

Five Minutes With...

Kirenddeep



What position are you in?

They Key teacher in the Babies room

I grew up in... India Punjab and NZ Albany

If you came to my house for dinner you would have... Butter Chicken

My favourite place is... Where my family is (Home)

In my car I listen to... Punjab Music

Early bird or night owl... Both

My friends would describe me as... Lazy

If I wasn't a teacher, I would be a... Software Engineer

The colours that make me happy are... Black

My favourite game as a child was... Hide-n-Seek

Sweet or savoury... Sweet

The best day of the year is... Everyday, especially when working with babies

My hidden talent is... yet to be explored

My dream holiday would be... Italy

I love the smell of... Rain

Being a teacher ... Fun, rewarding and fulfilling

I love to... Watch babies grow up

My favourite season is... Winter

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Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

We're into our third day at Alert Level 3 again and everything feels strangely familiar. Although these are uncertain times, we are happy to be open and have children of essential worker parents attending. As we await the Prime Minister's announcement later this afternoon, we take a brief look at the past month. No doubt the past month was packed to the brim with loads of activities, new experiences, laughter, learning, friends and fun. Having spent time in the classroom with children and teachers and scanning through our daily 'Titiro mai' class posts on Educa over the past month I'm just so aware of the love and care and passion that teachers put into their work to make every day special for each child in their care. Thank you SO MUCH for entrusting your child/ren to our care. We value and appreciate the relationship that we can have with you as well as with your child/ren.

Besides our Matariki Celebration midway through July, we also had a very successful and enlightening Parent Evening with Joy Sluiters on 'Discipline without shouting, force or fluster'. There was lots of humour throughout the evening and those attending were inspired and motivated to make the most of their parenting journey. Everyone left with an array of tools and do-able strategies to help them on this journey.

Please contact me if you have any questions, ideas, comments or suggestions to make. I'm always happy to meet with you.

Enjoy our Newsletter!

Kia kaha!

Warm regards.

Gladys and the Fantails Team



In the Babies room...

In the Babies room we have been having lots of fun. The children are still interested in transport however a developing interest in dramatic play is emerging. The children have been dressing up, playing with the dolls and in the kitchen. We have been providing different resources and setting up activities for them to explore this interest, as they use their imagination to extend their learning. We are continuing to provide sensory opportunities for the children which broadens and extends their interests.



SWIMMING Lessons on Fridays and **Play-ball** on Wednesdays!!

If you still want to enrol your child, please see Elzanne at Reception
We still have a couple of spaces available



In the Preschool room...

During the past month we continued with our 'Letter of the Week' focus. We learned the names and phonetic sounds of the letters Rr, Mm, Dd and Gg.

Learning about letters is not only fostering our interest in literacy, but has proven to be a base for much wider learning. An example of this is our growing interest in recycling. While we were learning about the letter Rr, we read the book "Michael Recycle". This led to the idea of making "Robbie the Robot" out of recycled materials, such as cardboard boxes and egg cartons. We also made a Railway Station, which led to making a giant train out of huge, used cardboard boxes, with a steam engine and passenger coaches attached. The Flyers are very creative, curious and imaginative and we are having lots of learning opportunities and fun with our 'Letter of the Week' focus.

July is also traditionally the month during which Matariki is celebrated. Fantails celebrated by having a family get-together, which was a great success.

During the morning of the family get-together, the Flyers chopped the vegetables for our shared vegetable soup. They were very safety conscious and did an excellent job. There seems to be quite a few budding chefs in our room!

The time for our celebration arrived and we were all so excited to welcome our parents to come in and share our kai with us. We also had a special mat time where we performed our waiata and retold the Māori legend of how Matariki came to pass, and that each of the seven stars has a name which reflects the significance of the natural world in the Māori culture.



We were also able to start going on our regular Tuesday morning school walks to Silverdale Primary School after the Covid-19 lockdown. One of those school walks included a Development Day, which the Flyers thoroughly enjoyed.

In the Toddlers room...

In July we celebrated Matariki, the Māori New Year. Building up to this event the children were creating art to display on the walls and around the room. All the children have enjoyed learning about and dancing with poi. Through involvement in poi activities children were developing coordination and spatial awareness. On the day of the event we welcomed our whānau (families) to join us in celebration of the New Year as we shared the kai (food) children had helped to prepare.

The emergent interest coming through this past month was baking. Children learned about weight and volume as they all worked together to make scones and biscuits for their afternoon tea. They have also taken this interest into their pretend play as they help each other in the kitchen area to make delicious meals for their friends. This is helping to develop their social skills as they take turns, work together and share to have fun learning experiences.



In the Juniors room...

The 'All about Me' topic this month has been centred on friendship and decision making. There are new friendships forming and children are learning to negotiate and take turns as the children continue to discover ways of playing in groups. Children have the opportunity to set up the tables throughout the day—this builds positive decision making skills, confidence as well as feeling valued.

There has been a lot of imaginary play with animals and role play which has been extended using dress-ups. This helps develop social and emotional competencies through playing co-operatively with others and learning to express emotions. It encourages children to be creative and imaginative which in turn helps strengthen their cognitive abilities and skills.

Our Matariki celebration was very successful as we shared kai with our families and performed with the poi at our special mat time.



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Eat the Rainbow

Different colored foods provide different nutrients



Red vegetables and fruits contain antioxidants that are important for heart health, can lower cholesterol, and can lower the risk of developing some cancers



Yellow and Orange produce have a lot of Vitamin A which promotes eye health, and Vitamin C which supports your immune system



Green vegetables and fruits contain many antioxidants. Leafy greens are especially important and contain many vitamins, minerals, and folic acid



Blue and Purple produce contain anti-inflammatory nutrients and promote healthy brain and memory function

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