

Five Minutes With...

Amanda!



What room are you teaching in? Toddlers

I grew up in... China

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

Western/Korean/Chinese BBQ

My favourite place is... The beaches

In my car I listen to... The radio

Early bird or night owl... Early bird

My friends would describe me as... Kind and always has a smile on her face.

If I wasn't a teacher, I would be... A personal loan administrator.

The colours that makes me happy are... Purple and White

My favourite game as a child was... Bean bags

Sweet or savoury... Savoury

The best day of the year is... Spring festival

My hidden talent is... Creative hands

My dream holiday would be... Travel around the world

I love the smell of... My mum's cooking

Teaching is... Rewarding and it supports the families that need help.

I love to... Spend time with my children.

My favourite season is... Summer



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Kia Ora Parents and Whanau,

We have lots of upcoming events to mark down on your calendar and hope that you can join us!

Wednesday 9th May—6.30-8.30pm Parent evening. Guest speaker Joy Sluiters is returning from The Parenting Place to speak about 'Discipline without force or fluster'. Please RSVP on register next to the sign-in sheets. Free babysitting service available for children aged 2 onwards. We hope to see you there!

Thursday 10th May—3.00-4.30pm Mothers Day afternoon tea. All Mums, Grandmothers and Aunties are invited to come in and celebrate this day.

Friday 15th June—3.00-4.30 Matariki celebration. All parents and whanau are invited to come in and join in with our fun activities and shared Kai.

Friday 10th August—6.00-7.30pm Fantails Disco! Everyone is invited to come along for a shared dinner and dance!

Thursday 30th September—3.00-4.30pm Come and play for Fathers Day! All Dads, Grandfathers and Uncles are invited to join in with some fun activities and a sausage sizzle.

Friday 19th October—3.00-4.30pm Fantails 5th Birthday party! Join us for some cake and party games.

Wednesday 7th November—3.00-4.30pm Diwali celebration! Come along and join in with some colourful activities and afternoon tea.

Friday 14th December—5.30-8.00pm Fantails Christmas Party! Bring a picnic and enjoy the children's Christmas concert, bouncy castles, santa's grotto, face painting and much, much more!

Kind regards, Nikki Summerville, Group Manager

In the Babies Room...

Our focus on creative arts is well underway with many interesting activities such as clay moulding, collage and painting with a variety of different mediums. With their creative creations they are developing ways to be expressive through their art work alongside this they are extending their fine motor skills.



We are also developing our creative side through dance and music with our babies learning new songs such as the bean bag song. Through exploration with their body movement they are developing their gross motor skills along with building communication with their peers. Drums seem to be a favourite instrument at the moment as they express and create their own rhythm and rhyme.



Easter gave us the perfect opportunity to get creative through art by painting and colouring Easter eggs, sticking paper on Easter bunnies and baskets to put our eggs into.



Through this time a lot of different individual and team games were played outside such as hockey, tug o war, running races, sack races and boat races. This helps to continue developing our physical and social skills.



Just as the Commonwealth Games finished, Anzac Day came upon us, this continued our interest in the national anthem and we researched through our media resources what this day means and how we can remember those brave men and woman who fought for us to have what we have today. This research helps us to start to consolidate the idea of the past and how it can change the present.



Te Reo Phrase:

Pai tou ra!

Have a good day!

In the Preschool room...

The Silverdale primary school was closed this week so we decided to go for a walk to the local playground. To get there we went through a slight bush walk it was fun to look and listen for the birds and see the trees, we also had to navigate over a small creek this helped us to balance and time the jump right.



Our recent focus in the Preschool room has been the Commonwealth Games. We have discovered what sports they compete in and how many countries are involved, the different medals that are awarded to the athletes and what they mean. We had daily updates regarding New Zealand's performance and medal tally which was then put up on our display. Every day we sung the National anthem getting better and better at it, this shows our increasing awareness of specific events and gaining more understanding of different people, places and events.



In the Toddlers Room...

Through all the dramatic play our toddlers are engaging in at the moment, they are learning about many different feelings such as empathy and to be kind and caring towards their friends. We have noticed that many of our toddlers verbal skills are being extended through their dramatic play as they negotiate and communicate their instructions to each other. They are also using their prior knowledge to role play out various scenario's which extends their imagination.

Our Toddlers have been engaged in different sensory play activities this month including exploring the sensory wall, shaving foam, mixing sand and water and messy gloop. Science experiments seem to be of interest so we are providing experiences involving liquids. Blowing bubbles into the coloured mixture and creating artwork was just one of the amazing activities that the children enjoyed.



This month we celebrated Easter by making baskets and of course the best part was the Easter hunt for eggs. We have made some poppies to remember all our brave war heroes and those gave their lives to protect our country. Lest we forget.



In the Juniors Room...

This month in the Juniors room we have been interested in a lot of different things. Some of us have been skyping Talya(ex teacher) who has joined the circus. We have been following her as she travels around the bottom half of the North Island. Talya has sent us a letter which has peeked the curiosity of the children about the postal system. We also received a postcard from a child who now lives in Australia. This is developing the children's understanding about different places and people using different mediums to show this.



Role play is still an interest in the room with construction coming into this play. Children are learning to play with others in groups through block play this develops their social skills like turn taking, problem solving and negotiating. The children performed puppet shows with the sock puppets and puppet theatre they made.



For Easter we made bunny ears and decorated eggs using different craft materials. For Anzac Day we made Anzac biscuits, and they made poppies and medals for our wall display. The children are learning about the meaning behind Anzac Day and why we celebrate it, this learning helps develop an understanding of present, past and future also teaches us about the history of our country.



Meat & Cheese Cucumber Roll-Ups Bento Box Lunch



Ingredients

- 1 cucumber (8 inches)**
- 4 slices salami (1¼ ounces)**
- 2 slices low-sodium deli ham**
- 2 slices low-sodium Swiss cheese**
- ⅓ cup julienned carrots**
- 1 cup baby spinach**
- 1 kiwi, halved**
- Strawberries**
- 3 pitted black olives**
- 5 cherry tomatoes**
- 3 Colby-Jack cheese stars**

Preparation

Using a mandolin or sharp knife, cut four ¼-inch-thick slices lengthwise from the centre of the cucumber. Lay the slices side-by-side on a cutting board. Layer salami, ham, cheese, carrots and spinach on top of the cucumber slices. Cut the toppings between the cucumber slices so each cucumber slice has equal amounts of toppings. Roll each cucumber slice up around the filling and secure with 2 toothpicks. Cut each roll-up width wise between the 2 toothpicks. Repeat with remaining 3 cucumber rolls. Place in the largest portion of the bento box.

Fill the remaining bento box compartments with kiwi, olives, tomatoes and cheese stars.