

## Ministry of Education

As you are aware, we have been working with the Ministry of Education while they do a full licensing check with us. As we continue doing this with them, we are finding it beneficial, and are thankful for their support. Once they have completed this process we will inform you of the outcomes.

In a time that many of us face challenges of many different kinds, whether they be deeply personal, or ones that impact us because of what is happening around us, and either big or small, it is important to look after ourselves.

Taking time to refresh is important - and this is not being selfish, as you cannot give out from yourself if you have nothing to give. Considering if we need to lessen the load is important - are there some things that we could let go for a season while we are dealing with our challenges? And another important thing is to find and/or ask for help. Sometimes just having someone to talk to is enough, sometimes we might need more support than this, but the important thing is to get help so that we can be the best that we can be as we interact and support those in our care and around us.

Also - remember that God cares for you too. Talk to Him and let Him know how you are feeling, as He will always listen - 1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.



## WATERPROOF REUSABLE WET BAGS

Are you wanting a plastic-free way of managing the wet/messy kakahu/clothes of your tamariki/children? You could purchase your own, or you could consider buying one of these types of bags through Shalom. If you want to order one through Shalom, please email Sharon V and let her know, as she will be able to give you the details and let you know what price they will be. [info@shalomkindergarten.co.nz](mailto:info@shalomkindergarten.co.nz)



## A NOTE FROM SHARON:

It is so good to see you back at Shalom. We have had a number of new families start this year. Please help us to help them feel welcome.

Also, have a look at the Free Special Events in a local Library near you - the information is on our notice-board here at Shalom.



Blessings from the Shalom team: Sharon V, Sharyn W, Mig Angela, Cherie, Vanessa P, Sharron C, Anisa, Heather, Rachel, and Raewyn.

## Shalom Kindergarten Kawerongo/Newsletter

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## Dear Parents/whānau/caregivers,

2021 is well underway and has had its challenges already. Remember that regardless of what is happening we are here for you - to support you, your tamaiti/child and your family/whanau. Life is always better if we can support each other.

We'd like to take a moment to say a big WELCOME to all our new whanau/families, and we look forward to being on the journey with you while your tamaiti/child attends Shalom. Thanks also to those who have recommended others to Shalom, as we appreciate your support of our centre. It is great to know that we can all work together to keep Shalom being a place that can make a difference in the lives of tamariki/children and their whanau/families.

## REMINDERS:

Please remember to send your tamaiti/child with their named:

### Sunhats

**Shoes** - as both matings get very hot from the heat of the sun, and the tamariki/children do need footwear when they are doing carpentry.

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

### Drink bottle

**Change of Clothes** - please ensure a full change of clothes as the tamariki do get wet with water play, and also include a number of changes if your tamaiti is toilet training

**All belongings** - please ensure these are all named

**Yoghurt** - we prefer that pouches of yoghurt are used instead of a pottle as most tamariki/children do not eat a full pottle, and the spillages are messy. However tube/pouch is more manageable and can be closed again - or maybe you could use a container with a lid

## TERM DATES

This is a reminder that Shalom will be open throughout this year and will only be shut over the Christmas period. Our last day this year will be **THURSDAY 23rd DECEMBER** and our first day in 2022 will be Monday 24th January.

When the school terms approach we will still get you to sign a form to let us know if your tamaiti/child will attend during the school holidays so that we can organise the staffing over these times.



## SHALOM FATHER'S NIGHT 2021

**DAD - MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR:** Monday March 22nd  
Time: 5.30-7.00pm

If you have not received the notice about this event please ask one of the kaiako/teachers for a copy of the notice as it has more details on it.

## FOOD AT SHALOM

You would probably have heard about the requirements from the Ministry of Health regarding the food that your tamariki have while they are at a centre. The following is what is required From 25 January 2021:



- children will be required to be seated and supervised while eating. *The tamariki/children have always been required to be seated and supervised while eating - a practice which we will continue to do.*
- Early learning **services that provide food** will also be required to ensure it is prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health Guidance - *There are requirements for high-risk food to be excluded and for types of high-risk food to be prepared and to alter their state. We predominantly do baking, so the food is altered anyway, but if we do provide other forms of food, we will comply with the requirements.*
- In addition, from 8 April 2021, for every 25 children who are attending, an adult with a current first aid qualification that includes training in response to young children choking must be present at all times. *At Shalom we have a high proportion of our staff who have their first aid qualification, and so there is always at least two or three of the first aid qualified kaiako/teachers with the tamariki/children at kai/food times.*
- **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:**  
Where food is provided by parents, early learning services are required to promote best practice as set out in the Ministry of Health Guidance and provide the guidance to all parents. Promotion of best practice will look different at each service. *We will display information that the Ministry has provided us for you to peruse*
- You can also access the information that the Ministry has provided to us on the He Panui Kohunghunga website and look for the 22nd January 2021 bulletin, which has the section called: Reminder about minimising food-related choking risks in early learning services <https://www.education.govt.nz/early-childhood/how-the-ministry-works/early-learning-bulletin/>

## STAFF FOR 2021

It is nice to report to you that we have all the same kaiako again this year. And while we have more tamariki attending on some mornings, management has decided to have an extra kaiako/teacher rostered on. So you have probably noticed that Mig and Claire have been our two relievers that are assisting us at this time.

## RESPECT FOR KAIKO/TEACHERS

We have more whanau/families that are wanting their tamariki/children not to call kaiako/teachers by their first name only. So the kaiako have discussed using the phrase 'whaea' in front of our names. This Māori term literally means 'aunty or mother' and is a term commonly used for female teachers. We as a team think it is relevant for us to use because part of our role is to care and nurture the tamariki like an aunty or mother. We have started to use it with the tamariki, and we'd love you to tell us your thoughts on this.

## HAS ANYTHING CHANGED?

If you have changed any of the following, please let us know so that we can change it on our documentation.  
- physical address, email address, phone number

## IMMUNISATION UPDATES

If your tamaiti/child has had their 4 year old updates, can you please bring the information in to let us know

## LET OTHERS KNOW ABOUT SHALOM

We would love you to tell others about our family friendly centre, and remind you of the bonus that you can get once they are attending  
Thank you

## SHALOM FAMILY PICNIC - thanks for coming

We appreciated all those that attended, and for taking time out from your busy days, to come and join us. We hope that you had a relaxing night, and that you got to meet and make some new friends.

