

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WELCOME to these children and their families.....



Keo



Coco



Bambi



Ari

PRESCHOOL MORNING TEA

We hope that the impromptu morning tea this week didn't confuse you too much!
Preschool Morning Tea (take two) will be on Wednesday 1st March, 9.15 – 11.15am. All welcome. Bring a plate of something healthy to share.

PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOON

These meetings are held once a term. It is an opportunity to discuss, learn and share. The topic this term is:

EXPLORING AND EXPERIENCING MATHEMATICS AT PRESCHOOL

Teachers will describe how numeracy and mathematics learning and teaching takes place at Preschool. All parents are welcome to come along on Tuesday 7th March at 3.15 – 4.30pm. There will also be a general Q and A time. Talk to Kay, Felicity or Christine if you would like more information or have a suggestion for the next Information Afternoon.

As the new year starts, children are establishing a sequence of activities that they choose and often repeat each day, a flow, a rhythm that is right for them. For example, arrive, start with building block towers, then make something at the craft table, have some morning tea, dig outside in the sandpit for a while, play in the home corner, and join one of the story groups held throughout the day. Some children choose to have a quiet story or do a jigsaw puzzle with their dad or mum on arrival. Others like to explore what is in their lunchbox and connect with friends. Come early afternoon, everyone is involved in packing away and often there is a group time for us all to come together at the end of the day. Children are making decisions and choices about which activities and experiences they have in their day at Kinma Preschool.



Ava, Abi and Lola playing with the dolls.



Azariah, Lola and Abi cooking.

The home corner, role play and doll play is often a popular activity to start the day. In these areas there is a lot of imagination and pretending taking place as well as experimenting with acting like someone or something different from our usual selves. It is an area that is often used for acting out past events that the children would like to think about more or consider another solution for.



Beatrix dressed as Belle and dancing.



Block play is used every day and every day it is different. There may be tall towers like River HD and Zeon have built. Or a long track like Caius has built. Or a fire station and connecting roads like Gus, Jun and Katie have made. Obviously this can be very tiring work, so River D and Casper need a little nap after their building with the planes and trucks.





Casper, River HL, Teo, Cedric, Josh and Grace.



Caius and Keo



The marble track is a great activity for so many reasons....
Negotiating, turn taking, problem solving, listening, sharing space
and equipment. The children learn how to connect the pieces so
that the marble can go from one layer to the next.

Coco



Beatrix, Ari, Alexander



Bambi, Tim, Astrid and Keira

Woodwork is another activity that utilises so many skills like hand eye coordination, using small objects, using precision, creativity, negotiation, explaining concepts, creating something from an idea, imagination and risk taking. The children often create things from their imagination and sometimes they help in fixing objects or making them more aesthetically pleasing like Tim is doing with the lids around the chalk board.



Stories are read throughout the entire day. Many children find this settling, engaging, comforting, relaxing and interesting. It is a great way for the teachers to chat more with the children about their interests and their knowledge on different topics.

Khalil, Eloise, Mia, Cedric and Marley



As you have walked through the gates and around the deck you may have noticed chalk drawings. This has been a way for many children to come together, add on to other people's work, work collaboratively, discuss ideas and have fun. There have been many bodies traced around, including a linked line of lying down children! There have been maps made of roads and buildings. There have been animals, dinosaurs, abstract creations making our concrete floor much more interesting.

Michael, Jun, Zeon, River HL, Beatrix



Stanley chalking a map of where his mum and sister are doing the shopping



A new friendship, Gus and Jun in the tent.

Until next time, Felicity, Kay, Christine, Lizzie, Nina and Pat