

Five Minutes With...

Darlene!



What room are you in? Front desk (Office Manager)

I grew up in... Whangaparaoa, New Zealand

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

Homemade wood fired pizza

My favourite place is... The beach

In my car I listen to... 80s to mid 90s music

Early bird or night owl... Haha neither

My friends would describe me as... Happy and kind

If I wasn't an admin, I would be... An accountant or a helicopter pilot

The colours that makes me happy are... Fuchsia and Green

My favourite game as a child was... Connect four

Sweet or savoury... Sweet

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

My hidden talent is... Sketching

My dream holiday would be... Santorini, Canada and Sydney

I love the smell of... Roses

Being a admin... Is nice because I get to meet lovely families :-)

I love to... Be creative and go for coastal walks.

My favourite season is... Summer



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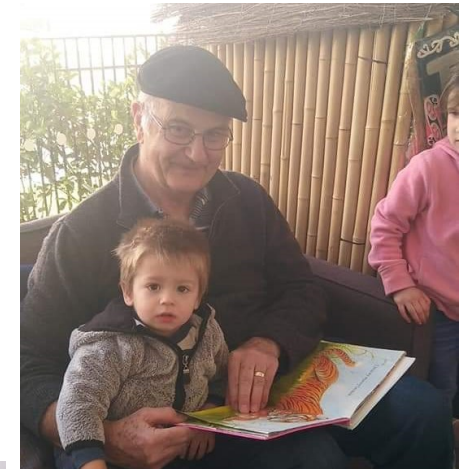
SILVERDALE

Newsletter September 2019



Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

Thank you to all the Fathers, *uncles and grandfathers* that joined us for our Fathers Day Come and Play. We hope you all enjoyed the BBQ and fun activities. It was great to see another great turn out.



Don't forget to visit our 'Fantails Silverdale' Facebook page to see more photos!

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In the Babies room...

This month we have enjoyed pyjama day, our children all came dressed in their cosy warm PJS. We celebrated this by reading lots of stories, new and old favourites and cosying up on Pam's big mattress with our friends and our teddies.



We spent a lot of the month preparing for our wonderful father's day come and play, it was so lovely to have our whānau join us to celebrate our fantastic fathers and to share kai and have fun showing our dads and granddads what we get up to here at fantails.

Again we have had a number of big two year olds head next door to the toddlers, we of course celebrated their birthdays and sang farewell. It is wonderful to see our babies taking on this next stage of their learning journey with such ease and confidence. As we say farewell we also say welcome to some new babies joining us and we are so excited for you and your whanau to be a part of our fantails family.

Our tamariki are really enjoying music and movement at the moment, particularly the chicken dance, we listen to it every day along with old, much loved, favourites, 'Baby Shark' and 'Sleeping Bunnies'. Our babies are getting very good at the actions that go along with the songs. If you have any songs that your child likes let us know and we could play it here at fantails for them.

Our babies have been really enjoying testing their gross motor skills and climbing. We encourage our children to climb on boxes that we made and set them up like an obstacle course and put pillows and mats on both sides for a safe landing.

Literacy is in the fore front of our planning and we continue to explore different ways of learning. The Flyers practice 'Jolly Phonics' daily and love singing the songs throughout the day. Through play the Flyers are learning important skills to guide them as together we explore and extend their interests.



Father's Day was a blast we sang our special song in front of our dads, granddad and uncles. The children had been practicing this song for a couple of weeks and they didn't need a lot of assistance from the teachers. It was great to spend time with our dads and show them how much we love and appreciate them. The children are learning to widen their social interactions and development of a sense of others. Through this experience the Flyers are expanding their understanding of celebrations and cementing their awareness of what's important to them.



Te reo word:

Mahuru

September



In the Preschool Room...

What a month, we have been so busy. The children are showing an increasing interest in sea creatures. This is partially due to our trip to Kelly Tarltons, as well as a number of Flyers who have an ongoing interest in this topic. As a result we are changing our learning focus to Marine Life.



