

Five Minutes With...

Summer!



What room are you in? Preschool and Juniors room

I grew up in... New Zealand

If you came to my house for dinner you would have...
Mexican food.

My favourite place is... Piha

In my car I listen to... Old Jazz music

Early bird or night owl... Night owl

My friends would describe me as... Kind and old fashioned

If I wasn't a teacher, I would be... A business woman

The colours that makes me happy are... Yellow and green

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

Sweet or savoury... Savoury

The best day of the year is... International Donut Day

My hidden talent is... Baking

My dream holiday would be... Switzerland

I love the smell of... Movie popcorn

Being a teacher ... Is the funniest and most rewarding job

I love to... Travel

My favourite season is... Winter



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Kia Ora Parents and Whanau,

Autumn already! Our summer this year has certainly been a hot one and the children have loved engaging in lots of water play activities outside.

We have had a number of events and celebrations over the past month (as you will read about in the following pages) and I would like to thank all the families that took time out of their busy schedules to join us.

Our sense of community and celebrating cultural diversity is something we really value at Fantails. We really are like an extended family!

Upcoming events to note down on your calendar:

Monday 4th March—Children's Day. Everyone is invited to come along for a day of fun and celebrations wearing something bright and colourful!

Friday 5th March—St Patricks Day. Green dress up day!

Tuesday 26th March—Babies and Toddlers individual and group photos

Wednesday 27th March—Juniors and Preschool individual and group photos

Thursday 28th March—Juniors room trip to Kiwi Valley

Thursday 4th April—Preschool room trip to Kiwi Valley

Thursday 11th April—Toddlers room trip to Sheep World

Monday 15th April—Bike week!

Kind regards,

Nikki Summerville and the
Fantails team



In the Toddlers room...

Our current focus is transportation which has followed on from the end of last year. Many activities have been set up to extend on their interest such as making roads out of masking tape and tunnels out of cardboard tubes.



We love using natural and recycled resources to make exciting experiences for our children so if you have any of these items we would appreciate it if you could bring them in.



We had a visit from a fireman too which was very exciting. Our children asked him lots of important questions and he talked about keeping yourself safe if there is a fire. They got to try on his helmet and gloves as well.



The favourite dress-up clothes have definitely been the wonderful princess dresses, especially the pale blue "Frozen" dress. The children are still interested in babies and continue to role play utilising the kitchen, dress up and family area to extend their learning.

The new interest and topic is 'All About Me' we have been exploring our faces and how they are different to one another. Using blackboards and chalk and drawing self-portraits with mirrors we are learning about facial expressions and the parts of our face and body.



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IT'S CHILD'S PLAY.....



Getting your child involved in preparing their own lunch box will inspire excitement, confidence and commitment to eating it!

A healthy lunch box boosts children's energy, and helps them concentrate and learn throughout the day.

Here are some helpful hints....

- ♥ Create healthy discussions about food with your child
- ♥ Set a good example with your own healthy lunch box
- ♥ Keep offering healthy lunch box options in a variety of ways, as children learn to choose and eat what is familiar to them
- ♥ A bright and colourful lunchbox is fun and enticing to eat
- ♥ Timing is key. Encourage your child to prepare as much as possible the night before to avoid the crazy morning rush
- ♥ Using a lunch box with compartments teaches your child to consider the environment and avoid unnecessary wrapping
- ♥ Your child will be super proud of their accomplishments. Remember the praise!



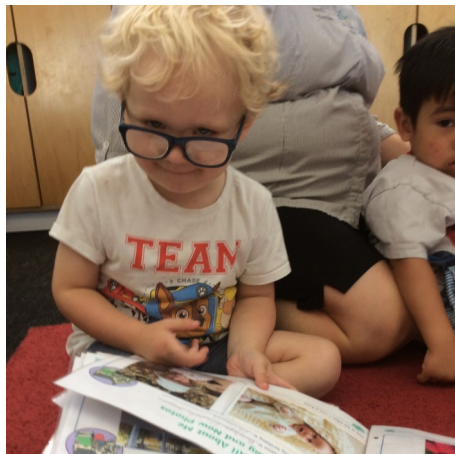
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In the Juniors Room...

