

Five Minutes With...

Kylie!



What room are you in? Juniors and Preschool room

I grew up in... UK

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

My favourite place is... South Island NZ

In my car I listen to... Easy listening music

Early bird or night owl... Night owl

My friends would describe me as... Bubbly, honest and loyal

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

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

My favourite game as a child was... Role play

Sweet or savoury... Sweet

The best day of the year is... Christmas day

My hidden talent is... I can play the recorder

My dream holiday would be... In a cabin in Canada's wintertime.

I love the smell of... Frangipani

Being a teacher is... A wonderful learning experience

I love to... Spend time with my friends and family

My favourite season is... Autumn



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Kia Ora Parents and Whanau,

What an exciting October we had! Our 5th birthday was celebrated with flare and it was wonderful to see all the children and teachers enjoy themselves so much. It has been a true pleasure being a part of so many children's learning journeys over the years and we are now welcoming 2nd and 3rd siblings from our families into our babies room now. Our Fantails whanau is growing!



Our teachers are a social bunch and we often do fun activities outside of working hours together. Recently we enjoyed high tea up the Sky Tower—a very high experience indeed!

This month we are celebrating Diwali on Wednesday 7th November. The children are invited to come dressed in bright clothing and enjoy a colourful day with us.

Kind regards, Nikki Summerville



In the Juniors room...

This month in the Juniors room the interest has steered towards babies and families. Through this focus we have been exploring how to look after babies from bathing, feeding and dressing through to the different roles each person plays in a baby's life. We have set up the role play corner with all the items needed to take care of babies. This area is growing each day as the children chose what needs to be there and what doesn't. The children are developing their social skills through these experiences and re-acting what they see and hear at home and in the community.



Fantails 5th birthday party celebrations – the children had fun watching the magician show, engaging in some fun activities like pin the feather on the Fantail, pass the parcel and chasing lots of bubbles. There was also cake and balloons, what a fantastic way to celebrate our 5th birthday!



We have also been getting physical outside doing lots of exercise and playing follow the leader games which include balance and coordination, this is great for our body and minds.



DIWALI

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year.

It celebrates the triumph of light over darkness and the renewal of life.

Here are some ideas to celebrate Diwali:

- ♥ Make candles out of bees or soy wax
- ♥ Learn about different vegetables and ask families to donate one each to make a vegetable curry
- ♥ Rangoli artwork, drawn on concrete with chalk or designed with fresh flowers
- ♥ Make paper-plate Rangoli
- ♥ Bollywood dancing
- ♥ Try making dried vegetables or fruit using a dehydrator
- ♥ Make [roasted chickpeas](#)
- ♥ Make paper Kolams and garlands
- ♥ Musical games, such as musical chairs



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In the Preschool Room...

We have still been exploring our current interest 'Creative Construction' over the last month with the children constructing a variety of things using different materials. Some have enjoyed building at the carpentry table while others have been busy creating out of recycled resources and paper, making telescopes, kites and fishing rods among other things. The level of building using the big wooden blocks and the construction set has increased dramatically with some amazing and complex creations being made.

Through these experiences the children are increasing their fine motors skills and developing their early mathematical science and literacy techniques to ready them for school.

We have said farewell to many of our Flyers who turned 5 in the last term and have welcomed several children from the Juniors room.

We celebrated Fantails 5th birthday and had great fun before the special day decorating our room and creating a wall displays incorporating photos of all our children who had also turned 5. On the day we had lots of fun as we came in our party costumes played party games, ate cake, had balloons and bubbles. We were lucky enough to have a magic show and a lot of the Flyers were the Magicians assistants. Performers in the making perhaps?



Our exercise programme every morning is a great hit with the children. They are getting to know the songs and actions, which helps them to be more confident as they negotiate their bodies and music to keep in time. This is increasing the development of their physical and cognitive skills through movement.



We have been exploring nature with our gardening activities; planting vegetables and herbs in our new glass house and then transferring them into our garden outside when the plants are big enough. Watering and caring for our plants daily. This shows us how to care for other living things and the importance of food along with developing skills such as turn taking and sequencing.



Te Reo Phrase:

Hari huritau ki a koe

Happy Birthday

In the Babies Room...

Our babies explore with all their senses so we are going to make some sensory boards. We believe it is important to give children the opportunity to explore natural resources and to learn respect for our environment. We would be grateful if parents could bring in any shells, driftwood or any natural resources so we can utilise these in their play.

Learning to care for and nurture the baby dolls is still ongoing. We have lots of new friends starting in the room so everyone has the opportunity to support and care for each other with their transition as well. Through these interaction children learn empathy and social skills.

What a fun day we had for Fantails fifth birthday, lots of bubbles, catching balloons and eating cake.

We would like to wish our lovely teacher Japneet the very best with arrival of her new baby daughter.



In the Toddlers Room...

Wow this year is going so fast and Christmas is just around the corner. Fantails has reached a very special milestone this month as we have been open for five years. We have had the pleasure of caring for and educating many children who have started their learning journey in the Toddlers room then transition through each room until we see them off to school. In true Fantails style we had a party with lots of fun activities such as pass the parcel, balloon games and bubbles along with lots of yummy cake. The highlight was the magician that preformed his amazing magic act that left our children spellbound. Our music focus is still ongoing with plenty of dancing at our mat times and soon we will be thinking about Christmas songs!

