

Five Minutes With...

Jessi!



What room are you in? Babies room

I grew up in... New Zealand

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

My favourite place is... Te Ari

In my car I listen to... The radio

Early bird or night owl... Early bird-(ish)

My friends would describe me as... Caring

If I wasn't a teacher, I would be... An Interior Designer

The colours that makes me happy are... Pink and Blue

My favourite game as a child was... Go home stay home

Sweet or savoury... Sweet

The best day of the year is... Christmas

My hidden talent is... Drawing/Art

My dream holiday would be... Greece

I love the smell of... Fresh Baking

Being a teacher ... There is no two day the same.

I love to... Exploring new places ie: camping

My favourite season is... Summer



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Kia Ora Parents and Whanau,

Well the past month has certainly been action packed with exciting Easter celebrations, the Preschool room trip to Kiwi Valley and bike week!

The month of May has lots of exciting events booked too. Be sure to note the following dates down on your calendar!

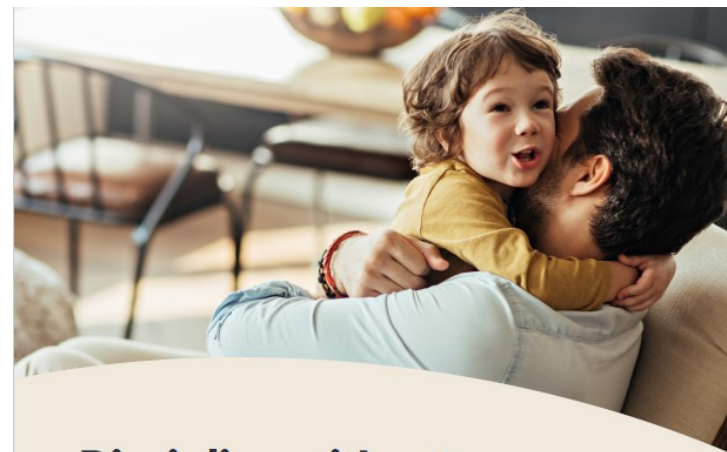
Wednesday 8th
May—Mothers
Day afternoon
tea 3.00-4.30pm

Thursday 16th
May—Toddlers
room trip to
Sheep World

Friday 17th May-
Pink shirt day

Wednesday 22nd
May—Parent
evening 6.30-
8.30pm

Wednesday 29th
May—Wacky
Wednesday dress
up day



Discipline without shouting, force or fluster

with Joy Sluiters

Learn to get cooperation from your kids – even the tricky, strong-willed ones! Alternative strategies for firm but fair discipline using effective, peaceful and relationship-enhancing techniques with less noise, anger and resentment that will help kids think, solve problems and make better decisions.

Wednesday, 22 May
Fantails Childcare – 98 Totara Views Drive, Silverdale
6.30pm – Doors open
7-8.30pm – Joy's presentation
Cost – Free

For further information and to RSVP to this event please contact Nikki Summerville at nikki@fantailschildcare.co.nz

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In the Toddlers room...

We have been interested in learning more about farm animals at our mat times through listening to books and magnetic stories. We have made this our new focus and have started to learn more about these animals through children's creative art.



This month we had bike day for all the rooms and the toddlers did very well at following the rules and riding around the marked out track. We are so lucky to be able to utilize our big carpark for these types of learning



opportunities for our children. This experience allows children to develop their gross motor skills while learning how to be safe on their bikes.

Easter was a great celebration. The children coloured in Easter egg templates and went on an exciting egg hunt, looking through our outdoor garden. Everyone was very happy when they found an egg! The children are learning about the wider world by celebrating this fun holiday.



Everyone got excited about Easter and Bike Day as we celebrated them on the same week. Bike Day was a huge success with everyone following the chalk road. There were all sorts of different coloured bikes and helmets and they all remembered the bike rules to keep safe. Easter was fantastic as we decorated bunnies and a big collage egg with an Easter chick popping out the top! The children made a lot of art work and of course the Easter egg hunt where the children got to search for chocolate Easter eggs to eat and take home was a highlight of the day!



