

## Spring/Summer in Upper Hutt



## Management & Administration

**FAREWELL** and best wishes to the children who have left for school or are leaving in the coming month.

Marly Karaha, Damien Lee, Cassidy Papier, Joseph Perez, Harry Polglase, Rylan Valentine, Fern Waldrom, Micah Dover, Myles Bare and Tarnick Asovale all the best for the future.

### **WELCOME**

We would like to welcome the following children and their families to our centre.

Wiremu Kale-Puru, Saphira Symon, Marley Tua-Taylor, Riley Snowden, Lawrence Seufatu, Heyden Godfrey, Thomas Millar, Sienna LeToa-Tuala, Cailee and Emmett Lewis, Holly and Morgan Pereira, Lachlan Wilmshurst, Matthew Sami, Ngali-Senila Loaitasi, Bella Soli, Aaron Keatch.

### For your Diary:

#### • **Christmas Leave**

Please ensure that you hand back your Christmas form to indicate your intention to attend or not attend Happy Days Childcare over the Xmas and New Year Period this is due back NOW. *Happy Days Childcare does not close down we are here all year around except the Statutory Holidays. We have two short days, Xmas Eve and New Years Eve we close at 12.00pm no lunch will be provided on these days. All other days are 7.30am—5.30pm.*

- Our Christmas party for the children will be held on the **18th December 2013**. Please would you provide a present for your child to the value of no more than \$10.00. This includes original sale priced items.
- New Charges—there will be a small increase in fees across the board effective as of 1 December 2013.
- Under 3's Full time \$230—Daily Charge \$65.00
- Over 3's 40 hrs and Over \$7.50 per hr  
Less than 40 hrs \$8.50  
Hourly rate: \$9
- A big thank you to all you parents for supporting our Disco it was a great success and we hope to do more in 2014.

# Toddlers

The toddlers have all been enjoying the new extra space due to the move back to the infants side. It has enabled them to enjoy lots of activities that are strategically placed out in different areas of the room for choice and elbow room. The children have been enjoying lots of gluing, cutting, and painting and are learning about turn taking and sharing.



With the weather becoming warmer with even the odd hot day we have started having water play activities. So please remember pack lots of spare clothes as getting wet and splashing is all part of the fun. We have even enjoyed a nice picnic afternoon tea outside and the sandpit is never short of interest.



We will have a new programme placed on the board for November and December so please have a look and feel free to ask Cath or Muni if you have any questions.

**Ian Tilly has currently left photos of your children at reception, these are group pictures he will be bring the individual ones along soon. Please don't hesitate to have a look they are great!**

With the cool spring days, **please** ensure your child has extra warm clothes, hat, jackets, sunhats and changes of clothes. **Please** ensure these are named clearly so we can return any lost clothing.

**PLEASE ENSURE**  
you sign in and sign out daily. This is a ministry requirement—you may incur unnecessary charges as your child will be signed out when the centre closes.



## Under 2's

### Programme Update

For the months of August and September, our focus was on providing the Under Twos with an environment that encourages them to explore Learning Dispositions like Courage and Curiosity whereby the children are able to find something of interest within the centre. The children have really enjoyed listening to CD books, dancing with props like ribbons, exploring different musical instruments and participating in messy play like gloop. With greater opportunities to interact with the bigger children in the Toddler group, we have noticed the children becoming more confident in initiating friendship and playing alongside them.

**Nail trimming** – to minimise children being injured, please ensure their nails are cut short and rounded.

We welcome discussions with parents and whanāu about your child's journey and value any suggestions or information that can support your child's development.



### Please help us with our fundraising

<http://happydayschildcare.thecustomeradvantage.com>

Please log on to the above link and join our fundraising project. This opportunity is 100% free to join and carries no risk with it... Just heaps of savings for you if you ever want to buy any of the deals if you need any help please ask Mary.

**Happy days is not permitted to administer Panadol/pamol or any other pain or temperature relief medication—see Administration of Medication Policy (for children) at reception.**

Please see Daisy if you would like to arrange any type of celebration for your child. Please note that not everybody chooses to celebrate birthdays and this is totally acceptable.

### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

We run a before and afterschool care service and also Holiday Programmes between school terms. Please call (04) 5284455 or email [happydaysaccounts@xtra.co.nz](mailto:happydaysaccounts@xtra.co.nz) for details or enquire within. Ask for Philippe Daumec or Elaine Pram.

# Over 2's Programme Planning

When new children start with us (as has happened in the last few months) we support them and their families during the transition period. Each child has a teacher and becomes part of the teacher's whanāu group. That teacher develops a close relationship with the family to best serve their child.

Our daily programme allows new children and their families to familiarise themselves with our Centre, staff and daily routines.

Some of you have noticed that our vegetable and flower garden looks very good, it has survived the cold winter season. Our broad beans are getting bigger and are ready to be picked. Butterflies have also shown interest in our Swan Plants. So we might have some caterpillars soon.

Most of our children are into cooking and celebrating their birthdays. Do not be surprised if your child tells you they had a 2nd or 3rd birthday celebration in one week.

A lot of our boys are into cars and vehicles and we do have some cars available for them to play with. Please do not let them bring their own from home as this can cause problems amongst the boys.

We have a few children starting school at end of the year and we are working with them to make sure they enjoy the last few days with us and make sure they have fun during their transition to school.

## Educa

Have you been invited to look at your child's profiles on-line?

Welcome to Educa. Educa is an interactive online application designed specifically for Early Childhood Education centres this is a safe medium with only access between teachers and your family members you can include members overseas to keep them connected with your family. Feedback from parents so far has been wonderful, they love it.

Teachers can use Educa to capture and organise children's learning. Share children's learning stories, growth and other information (such as photos) with parents with minimum efforts.

Parents can use Educa to obtain their children's latest learning update and provide instantaneous feedback to teachers. Your feedback is important to us, keep it coming.

