

PREPARING FOR WRITING

Do you want your tamaiti/child to be able to write when the start school? Most parents would say yes, and many school teachers would like tamariki/children to at least be able to write their own name.



Did you know that there a lot of things that your tamaiti/child can be doing that can assist in developing the necessary fine motor skills.

The following are just a few activities that will aid in the development of the fine motor skills necessary for writing:

Playdough, clay, blocks, puppets, puzzles, cutting and pasting, threading, weaving, pouring and measuring, picture making with a variety of mediums and tools (e.g. crayons, pencils, paintbrushes, and Finger-paint).

DEFINITIONS:

Motor skills are actions that involve the movement of muscles in the body. They are divided into two groups:

gross motor skills, which include the larger movements of arms, legs, feet, or the entire body (crawling , running, and jumping); and

fine motor skills, which are smaller actions, such as grasping an object between the thumb and a finger or using the lips and tongue to taste objects. Fine motor skills generally refer to the small movements of the hands, wrists, fingers, feet, toes, hips, and lips.

Both types of motor skills usually develop together, because many activities depend on the coordination of gross and fine motor skills.

A PARENT'S PRAYER

Thank You for my children,
LORD; I know they are a gift
from You. Daily I need Your
strength and wisdom to train
them in the way they should go.
Give me patience and a joyful
heart; let me be an example of
Your love and forgiveness.
Thank You, Father, for the honor
of being a parent. Amen.

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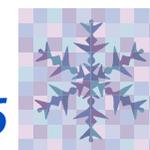
*Winter is a season for plants to die down,
store resources for the harder months,
ready for the new growth in the spring.
We too can use this time to think about
things that we might need to contend to
in our personal lives, prepare for working
through them and being strong as we
face them. We pray that this winter will
be a time of great reflection and growth
for you all.*

*Blessings from the Shalom team :
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Tena Koutou

It now the winter months, a time when we expect lots of rain and time indoors, yet we have been very blessed to have had the tamariki/children spend a portion of time outside for most days. Although we have these opportunities, it is a time for us all to be creative - at home and kindy - with how we manage and keep the tamariki/children occupied. Maybe you could share your ideas with us, and the other whanau/families, so that we can all enjoy the time we have with our tamariki/children, AND you can have a few ideas ready for the upcoming holi-

UPCOMING EVENTS

IAN GRANT

Television host, radio presenter, and bestselling author of "Growing Great Boys" and "Growing Great Girls" – Ian Grant will be giving great tips on growing strong families in today's world no matter what parenting stage you're at!

If you have kids anywhere between 0-18, then this is for you!

When & Where: Friday 24th June 2016 - Papamoa College

Or: Saturday 25th June 2016 - City Church Tauranga

Time: from 7:30pm

Cost: \$10 per person, or \$15 per couple

you can purchase tickets from Shalom Kindergarten for this event

Term Dates for 2016:

Last day for term Two:
Friday 8th July

Term Three:
25th July - 23rd September

Term Four:
3rd October - 16th December



**"I REALISE THERE'S SOMETHING
INCREDIBLY HONEST ABOUT TREES IN
WINTER. HOW THEY'RE EXPERTS AT
LETTING THINGS GO." - JEFFREY
MCDANIEL**

Children's SPARE KAKAHU/ CLOTHES:

Please remember to ensure that your tamaiti/ Child not only has warm kakahu/clothes for going Outside (ie. Hakete/jacket, potae/hat, nga hu/ Shoes) , but also has a change of clothes in their bag—please check they are warm spare clothes.

Thanks for doing this- as it helps to keep the Tamariki/children well .



KEEPING OUR TAMARIKI/CHILDREN SAFE

Thanks for making sure that only your tamaiti/child or tamariki/children are going out the door with you when you leave. We are grateful that you show this respect to your own child and to other whanau/families.

Also, when you collect your tamaiti/child, please come up beside the bookshelf so that we can ensure that they safely leave Shalom with you.



If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies.
-Unknown

PLEASE BE MINDFUL and pick up your child on time a this helps us to ensure that we have the correct teacher/child ratios

Morning Pick up time-
between 11:30-11:45am
Afternoon pick up time -
between 3:00-3:15pm

COLLAGE RESOURCES

We'd love to have any of the following resources for the tamariki/children to use for their art creations that are suitable for gluing. Some examples are:
Buttons; lace; ribbons; corks; shiny objects; small natural resources,



A REMINDER FOR YOU:

If you recommend another tamaiti/child to Shalom, when they are enrolled and have been attending for one month, *you* can then receive a credit on your account, or a voucher - as a thank you for supporting us and advertising Shalom by word of mouth in our community.

BEING PREPARED IN AN EMERGENCY

Do you and your family know what to do in an emergency - such as a fire or an earthquake, or any other emergency?

Have you got an evacuation plan of what to do, and a meeting place - somewhere that is safe for you all to meet at on your property?

Do all your children know how to phone for the emergency services by phoning 111?

Remember we all need to be prepared, so take a little time to think about what you and your whanau/family need to do, and teach it to your children.

Are you pleased with Shalom?

Tell others!

Are you not pleased with Shalom?

Please tell us!

Remember if you have a concern please talk to us, as we want to ensure that you and your whanau/family have the best time at Shalom, and build great relationships.

Matariki

We are currently teaching the tamariki/children about this topic. **Matariki** is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter – late May or early June. For many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year. Matariki literally means the 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki). It is also a time for whanau/families to come together, remembering those who have past, celebrating the harvest that has been gathered, as well as planting for the year ahead. Let us know if you would like to help us.