In the Juniors Room...

Over the past month the Junior room went to 'Kiwi Valley ' farm where the children had horse rides and got to hold and gently pat some guinea pigs, rabbits and rats. After that we all hopped on the trailer which was being towed by Farmer Jo on the tractor. We had a ride around some of the farm and saw sheep, cows, turkeys and pigs. Then we got to go on a trail walk feeding the animals and to end it off we went through an animal maze. The children learnt about the environment around them and gained confidence around animals and how to pat and feed them safely.



Through role play the children have continued to explore our topic 'All About Me' pretending to be teachers, princesses, family members and super heroes. Driven by their own interest different areas of the curriculum have mixed together, extending on their social skills such as turn taking, negotiating and problem solving. Play and learning has been extended as they navigate and identify their place in the group. The 'Dress Up' day extended this interest and helped grow the children's confidence in front of a group as they all paraded their much loved costumes along the 'Juniors' catwalk. Another way we are extending on this topic is through our focus on 'Helping Hands', where the children are learning to help one another.

In the Babies room...

Easter activities has kept us all busy with a variety of art works using different resources but the most exciting part was when we went on an Easter hunt searching in the garden for coloured plastic eggs which the children placed into the Easter basket.



Bike day was so much fun and as much as our babies love riding the bikes many preferred to climb on the equipment in the big playground further extending their gross motor skills.

We would like to welcome a number of new babies starting in the babies room many of whom are siblings. We have been so fortunate to have many children start in the babies room and then see them and their siblings go off to school at the end of their learning journey here at Fantails.



In the Preschool Room...

On Development Day at Silverdale Primary School we spent time in the reception classroom exploring all the activities and resources, as well as making Chinese lanterns and origami rabbits. Mrs Bassett-Smith spent some time talking about different cultures and language, especially Chinese and Japanese. The Flyers listened intently and also contributed to the discussion. We also spent time at the playground and in the library as we usually do. This helps children to become familiar with the school environment and prepares them for their transition to school.



For Easter we were busy making rice crispy eggs to put into the Easter egg baskets we have made for the Flyers to each take home. We also decorated our room with Easter bunnies everywhere.

With bike day there is lots of discussion about the different kinds of bikes that our Flyers own and are capable of riding. The Flyers were also practicing their bike skills on the bike path outside during the run up to bike day. When Bike Day arrived everyone turned up with their bikes and helmets, we had such a great time riding our bikes around the tennis courts and having bike races.

A big part of our month was going for our trip to 'Kiwi Valley' farm. The children all had an awesome time getting there on the bus as we sang and played games. Once we got there we met some of the farm animals, along with rats, guinea pigs and rabbits. We also got to go for a ride on a trailer pulled by a tractor and had a horse ride. We all had lots of fun and got to explore a cave and a maze. A great day was had by all including all the parent helpers. Thank you for joining us!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Birthdays are a time to celebrate and to make each child feel special. They are also a chance to be consistent with the healthy eating messages we teach our tamariki.

Why not try some of these healthy celebration ideas:

- ♥ Cakes made entirely from fresh fruit and veges
- ♥ Fruit smoothies
- ♥ Fruit kebabs
- ♥ Fruit and vege platters
- ♥ Mini pizzas
- ♥ Cookie cutter sandwiches.



Or try some of these non-food ideas to make the child feel special:

- ♥ Use a special chair, cape or crown
- ♥ Have a special birthday lunch tray and tea cup
- ♥ Birthday child chooses their favourite song, book, dance or game
- ♥ Have a scavenger hunt or play musical games
- ♥ Make a playdough cake.



For more ideas, see [Healthy Celebrations](http://fuelled4life.org.nz/resources) at: fuelled4life.org.nz/resources