

Five Minutes With...

Rachel!



What room are you in? Toddlers room

I grew up in... Wellington/Auckland

If you came to my house for dinner you would have... Poached eggs, café style

My favourite place is... At home with family

In my car I listen to... Spotify

Early bird or night owl... A bit of both

My friends would describe me as... Funny and reliable

If I wasn't a teacher, I would be... Barista

The colours that makes me happy are... Blue

My favourite game as a child was... Hide and seek

Sweet or savoury... Savoury

The best day of the year is... Christmas

My hidden talent is... Baking

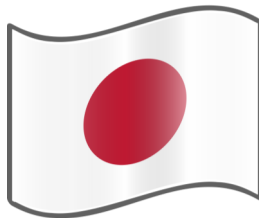
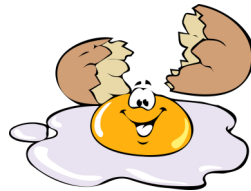
My dream holiday would be... Japan

I love the smell of... The beach

Being a teacher ... Is amazing

I love to... Cook

My favourite season is... Autumn



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Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

What a wonderful time we had together celebrating 'Cultural Diversity Day'. Thank you to all the parents that brought in such yummy food to share!

Upcoming events this month are:

Thursday 1st August—Junior room trip to Kelly Tarltons

Wednesday 7th August - pyjama day!

Thursday 15th August—Preschool room trip to Kelly Tarltons

Tuesday 20th August—Preschool room development session at Silverdale Primary School

Thursday 22nd August—Toddlers room trip to Kelly Tarltons

Thursday 29th August—Fathers day come and play & BBQ 3.00pm-4.30pm

Friday 30th August—Daffodil day fundraiser. Yellow dress-up day

Don't forget to visit our 'Fantails Silverdale' Facebook page to see more photos!



In the Toddlers room...

This month in toddler room has been a lot of fun, the toddlers have loved playing with the new cars, London bus, school bus, and the ambulance. We made a road on the carpet together out of tape and had the bus going around and picking people up and made an airport!



All our toddlers have been so welcoming to our new friends this month. The toddlers have been sharing all their toys so nicely with their new friends, it is so lovely to watch.

All the toddlers love dancing and stories at mat time. When the music comes on they cannot stop their dancing feet. The toddlers especially love dancing with the poi that they made with Belgin at Matariki.

This month we have also begun a new learning focus looking at feelings and emotions. We have got some awesome books on feelings to read during mat time and some fun art activities coming up as well.



We ended the month with celebrating Cultural Diversity Day. There was great traditional clothing worn and delicious cultural dishes.



The Flyers are also drawing flags of our countries of origin for our cultural wall display, which coincides with cultural Day on the 31st of July. We have started our school walks on a Tuesday again, as well as playball on a Wednesday after our break for the school holidays.

The Flyers are also practising putting on their jumpers, shoes and socks and other self- help skills. This helps develop their independence and prepare them for school.



Te reo word:

Here-turi-kōkā
August



In the Preschool Room...

Transport is our continuing focus in the Preschool room. Some of the children worked together in groups to construct an airport. First we read some books about aeroplanes and airports, identified some important features all airports have, such as the 'terminal', the 'control tower' and the 'runway'. They used their creative and problem solving skills and a variety of materials like boxes, containers, and cardboard to construct a part of the airport. In the last couple of weeks we have been working on paper maché hot air balloons and aeroplanes for the August foyer display.



In the Juniors room...

This month the Juniors have been extending on their focus of drama and fairy tales have been a very popular choice and we have been acting out the stories during mat times – a great way to learn stories and become confident in front of a group. The children have been extending their family role play by including props from different areas of the curriculum. This includes blocks, phones, boxes and all the kitchen equipment and food. This helps them to continue their development in real life scenarios and expand experiences and understanding of social interactions and relationships. Also part of the drama interest is dressing up in different uniforms like Fire, Police and Builders then acting out the songs that go with them, pretending for example to drive the engine and put out the fire, this teachers children to sequence events in a fun way.

There are two new additions to the Juniors room, we have two wonderful fish and together the teachers and children are learning what they need and how to look after them. The children are in the process of giving the fish names, but the decision is still pending.

To celebrate Cultural Diversity Day in the juniors the children danced to different cultural music and enjoyed a lovely feast of cultural dishes.



In the Babies room...

This month we celebrated cultural day, where we all dressed up and brought in a plate of food that celebrates our cultures. Our teachers and children looked wonderful all dressed up. In preparation for this we dressed our Tamariki up in traditional dress of different varieties for a photo as part of our wall displays. What a fun way this was to celebrate and learn about our different cultures and backgrounds.

Our children's recent interest in transportation has developed from our interest in the 'wheels on the bus'. This interest has lead to art activities using toy cars, singing songs and reading books about transport like The Wheels On The Bus, I'm Driving and Hurry Hurry drive the Fire Truck.

Again we have had quite a few older babies transition to the toddlers and have had a number of younger babies start with us. The older children are interested in our younger babies and use their gentle hands while interacting with them. This is a great example of Tuakana- Tiana tikanga, where the older peers/children show kindness to the younger ones.



We have been exploring the natural world and finding many spider webs outside with our children as dew catches on the webs so we can see them. To extend on this further Merlin also put out some fake spiders and bugs outside and we went on a bug hunt, how exciting!



SAVING MONEY ON FOOD THIS WINTER



As winter hits it can be easy to reach for comfort or convenience foods. Here are some cost saving tips for having a few cosy meals up your sleeve this winter:

- 1. Cook once, eat twice** – Plan meals that will last for two nights, so that you can reheat the following night.
- 2. Veg up meals** – Make the meat in your meals go further by adding extra fresh, frozen or tinned vegetables like grated carrot or frozen peas. Legumes like red lentils can also be added to soups, casseroles and other meat dishes to add texture while also reducing the cost!
- 3. Freeze leftovers** – Freeze leftovers in individual portions so you can have a meal ready in a flash. Some examples of freezer friendly meals are corn fritters, dahl curry, soups and bolognese sauce.

Look out for our revamped [Cheap Eats](#) cookbook being released this month

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