This term we'll say goodbye to: Mili, Ryan, Renee, Petrea, Toby, Tamika, Griffin and Regi.

We wish you all the very best and hope to see you back one day!

## **CENTRE INFORMATION**

### **Safety Surfacing**

You may have noticed that our lawn area outside has been replaced with green safety surface matting. We would have loved to have kept the grass area however, due to such a lot of foot traffic it was not a good all year surface option. We would like to thank the Mainland Foundation for their donation of \$2,000.00 towards the total cost (\$10,000).



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### Sickness/Medication

Please notify staff if your child is unwell and unable to attend Preschool.

**It is important children are not sent to Preschool when they feel unwell. Children requiring any kind of pain relief (Pamol, Panadol etc.) should not be attending Preschool.**

Staff are only able to give children medication when a medication form has been filled out and signed by Parent/Caregiver.

In case of vomiting and diarrhoea, your child cannot attend Preschool for **at least 48 hours after being sick**, to prevent contamination.

In case of other contagious illnesses consult your GP and/or supervisor.

### Sign-in book

It is important that you sign your child in and out each day to confirm that your child has been present at Preschool.

Please advise staff if **someone else** is going to pick-up your child and write their name/phone number in the sign-in book, regardless if they are on the contact list. You may also phone us during the day to advise us of a change.

**If staff are not aware that there has been a change in the person collecting your child, your child will not be released until contact has been made to you by phone.**

### Sun protection Policy

In the 1st and 4th term your child needs a wide brimmed sunhat or a legionnaire hat with a flap on the back for protection if playing outside. **(No proper sunhat No outside play).**

Staff will apply sunscreen after lunch. Parents are responsible for applying sunscreen at all other times.

**Worm Farm-** We are in the process of setting up an additional Worm farm as we have too many worms in the current farm. Worm wees will soon be available for \$2 for a bottle (undiluted) in a small container. Could we please have small cream containers or containers approx 300mls donated to preschool.



**Premier Books:** These are the books available in the foyer, Could all orders please be paid for before the due date as we have no extra money here at preschool to cover your order. Money to be given to Helen please.

**WOOD** for carpentry table- We are always trying to access small bits of untreated wood for the children to use.



## Healthy Food

Thank you for providing yummy, healthy food! (No chips, bars, lollies, fizzy drink)

Remember that SIMPLE IS GOOD!

Water is provided for children to drink at all times and we do our best to make sure the children actually drink during the day. Any concerns, let us know.

## Birthday Celebrations

When we celebrate your child's birthday you are most welcome to bring stickers, balloons etc to share with the children. As part of our Healthy Heart practice and allergies please do not bring in food items.

Please let staff know what day would best suit for your child to celebrate.

# Congratulations to our families on the recent renewal of the Healthy Heart Award!

## RECIPE

### Cheesy Ham and Corn Mini Muffins

Cooking oil spray

2 cups self-raising flour

Pinch salt

1 cup grated courgette (1 large)

1 cup fresh, frozen or canned corn kernels

75gm ham, diced

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup grated cheese

200mls trim milk

1 egg

$\frac{1}{3}$  cup sunflower oil

Step 1 - Preheat oven to 180°C, spray mini muffin tins with oil

Step 2 - Sift flour and salt into a large bowl. Add courgette, corn, ham and cheese. Stir and set aside.

Step 3 - In a separate bowl, whisk together milk, egg and sunflower oil. Stir wet ingredients into dry ingredients until just combined.

Step 4 - Spoon mixture into muffin tin holes. Bake for 12mins or until golden and cooked through.

Makes 24

## COMMITTEE INFORMATION

**Cake Tins** - We have purchased a variety of cake tins that will soon be available for parents to borrow- a \$10 bond is required. Tins available include Little Hero, Butterfly, Pirate Ship, Tractor and Princess Carriage. These will be available from February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fundraising**

The annual Tuahiwi Fair is **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February** held in the grounds next door. We are holding a Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle.

**Help** is needed to make this day a success and a roster is out in the foyer for you to put your name down.

It would be great if at least 1 item of baking could be dropped off per family. These are to be wrapped and labelled and brought to preschool on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February or early on the fair day.

Thank you very much.

### **Important Dates for Term 1**

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	- Healthy Heart Award Presentation and Launch 10am
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	- Tuahiwi Fair 10am-3pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	- Committee Meeting 7.30pm @ preschool
To be Advised	- AGM 7.30pm @ preschool
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	- Last Day of Term 1