

Five Minutes With...

Kat!



What room are you in? Kitchen

I grew up in... Auckland

If you came to my house for dinner you would have... Thai green curry

My favourite place is... Under the stars

In my car I listen to... House music

Early bird or night owl... Early bird

My friends would describe me as... Kind and funny

If I wasn't a teacher, I would be... A world traveller

The colours that makes me happy are... Orange and fuchsia

My favourite game as a child was... Hopscotch and elastics

Sweet or savoury... Sweet

The best day of the year is... Christmas

My hidden talent is... Making/baking something out of nothing

My dream holiday would be... Europe

I love the smell of... Freesias

Cooking is... Food art

I love to... Spend time with my children

My favourite season is... Winter



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Kia Ora Parents and Whanau,

August is shaping up to be another action packed month at Fantails!

On Thursday 2nd August our Flyers are off to visit the **AUCKLAND MUSEUM**, followed by the Juniors and Toddlers on Thursday 16th August. On Friday 10th August we have our much anticipated annual **DISCO** 6.30-8.00pm—get ready to boogie the night away! Then on Thursday 30th August all our Dads, Grandfathers and fatherly figures in our tamariki's lives are warmly invited to our special **FATHERS DAY, COME AND PLAY** celebration 3.00-4.30pm. We hope you can all get involved in these fun events!



Keep on the move for winter!



Welcome to winter, with plenty of rain, snow and southerlies. Don't despair, bucketloads of fun can still be had indoors to keep our kids active!

Fun indoor activities to keep kids active:



★ **Move like a...** prancing horse, a jumping kangaroo, or a scared kiwi. Move how the animal moves, then jump on the spot 10 times.

★ **Have fun** moving about the room with colourful scarves!

★ **Create an obstacle course.** Jump into a hula-hoop, run around cones, crawl through cardboard box tunnels, or create a plank to balance along!

★ **Dance to music** and create awesome dance moves.

★ **Reach for the stars.** Stretch up to the stars, bend and touch your toes...stretch like you're just waking up!

★ **Throwing:** place a target -a hoop or bucket on the floor and throw balls/bean bags into it.

★ **Music and movement.** Sing and create movements to songs!

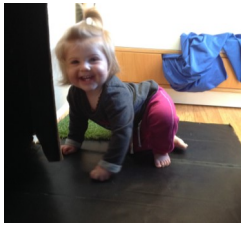
★ **Move from A to B.** As you move between each point, explore different locomotors -giant steps, running, heel to toe, crawling, hopping or tip-toeing.



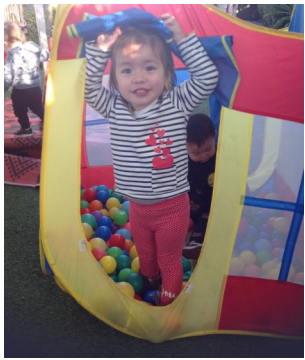
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In the Babies Room...

Children are still enjoying the mystic of the Matariki box with its coloured lights on the roof. Some love playing in there with friends while others prefer a little solitude.



Enjoying the lovely winter sunny days, the children have been making the most of it by being busy with many outdoor activities. The pop-up house which was filled with small colourful balls was one of the activities that children seem to have great fun with big smiles on their faces as they moved amongst the balls. As the children play together they are building their social development.



Painting has been a popular indoor activity. They have been experimenting with different media as they express their creativity. They used a plastic fork and an embossed roller to create neat patterns. They watched as the patterns transferred onto the paper. The children are communicating by being expressive through their artwork.



We have a new edition to our bikes, unlike all of our balance bikes this one has pedals and training wheels, the children have enjoyed challenging themselves around the bike track on this new bike. It is important here at Fantails to provide a safe environment where children can explore and challenge themselves to extend their skills, physically and mentally.



A couple of weeks ago we threw everything upside down! And had a 'Wacky Wednesday'. Fun was had by all, children and teachers dressed up and we encountered wacky things all day! From upside down furniture to the mysterious disappearance of our chairs at morning tea time and to top it off we had a big dance party.

Our social development module continues with 'Honesty' and 'Anger'.



Te Reo Phrase:

Māku koe e āwhina.

I will help you.

In the Juniors room...

Role play is still a strong interest in the Juniors room as we explore different ways of creating items for our shop. We have started paper mache with small balloons to make fruit for our shop as 'Mrs Green Grocey' and 'Mrs Purple Plum' come to visit to tell us all about shopping, what we need and what foods are good for us, and the ones we should have as a treat. Other ways of looking at fruit we are moulding oranges with orange playdough looking at a picture of an orange and then the real fruit, this helps us develop the difference between two dimensional and three dimensional objects, which is early mathematics.

We realised that we needed money so a lot of the children got creative by making some. They used crayons and paper to trace the coin prints and in turn we made our own money for our shop.



In the Toddlers Room...

Our children love to engage with their peers and we have noticed that many have formed some reciprocal friendships as they pair up and play cooperatively together. They confidently share their stories and experiences as they try to make sense of the things that happen in their world of learning. Such learning is captured and encouraged in our learning environment as children have the freedom and the opportunity to be part of many forms of play whether it is individual or group play. We are always supporting our children to develop their social skills through scaffolding techniques and formal discussions at mat times.

This month our toddlers have been interested in participating in the many art activities available to them throughout the day, such as balloon painting, roller, pom pom painting, and collage just to name a few.

Schematic play is still ongoing as our current focus and the main schema which our children are focusing on is transporting by moving sand from one area to the other in the sandpit. On the lovely sunny days most of our children prefer to be outside extending their gross motor skills on the climbing equipment or playing games such as tag with the noodles.



In the Preschool Room...

In the last couple of weeks we have been busy learning and developing our games outside. We have quite the collection that the children have been really enjoying.

We have also been continuing on our quest for information on bugs and all sorts of creepy crawlies, preparing ourselves for our visit to the Museum where we are going to explore the 'Wonderful World of Butterflies' and the 'Weird and Wonderful' room.

Our bike days in the school holidays were a roaring success. Thanks to our strong relationship we have with Silverdale School, we were able to take our bikes to ride and race each other. We also learn about bike safety, making sure we were all wearing our safety gear and went through some instructions on how to ride safe, using the road signs that we made to control the traffic.



The Flyers have been talking about having a pet for our room for some time now and we have decided that we would like two fish. This has led to a lot of discussion about the types of fish, as well as everything we will need for our fish. We are still researching the topic and haven't come to any conclusions yet.



This month our social competency focus is on 'Sadness' and 'Anger' and what these look and feel like and how to deal with these emotions.

Another exciting event this past month was 'Pyjama Day'. The children turned up in their cosy pyjamas. Great fun was had as there was dancing and party games.



Savoury Muffins

You need

2 eggs

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup vegetable oil

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup creamed corn

$\frac{1}{3}$ cup Edam cheese, grated

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup blanched spinach, chopped

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup tomatoes, chopped

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup white flour

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup wholemeal flour

1 Tbsp baking powder

Method

1. Heat oven to 180°C.
2. Mix together eggs, oil, milk, corn and cheese.
3. Fold through spinach and tomatoes.
4. Sift flours and baking powder and gently mix into wet ingredients.
5. Spoon into greased medium muffin cups.
6. Bake in oven for approx 15-20 minutes