

5 minutes with Michelle



What is your role at Fantails? *I am a fully qualified teacher who relieves in the pre-school and baby rooms.*

I grew up in... *Silverdale, New Zealand*

If you came to my house for dinner you would have... *I can only cook basics, so probably takeaways...but there would definitely be cheese, crackers and wine!*

My favourite place is... *being at home with my family, or in the sun reading a book*

My friends would describe me as... *fun and loyal*

If I wasn't a teacher, I would be... *full time Mum to my 3 children.*

The colours that make me happy are... *all the colours of nature.*

My favourite activity as a child was... *Fishing for eels in the creek behind my house.*

My hidden talent is... *I love to dance and sing*

My dream holiday would be... *I would love to travel around America and Japan with my family.*

My favourite thing about teaching is... *building relationships with the children and seeing the world through their eyes.*

I love to... *Read! I read a lot.*

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Kia Ora Parents and Whanau,

We kicked off the month of February with lot's of physical activity leading up to our **Big Heart Day** which was a great success! There were a variety of games and challenges and we were very proud of all the Fantails tamariki for participating and having a great attitude; being so encouraging of each other's efforts.

Our Preschool trip to the Zero Waste Zone at Waitakere Transfer Station was also a highlight of the month, with children gaining a glimpse of what happens to our rubbish and recycling after it gets picked up and taken away. We also felt inspired by what we could do to re-purpose some of the things which we may usually take for granted and throw away. Again, we would like to say a big thank you to those who came along to help on the trip.

Kind regards,
Hailey Nasmith
Centre Manager



March Events

St Patricks Day– Dress in Green– 18th March
Photo Day– Thursday 28th March

In the Babies Room...

With the lovely weather we have been taking every opportunity to bring our classroom outdoors. We have had a 'Kiwiana' focus over the past month, so we have been 'camping' outside, having picnics and making our own vegemite sandwiches. We love to support the Morepork tamariki in developing their confidence, pride and independence and getting them involved in preparing their own food is one way of doing this.

The Morepork tamariki have also been experimenting with print making in their art work. The process of producing prints supports their developing understandings of cause and effect as well as shape, space/ positioning and body control as through repetition; they gradually get more intentional with their actions.

For the month of March our team are planning experiences aimed at supporting language development and symbol recognition.



In the Preschool Room...

The preschool tamariki deepened their knowledge around the stories and symbols associated with Chinese New Year. One of their favourite folk stories has been 'The great race' which features the animals of the Chinese zodiac and the Jade Emperor.

Our group learning focus over the past month has been '*Our Whanau, Our Identities*'. The children have been eager to share stories and photos from home with their friends and teachers and have also shown a strong interest in drawing their family members and homes. We have been encouraging our older preschool members to practice writing their family/last names.

Moving forward into March we are planning on having a strong emphasis on literacy-rich learning experiences.

