

## Five Minutes With...

# Alina!



**What room are you in?** Toddlers room

**I grew up in...** Romania

**If you came to my house for dinner you would have...** Traditional Romanian food

**My favourite place is...** The beach, forests and the mountains



**In my car I listen to...** Christian music

**Early bird or night owl...** Early bird

**My friends would describe me as...** Bubbly, fun and out going

**If I wasn't a teacher, I would be...** A YouTuber

**The colours that makes me happy are...** Red

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



**Sweet or savoury...** Sweet

**The best day of the year is...** My birthday

**My hidden talent is...** Art

**My dream holiday would be...** Bali

**I love the smell of...** Flowers

**Being a teacher is...** A passion

**I love to...** Spend time with my friends

**My favourite season is...** Summer



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## Kia Ora Parents and Whanau,

Well Spring is in full swing and we are enjoying day light saving hours and warmer weather. Our Sun Safety Policy is now in action, so please remember to bring along a NAMED hat each day.

Our lovely new vinyl flooring has been installed and has given the rooms a fresh new look. We are looking forward to our new colourful mats arriving soon.

On Friday 19th October we will be celebrating Fantail Silverdale's 5th birthday! The children are invited to come along dressed up and will be treated to a day of party games and activities. We cant wait!

The countdown is beginning for the most anticipated event of the year..... our Christmas party! Be sure to book in Friday 14th December 5.30-8.00pm on your calendar.

We have new transition packs that parents will be given when their child moves across into the next room. Along with the information pack, parents are invited to an induction meeting with their child's new buddy teacher. We trust this new procedure assists with a smooth transition for the children and families, and we welcome any feedback you may have.

Kind regards,

Nikki Summerville



## In the Juniors room...

This month there has been a lot of 'doctors' and 'patients' in the Juniors room as we continued our role play interest in the medical area. Through this play the children are learning to take turns, have patience and experiencing what it is like to take care of someone and starting to develop empathy for others.

Through the arts we have made casts out of paper maché and continue to provide support for the doctors 'fixing' their patients.

As part of our Healthy Heart program we have now implemented an exercise session which runs every morning mat time. We believe in promoting healthy body & healthy mind. This helps with concentration and co-ordination for teachers and

children. Towards the end of the month the children's interest has moved towards hair dressing; with a lot of the children setting up impromptu salons. We have supported this interest by setting up with the children a salon with hair accessories. We now have the foundations for a fantastic Hair Salon as we watch it take shape. Combining this with activities extending this interest the children are developing their fine motor skills which strengthens their pre writing muscles. They are also learning about the wider world and places that may be familiar to them.



We also went to Silverdale Primary school for a Development Day, and were privileged to visit the brand New Entrance rooms. They were quite impressive, especially the 'Atelier' – Art room. The children loved exploring the rooms and it was a very enjoyable and informative school visit.



We are learning all about jealousy and loneliness for our social competency topic this month. Jealousy is quite a difficult concept, but it has led to some very interesting discussions. The children are also still often referring to last month's feelings of being happy or sad – becoming very competent in expressing their emotions.



## HEALTHY NACHOS



### 1. The base.

- Instead of corn chips try:
- ♥ Wholemeal pita bread or wraps, cut into pieces and grill until crisp\*.
  - ♥ Thinly sliced potato or kumara rounds or wedges, bake until golden\*.
  - ♥ Whole grains like brown rice or quinoa.

### 2. The sauce.

- ♥ Choose lean meat or drain the fat when cooking.
- ♥ Add vegetables (like grated carrot, courgette or corn) and legumes (like kidney beans, black beans or chickpeas) to canned tomatoes or nacho sauce\*.

### 3. The toppings.

- ♥ Capsicum, tomato or homemade salsa\*
- ♥ Herbs, lemon / lime wedges.
- ♥ Reduced-fat cheese (e.g. Edam or Noble).
- ♥ Natural yoghurt or guacamole\*.

\* visit [fuelled4life.org.nz](http://fuelled4life.org.nz) for recipes.



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## In the Preschool Room...

We started September with a 'Father's Day Come and Play' event which involved the teachers, children and their fathers, Uncles, Grandads and Mums. We had a lot of different activities set up including the very popular carpentry table, where the children showed their Dad's what great builders they were. There was also a special mat time where the children stood up and read their card to their Dad telling them why they loved them. To top the event off we also had a sausage sizzle which was enjoyed by all.

There has been a lot of building and constructing in the Preschool room this month as we get into the full swing of our new topic 'Creative Construction'.

Through this inquiry we have been exploring different ways to create. Some of the children have followed 'paper maché' others have been more involved with 'clay' and what we can sculpt out of these materials.

This month we also celebrated Maori language week during which we learnt more about the Maori culture, new words, phrases and waiata. Through support and encouragement from each other, the teachers are continuing their learning and extending their knowledge about Te reo Maori and tikanga, building confidence through the process and acknowledging the importance of our heritage to pass down to our children.



We all took on the challenge of speaking more Te reo Maori as it has been highlighted during Maori language week. Through support from one another the teachers are increasing their knowledge and confidence in Te reo Maori and will continue to seek more information and speak more Maori in their daily practice; as we grow more and more confident in the knowledge of the Maori language and the heritage of Aotearoa.



Father's Day 'Come and Play' at Fantails this year was a raging success with Dad's, Grandad's, and Uncle's all coming to our event. Where we had a special mat time, and the children sung a song about how much they loved their Dad's. There were activities the children could do with their Dad's and also a yummy sausage sizzle. Lots of fun was had by all.



Our social development module continues this month as we look at 'Kindness' and 'Sadness'.

### Te Reo Phrase:

He aha tēnei?

What is this?

## In the Babies Room...

This month we have noticed a new interest arise within our room "Babies". It is amazing to see how young children learn to be empathetic so early on in their social development. Through the loving relationships and interactions that surround them both at home and in their centre environment, our babies imitate this through their play as they care for and nurture the baby dolls we have in the room. We have planned activities such as baby doll bathing opportunities, pretend bed time for babies and used our gentle hands to soothe our upset babies and sing quietly to put them to sleep. These role playing activities reinforce positive behaviours and kindness supporting their social development.



## In the Toddlers Room...

Here at Fantails we take every opportunity to celebrate special events and our 'Fathers Day Come And Play' was another successful afternoon spent forming those important relationships with our whanua. Thanks to all our Dads, Uncles and Grandfathers who come along and shared our BBQ and participated in the activities with their children.

What a great afternoon it was.

We have also celebrated Maori language week by reading and singing lots of Te Reo. To honour our commitment to bi-culturalism our toddlers are working on a special Korowai (cloak) decorating their own leaf as their contribution; giving them a sense of belonging and pride in New Zealand heritage.

The excitement of Spring and warmer weather is finally upon us and more fun filled activities planned for the outdoors. We have been going on nature walks around the playground and collecting natural resources to go on our Korowai.

Our current interest is 'Music and Movement' and our children have been listening and to a variety of different genres. Children are also exploring different musical instruments and some even made their own Chinese shakers, giving them the opportunity to experience and learn about other cultures.

