



Fantails Childcare

SILVERDALE

Newsletter September 2020



Kia ora parents and whānau,

It's SPRING!

How FABULOUS to feel the warm sunshine and enjoy these beautiful days. We've been back at Level 2.5 for one week now and it's SUCH a privilege to have almost all our children back



at Fantails. There's been a lot of action and excitement this week with the children catching up with their friends and teachers. We value you and appreciate your input and support, and want to commend you on the amazing children you are raising - each one is SO SPECIAL! We feel blessed having this opportunity to play a role in your child's learning journey.

With only a limited number of children attending Fantails during the lockdown period, all our rooms continued encouraging learning online, through Educa, posting stories and activities. Thank you so much for assisting your child to view these posts and for sending in comments and sharing photos of your child. Educa is a great tool that enables us to stay in contact with each other.

During the past month we've also been able to do quite a bit of maintenance at our Centre. You may have noticed that the walls have been painted and that there is a new light brightness about the place. This is because we have had all the lighting in the building replaced and upgraded 😊

In closing, Happy Fathers' Day to all our Dads on Sunday! Know that you are much loved by your children and that you have a special role to play in their lives. However you celebrate the day - ENJOY it.

Kind regards.

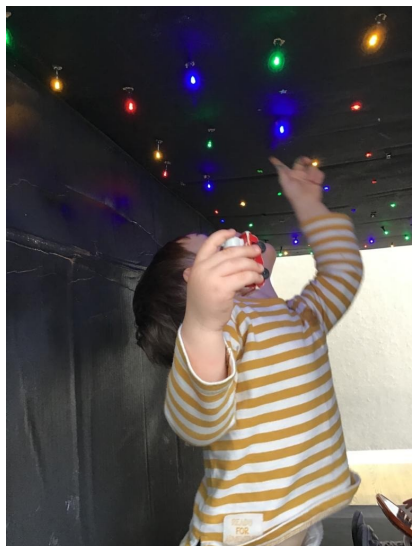
Gladys and the Fantails Team

**"Every child
IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF FLOWER,
AND ALTOGETHER MAKE THIS WORLD
a beautiful garden."**
— ANONYMOUS —

In the Babies room...

As always, the Babies room is a hive of activity and we are so glad to have everyone back! During the lockdown period we used the Babies Room for our children attending Fantails during level 3. Because of this mixed age group it has widened the development of social interactions, expanding experiences and understanding through Tuakana-teina relationships. The couple of babies we had, as well as the other children, just loved the space and especially the large windows with uninterrupted views of the building site and machinery across the road, the cars and different vehicles driving past, and being able to see a whole rainbow from end to end! There was always huge excitement when children spotted their parent driving into the car park to pick them up.

We're looking forward to spending more time outside this month to enjoy the Spring air and sunshine.



Five Minutes With...

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What position are you in? Toddler room teacher

I grew up in... Istanbul, Turkey

If you came to my house for dinner you would have... Soup, salad and a vegetarian dish

My favourite place is... Istanbul

In my car I listen to... Soft country music

Early bird or night owl... Night Owl

My friends would describe me as... Responsible

If I wasn't a teacher, I would be an... Event Organizer

The colours that make me happy are... All Colours

My favourite game as a child was... Playing with dolls

Sweet or savoury... Sweet

The best day of the year is... Everyday

My hidden talent is... Radio and TV narrator

My dream holiday would be... Venice

I love the smell of... Coffee

Being a teacher ... is a feeling of Satisfaction, achievement and having fun

I love to... care for the toddlers and seeing them feel like they belong to the Fantails family.

My favourite season is... Summer

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SWIMMING Lessons on Fridays and **Play-ball** on Wednesdays!!

If you still want to enrol your child, please see Elzanne at Reception

We still have a couple of spaces available



I love lentils!



- ♥ Lentils are the seeds of the lentil plant, commonly described as belonging to the group 'legumes and pulses'.
- ♥ Lentils are cheap, versatile and tasty.
- ♥ Varieties of lentils include: brown, green, red, yellow, black and puy.
- ♥ Both dried and canned lentils have a long shelf-life so are a pantry staple.
- ♥ Dried lentils cook fast and canned lentils can be added straight into any dish.
- ♥ Lentils are a good source of fibre, protein and minerals like iron and zinc. They will keep you full for longer.
- ♥ Add lentils to meat dishes to make meals go further or add to vegetarian dishes.
- ♥ Try them in soups, stews, curries, cottage pie, burger patties or Bolognese.




For more information, check out our **Full o' Beans** cookbook

In the Toddlers room...

We have noticed that the children are showing a big interest in dramatic play and animals. Through intentional teaching the teachers have been setting up a variety of activities to support and extend learning through this interest.

As children play and engage with the various resources and activities they have the opportunity to extend their imagination through role-playing real life experiences. Exposing children to real life scenarios helps them develop their social and emotional skills as they interact with other children. During the past lockdown period our Toddler teachers have been staying in touch with the toddlers and their whānau through daily posts on Educa. As we can't all be together at this time, Educa has been a great way to connect and support children's learning and development.



In the Juniors room...

Before going into lockdown the children started showing an interest in imaginative play. They enjoyed dressing up as firefighters, paramedics and doctor's. The doctors kit was being used and the children were bandaging teachers legs and checking their temperatures. At mat time we listened to fairy tale stories such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. Outside the children were hiding in the house pretending to be the 'little pigs' while the teacher was the 'big bad wolf' trying to blow the house down.

When engaging in imaginative play children are learning to negotiate, take turns, work in groups, listen, persevere and solve problems. Their communication and social skills also get a boost as they interact while playing.



In the Preschool room...

We continued with our 'Letter of the Week' during the past month. We learned the alphabetical name and phonetic sound of the letters, Oo, Uu and Ll. The literacy learning is great practice for our Flyers getting ready for school. Meanwhile, our 'Letter of the Week' activities, such as making crafts, reading stories and doing art works extended our learning experiences.

In August we were able to do two school walks to Silverdale Primary School before going into Alert Level 3. The Flyers were so excited to be back on the school playground and have the opportunity to foster their reading habits in the school library.

During the Level 3 lockdown period we continued our online teaching through Educa. We not only continued with our 'Letter of the Week' activities, but also provided various ideas to encourage our Flyers to do creative activities at home.