We celebrated Chinese New Year (Year of the Pig) with our families and had different activities the children and their family could make together. We also sung 'Xin Nian Hao – Happy New Year' to everyone and shared afternoon tea, sampling traditional food and dumplings we had made at Fantails with some of our parents.

Our next event we had a Teddy Bears' picnic. This was really enjoyed by the children who proudly brought their bears along to Fantails. What fun those bears had! There were many games that the bears joined in with. All the bears played hide-and-seek, (with a teacher helping each bear to find a good hiding spot in the garden.) This was followed by the children rushing out to find their bear. What excitement! No bear was left behind!

The children have also showed a keen interest in books. They love reading the 'baby books' and 'Christmas holiday books' of themselves. The children continuously look at them and this sparks a conversation about holidays, babies and adventures the children have gone on.



It was toddlers turn to do the wall display in the foyer and it's all about Waitangi day. Please take a minute to view read and refresh yourself with this historic document. To honour this special day our toddlers made some beautiful Koru design art works and enjoyed the poi dancing.



Chinese New Year was another exciting event we celebrated this month with parents coming into the centre to share the yummy dumplings we made. Thanks to all our parents that come in especially to help make them on the Monday. We have had quite a few new children join our room and would like to welcome these children and their families to Fantails. Already our new children are settling in well and it is lovely to see some of our older children stepping up to make sure our new friends feel comfortable with our routines- Tuakana Teina.



Te Reo Word:

Ngahuru

Autumn

In the Babies Room...

Wow what a great summer we are having and our babies are enjoying the water play to cool off. Some days we put water in our shell and add the coloured balls and other days we would run under the sprinkler.



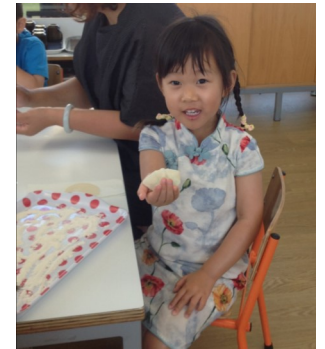
While outside in our garden we have been exploring the natural world around us and listening to and collecting cicada shells. We put the shells in the trough for the children to touch and feel. Some were a little cautious and some enjoyed the rough, crunchy texture. Other activities to extend on this interest that we will be implementing are plastic bugs in shaving foam.

We also celebrated Chinese New Year. So many of our parents come in and shared dumplings, fried rice and other yummy kai. Our children were busy making lanterns, fans, pig shapes and wearing traditional Chinese clothing. We would like to welcome Jordyn, Isha, Miller, Tommy and their whanua to the babies room.



In the Preschool Room...

We have had lots of fun learning about and celebrating Chinese New Year over the past few weeks. There has been a lot of wall display preparations and arts and crafts for the year of the pig. Together with several of our parents, we made delicious dumplings for our Chinese New Year celebration. The celebration with our families was a great success; with everybody enjoying the authentic Chinese food and taking part in the activities set out, singing a 'Happy New Year' song in both Chinese and English.



Waitangi day followed and we have been working on our room treaty and the children have been making up new treaty points for the room and signing the treaty book.

We have also been hunting for cicadas' and watched a short BBC documentary on the lifecycle of a cicada; as we are fascinated by these insects. We found lots of cicada shells, which we painted and made a collage of.

Our new focus is 'All About Me' and we began with children drawing a picture of their family and sketching a self-portrait. This is a great focus to begin the year with especially as we get to know and learn about the new (and old) friends in the Preschool room.

We also had a Teddy Bears picnic day with everybody bringing their favourite soft toy to Fantails. We took ours to Silverdale Primary School as part of our school walk and had lots of fun with them at the playground and reading them stories in the library.

