

# 5 minutes with Tiffany

**What is your role at Fantails?** A Teacher who is a team player when it comes to her work colleagues and has a loving, caring and passion for children to learn, develop and grow.

**I grew up in...** Stanmore Bay

**If you came to my house for dinner you would have...** pretty much anything! I love food (Japanese or Turkish)

**My favourite place is...** the beach

**My friends would describe me as...** bubbly, always a good laugh and outgoing

**If I wasn't a teacher, I would be...** lost... I would probably be studying to become a teacher or an art teacher

**The colours that make me happy are...** pink, bright colours

**My favourite activity as a child was...** playing in the outdoors with my friends where we would explore the world

**My hidden talent is...** I love baking

**My dream holiday would be...** on an island by the beach

**My favourite thing about teaching is...** doing projects with the children and being creative with arts, messy play and the outdoors.

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## Kia Ora Parents and Whanau,

We would like to thank all the parents and extended family members who were able to accompany us on our field trip to Wainui Schools Agricultural Day. It was a fantastic morning out where we met baby animals, played on the playground, bounced around on the bouncy castles and looked at some amazing classroom exhibitions.

We are counting down to our end of year Christmas Party, an event we hold annually at Silverdale School, which will feature a performance from the children. They will be practicing for this throughout the month, so it is an occasion not to be missed!

Kind regards,

Hailey Nasmith - Centre Manager



## Upcoming Events

**Friday 13th December– Fantails Xmas Party 5:30pm at Silverdale School**  
(The centre will be closing at 5pm this day so please collect your children before this time)

## In the Babies Room...

The Moreporks have been extending upon their fine motor skills through exploring a variety of creative mediums.

The Moreporks have been using brushes, sticks, stamps (as well as their hands and fingers) to apply paint to paper. They have been utilizing their dexterity to sculpt clay and playdough into different shapes through pulling, pressing and poking the dough. They have also used different tools with the dough such as rollers and shape cutters which also exercise hand-eye coordination.

Water play experiences are also a favorite activity amongst the group and they have been using cups, tea pots, jugs and an assortment of other vessels to transport, tip and pour water into different containment objects. It takes a great degree of control and focus not to spill the water, so this is a great challenge which really engages and captivates the children's interest.



## In the Preschool Room...

Our Preschool focus over the past month has been 'The Wonders of Nature'. The children have been observing the unique changes in our surrounding environment that occur around spring time as the weather warms. Visits to the orchard to care for our plants and to pick fruit have inspired the children's artworks and discussions.

Our teachers have been extending upon the children's interest by incorporating natural materials into our group projects, the Flyers have been learning to weave using sticks, flax, flowers and stalks. The Tui group has been working on their ephemeral art compositions (making patterns with flowers and stones) and the Kiwis have been baking and making fruity Ice blocks with the fruit they pick from the orchard.

The children have also been planting seeds and are planning to plant some more herbs and vegetables in our gardens.