At Kelly Tarltons and saw the penguins, sharks, stingray and so many different creatures of the sea. Through this experience the children are widening their knowledge and understanding of the natural world. They are also experiencing natural science first hand; this sparks their curiosity and extends their exploration.



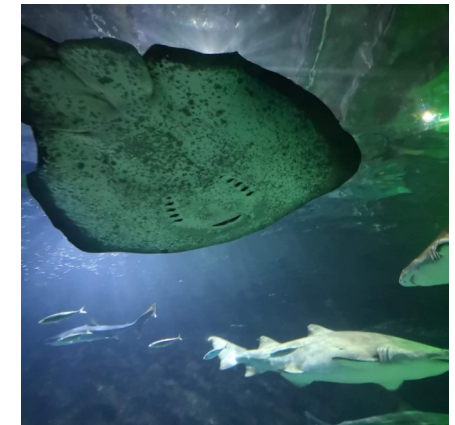
The Development Day with Silverdale School was so much fun the children went into the classroom with the Silverdale pupils and played along each other. This is valuable to the Flyers as they are learning and experiencing what school life looks like. This helps with transition as it reassures and takes the unknown out of the process.

The Flyers are continuing to master their independent self-help skills, by practicing putting on their clothing and shoes. This not only encourages independence, it also empowers them and gives them a sense of achievement.

In the Toddlers room...

Our current focus is about our feelings as our toddlers are becoming more independent and asserting their autonomy they can struggle with expressing themselves verbally and how experiences make them feel. Our teachers have been discussing these feelings at mat times and in spontaneous moments throughout the day. We encourage parents to also have these discussions about feelings at home to support these connections for their children and that it is normal to express themselves.

We had a fun pyjama dress up day with everyone wearing their favourite warm and cosy pjs. Next on the agenda this month was our exciting trip to Kelly Tarltons what a wonderful experience for our toddler to go out into the community for more educational learning. Thanks to all the parents that came along to support us.



This month's big celebration was Father's day so children made presents and cards for their beloved dads, grandads and uncles. What better way to celebrate dads than with a sausage sizzle, playdough fun and planting pot plants.

In the Juniors room...

Our two new additions to the room (fish) now have a name 'Nemo' and 'Dory'. This was decided by all the children in the room, first asking ideas for names and then voting on the choices, both these names were clear favourites.

The interest in 'Fairy tales is still strong so we are continuing to extend this by making props for our plays and setting up different art activities to enhance the stories we are learning. Through this experience the children are learning early literacy skills and developing their imaginations and extending their social skills.

We have started with 'The Three Little Pigs' and the children have enjoyed acting out the story and making straw and stick houses. It is great to see the children's enthusiasm around these stories. Next is the 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Goldilocks And The Three Bears', we are looking forward to exploring different ways to communicate and extending learning through this area of the curriculum.

We all had great fun on Pyjama Day, all the Teachers in the room dressed as 'My Little Ponies' and looked very colourful in pink onesies.



This month our big highlight was our trip to Kelly Tarltons, we all had so much fun, first on the bus ride where we sang songs and identified building or objects that we know – especially the Sky Tower. When we got there we went straight to the penguins and watched them swimming in the water and standing on the cold ice. There were penguins that were fluffy we found out they were babies – they were as big as the parents! Some of the other highlights were colouring in our own fish then scanning it up to the big screen and watch it come to life, also the tunnel where we saw the sharks and stingray. It was great to have so much parent help, which helped make this a fantastic trip. Through this experience the children are learning more about the natural world and increases their social competence.





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= \$312		Fruit Drink 125ml \$0.65	Diced fruit salad in juice 113g \$1.25	Chips 18g snack pack \$0.30 each	Tiny Teddy biscuit 25g snack pack \$0.40 each

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Skip the chips for rice crackers and slice your own block of cheese
\$0.25



Buy tinned fruit salad in bulk and serve small portion (113g)
\$0.35



Swap the biscuits for 2 x juicy mandarins
\$0.30



Swap the fruit drink for tap water
\$0.00



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