

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

BLUE GROUP

As they have been settling in our tamariki/children have been learning to take turns, using our words, using gentle hands, caring for Myrtle, trying new things out, and gaining success in some of the things that they do. And we have been learning about summer and sea things.

GREEN GROUP

As well as similar things to the Blue Group, they have also been learning more about turtles. The kaiako/teachers have been teaching about summer, the sea, and the difference between aquatic/sea turtles and pond turtles. Maybe you could ask your tamaiti/child if they can remember the differences.

YELLOW GROUP

While we have been looking at summer and learning about various information to do with the sea, the tamariki/children have been learning about sharks, turtles, dolphins and turtles. Ask your tamaiti/child, if they can remember how they know if they are looking at a shark or a dolphin in the sea.

We look forward to learning lots more as we continue through the term.



Shalom Kindergarten Newsletter

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Dear Parents/whānau/caregivers,

Term one is well underway, with lots of sunshine and rain! We are in the sunny Bay of Plenty, so we should expect plenty of both - so that the area can remain true to what it is called.

We are pleased to welcome a number of new tamariki/children and their whnau/families to Shalom, and pray that you will enjoy the time that you have with us, and get to meet and know new friends.

"We have three types of friends in life:

Friends for a reason; friends for a season; and friends for a lifetime."

REMINDERS:

Now that it is getting warmer, please remember to send your tamaiti/child with their:

Sunhats

Shoes - as the matting gets very hot from the heat of the sun

Sunblock - please put this on your tamaiti/child before arriving at Shalom

Drink bottle

All belongings - please ensure these are all named

A NOTE FROM SHARON:

Thanks for your patience with our car park at Shalom. It will be wonderful when it is finished. After the car park is finished City Church is being refurbished so there will be lots to see in the next 6 months!! Any questions? You are welcome to pop into the office for a chat.



Blessings from the Shalom team: Sharon V, Sharon H, Loretta, Vanessa, Sheryl, Jann, Jess, Kristy, and Raewyn.

At Shalom we have approximately 70 tamariki/children that we are caring for, so your assistance with all of these is very helpful for the kaiako/teachers



HOW TO HAVE A BEACH BODY:

1. HAVE A BODY
2. GO TO THE BEACH

Term Dates:

Term 1:

23rd January - 13th April

Term 2:

24th April - 7th July

Term 3:

24th July - 29th September

Term 4:

9th October - 22 December



FATHERS NIGHT FEBRUARY 2017

Monday 27th February

We have an additional surprise for you on this night, as one of our kaiako/teachers have organised for us to have the **"Human Blender"**.

If you want to know more about this, you will have to come and see what it involves.

Aside from that it is a relaxed evening and an opportunity for your kindy tamaiti/child and their, or special man in their life, to explore and have fun at Shalom together.



SHALOM FAMILY PICNIC MARCH 2017

Friday 17th March

We would love to see as many whanau/families as we can at the park. It is a casual evening, with the opportunity to mix and mingle with the other whanau/families that are there.



PARENT EDUCATION EVENINGS

As we are preparing for our year ahead, and considering what might be relevant and informative, (or even fun), evenings for you the parents/whanau/caregivers - we would like to hear your ideas of what might be useful.

So if you have any ideas for an please let the teacher on reception know.

You may even have a skill or talent that you would like to share with others, and create be able to create an opportunity for them to learn something new.

We look forward to hearing all your ideas?



Thanks for arriving on time to pick up your tamaiti/child.

As many of you know we legally can only have twenty tamariki/children over the lunch period. This is also the time that the kaiako/teachers get their half hour lunch break, and if we have too many tamariki/children this impacts on the teachers lunch break.

Please be mindful of this and aim to pick up your tamaiti/child on time at the end of the morning session. We want to look after our kaiako/teachers and ensure that they have their break and are then prepared for the afternoon session.

THANK YOU

CITY CHURCH CARPARK

As you already know the carpark is currently being extended and upgraded. This will be occurring for a few weeks, and we ask for your patience and thoughtfulness during this time.

We will let you know what we can as we hear what is happening, as at the moment the front area is being made into car parking, but the rest of the car park will also be re-sealed.

We would also encourage you to find an alternative place to park - especially when it is needed. Lydbrook Place, (on Cherrywood side of the City Church/Shalom facilities) is a good place to park, and you could enter through the gate in the fence that enters the City Church

car park.



Raising our Tamariki/Children

As we raise our tamariki/children, and we tend to deal with a lot of things as they occur. However, our tamariki/children are often more intelligent than we think, and are able to take on board so much more than we give them credit for. So we should ask ourselves - Am I assisting my tamaiti/child to be the best that they can be?

For example: Did you have a look at the "chores for children" display that were in the hallway last year? There are many things that we can be teaching our tamariki and all owing them to do. Yes - it may take them longer than we would to get the chore done. Yes - our tamariki may not do the job as perfectly, or as exactly as we have asked them to do it. And, we may have to stop ourselves from correcting them lots, or even stop ourselves doing the job again as soon as they have finished because they didn't do it the 'right' way. It is when we do this, that the tamaiti can feel discouraged, and may not try again. And, they may even think that they will never get it right simply because we keep correcting them or 're-doing' the task asked.

Yet, we can work with our tamariki; we can be role models; give them new challenges and, train them up ready for the future. As parents/whanau/caregivers, we should be thinking ahead and asking ourselves:

- what do I want my tamaiti to be able to do when they are teenagers?
- what work ethics do I want them to have, ready for employment?
- how prepared do I want them to be for marriage?

Yes, these are big questions to ask, but our responsibility is to raise our tamariki/children and set them up for success, not just for now, but for the future- and preschool is a great time to do this.