

Five Minutes With...

Aachal!



What room are you in? Babies and Toddlers room

I grew up in... Fiji

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

My favourite place is... My home country

In my car I listen to... My child's music ha, ha!

Early bird or night owl... Early bird

My friends would describe me as... Kind, caring and friendly

If I wasn't a teacher, I would be... Bank teller

The colours that makes me happy are... Yellow

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

Sweet or savoury... Sweet

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

My hidden talent is... Cooking

My dream holiday would be... Hawaii

I love the smell of... Peppermint

Being a teacher ... Is a blessing

I love to... Spend time with my children

My favourite season is... Winter



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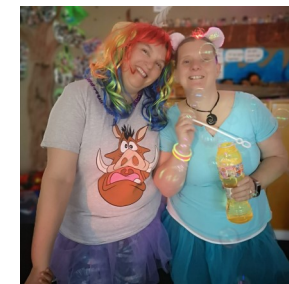


Fantails Childcare
SILVERDALE
Newsletter November 2019



Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

We recently celebrated Fantails Silverdale's 6th birthday in style with a fantastic disco! It has been a true privilege serving the families in our local community over the years and our teachers just love being a part of the children's learning journeys. Everyone enjoyed dressing up and dancing the day away!



Up-coming trips

We are excited to be visiting Motat this term. Kindly return your child's permission slip asap

Juniors room trip to Motat – Thursday 21st November 2019

Toddlers room trip to Motat – Thursday 28th November 2019

Preschool room trip to Motat – Thursday 5th December 2019

Christmas party

Friday 13th December is our Children's Christmas party! This is our biggest event of the year and we can't wait! 5.30– 7.30pm at Silverdale Primary School. Please note that **the centre will close early at 5.00pm on this day** to allow the teachers to set up. Kindly ensure arrangements are made to pick your child/ren up well in advance. Thank you.

Visit our 'Fantails Silverdale' Facebook page to see more photos of our exciting learning adventures



In the Babies room...

Our babies are really enjoying watching the older children practising their ball skills when Playball is on. They stand along the fence line and watch all the moves they do. This has encouraged our babies to extend their gross motor skills and we have decided to record and extend on our children's motor skills as many of our children are interested in climbing and risk taking as well. We set up the environment to encourage safe choices such as setting up the foam shapes in different ways to challenge them, building obstacle courses and plenty of dancing with set actions to develop coordination skills and balance.

Fantails 6th birthday celebrations was so much fun for our babies as they got to go down to the Juniors room where the Disco was set up and dance alongside they peers. This promotes their sense of belonging as they are cared for and learn from the older children. We would like to welcome our new teacher Elssya into the room. We are so glad to have her join our great baby team!



We are also celebrated Diwali with plenty of painting which is displayed in the foyer. Our curriculum builds on what children bring to it and makes links with everyday activities and special events of whānau, local communities and cultures.



We have also celebrated Fantails 6th birthday and Diwali this month. We all dressed up for the birthday and had a disco in the Juniors room. The children had so much fun dancing with their friends and playing with the balloons and bubbles.



Te reo word:

Whiringa-ā-rangi

November



In the Preschool Room...

Over the last month the children have worked to finish their undersea aquariums as part of our continuing 'Marine Life' focus. They are on display in the Preschool room and they all look amazing! The children are extending their social skills and engaging in co-operative learning, although they worked independently on their own sea creature they worked together in a group to produce the aquarium. The children learnt a lot of facts about the marine animals we were making as they went along.

Throughout the month the children have been working together to collaborate and co-operate as they construct, invent and create in their play. This extends their social development and continues to prepare them for school.



In the Toddlers room...

It seems that the weather is playing games -one minute it's sunny and next it's freezing so please pack plenty of clothing in your child's bag and as our children are constantly changing them to suit the weather all clothing needs to be named to minimise confusion and loss of items. We celebrated Fantails 6th birthday with a disco and this was a huge success with everyone dancing the day away to the disco sounds. Children from all the rooms could come and go throughout the day with their teachers, to be involved in the celebrations.

We also celebrated Diwali by completing a variety of art and craft activities such as painting with fresh flowers to emulate fireworks. We made origami lanterns with the teachers and then painted them. These activities support the communication of stories and symbols of their own and other cultures while developing different ways to be creative and expressive.

Rachel has made sensory bottles for the children to extend on their sense of exploration and develop their communication skills as they discuss what is floating around in the different coloured water. We would love more natural resources to utilise with the children, so if you are out and about in nature please feel free to bring it in for us!



In the Juniors room...

This month the children are still interested in dressing up, dramatic play and make believe. This focus involves real life play right through to their amazing imaginations, which create scenarios involving group play which in turn creates opportunities to develop and extend social relationships. The children are learning to communicate, understand new experiences, express their feelings and gain confidence. Filling our children's 'emotional meter' has been a big goal of ours and we noticed the children also contributing to their friends. They are more nurturing and more friendships/bonds are being made.

Mat time activities we love are the pirate ship game and 'Fingers Under the Lycra song'. The children are engaging in structured group activities, great listening and extending their social interaction.

Fantails 6th birthday – The children had great fun dancing the day away to celebrate Fantails 6th birthday. There was a real sense of belonging for our tamariki (children).

The children also enjoyed celebrating Diwali, while being creative by making candles and dancing to traditional cultural music.



Puzzles have been popular too. The children have tackled a range of them which has involved the children to problem solve. Sometimes the puzzles were completed by one child, and other times completed by more, with great communication and turn taking. Reading books together this month has increased, where the children are learning new words and meanings.



HOW TO HAVE TAKEAWAYS AND SAVE MONEY

Takeaways for a family of 4 (2 adults and 2 teenagers).

Fried chicken takeaway meal

10 pieces of chicken with 2 large chips and 1 large coleslaw = **total cost \$30.99**



Switch to →

Buying from the supermarket

1kg (20 pieces) frozen chicken tenders, 1kg frozen fries and a bag of coleslaw = **total cost \$14.09**



(Just pop both in the oven to cook)

Save \$16.90 – with plenty of leftovers and a lot less fat!

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