

## Five Minutes With...



# Kim



**What room are you teaching in?** Preschool

**I grew up in...** Southland

**If you came to my house for dinner you would have...***something delicious cooked by my husband as he wont let me cook for visitors!*

**My favourite place is...**home!

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

**If I wasn't a teacher, I would be...** a photographer for National Geographic!

**The colours that makes me happy are...**all & the more colourful, the better.

**My favourite game as a child was...** outdoors, making huts.

**Sweet or savoury...** Both - all food is grand!

**My hidden talent is...**Umm.. Still hidden!

**My dream holiday would be...**Some tropical paradise, staying in a flash resort with my family—haven't ticked that one off yet!

**I love the smell of...** freesias

**My favourite thing about teaching is...**getting to know the children and all their different little personalities, watching them grow in confidence and being with them as they explore and discover and try new things

**I love to...** spend time with my family and friends and take my dog for walks along the beach

**My favourite season is...**summer!

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### Newsletter

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### Kia Ora Parents and Whanau,

We have sprung into spring with a few days of sunshine and lot's of baby animal visitors. We would love to thank all the families who have been bringing the animals in, these experiences are really treasured by the children and teachers here at Fantails Country. Georgia's family brought in their two kid goats Elvis and Spock for the day, who were happy to show off all kinds of clever tricks. Kieran and Julie brought in Honey their little lamb one morning, who we enjoyed patting and running around the paddock with! Fraser, Hamish's brother was also kind enough to let him bring in his little chicks too, who were very popular.

Our two little female guinea pigs have arrived at country and we looking forward to the delightful experiences, responsibility and enjoyment they will provide!

Kind Regards,

Hailey



### Up Coming Events

**Friday 14th September– Gemma's Pyjama Party**  
**Thursday 20th September– Teddy Bear's Picnic at Fantails Country**

## In the Babies Room...

With a few warmer days the Morepork tamariki have been enjoying the ball pit outside, working on their fine and gross motor control and coordination. The older toddlers in the room have been practicing their kicking, throwing and catching skills.

As a team, the Morepork teachers have been documenting and supporting schematic learning. *Schemas are patterns of linked behaviours, which the child can generalise and use in a whole variety of different situations. It is best to think of schemas as being a cluster of pieces which fit together* (Bruce ,1997).

The Morepork teachers have noticed that many of the toddlers in the Morepork room have had a desire to collect and transport resources. They look forward to supporting and following this interest more closely throughout the month.

### Transporting schema

Children enjoy repeatedly moving resources, and themselves, from one place to another. Being physically active outdoors and using wheelbarrows to move sand and other objects may support this behaviour, along with prams, cars, bags and other 'carrier' tools.



## In the Preschool Room...

Over the past month the preschool children have been engaged in focussed experiences aimed at deepening their understanding of mathematical concepts. Key concepts we have explored have been shape, size , seriation (ordering by size) and as an extension, patterning and classifying.

These mathematical concepts were highlighted and integrated across many of our curriculum areas on offer; from measuring and ordering pieces of wood at our carpentry table to cutting coloured shapes and sorting them at the art table. Baking and cutting out different shaped biscuits was a popular activity with our younger children. Making patterns with buttons, jewels and other bits and pieces has been an ongoing popular activity too.

