

## SHALOM and COVID

*Kia ora/thankyou so much to you all for adjusting to the changes that we have been required to make during this time that we are all journeying through*

- *Thanks for your consideration and patience for signing in, when dropping off and picking up of your tamaiti/child*
- *Thanks also for notifying us when your tamariki are sick, and also for keeping them home until they are better*

### **If we are notified of a case: of COVID:**

- *we will continue to follow the Ministry of Health guidelines regarding COVID being in the community;*
- *Shalom could shut temporarily;*
- *Shalom could be open with skeleton kaimahi/staff for tamariki/children of critical and essential workers only;*
- *Also, we may be required to ask you to keep you tamariki/children at home.*

*Kia ora and thanks for being patient with us and each other*

## Shalom Kindergarten Kawerongo/Newsletter

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### **Dear Parents/Whānau/Caregivers,**

*We are already well into this term and the tamariki/children love being back, discovering and learning new things. There has been a keen interest in fish and fishing, and lots of exploration with manipulative activities. It is great to see the tamariki/children share their interests and expertise with others, and also teach the kaiako something new too.*

*As we continue to progress through the new normal, of living with the virus that seems to permeate our lives, we at Shalom are grateful that we are still open and can be there to support all of our Shalom community. Remember we are here to help in any way that we can, so please do talk to us if you need some additional support.*

*And WELCOME to all the new tamariki/children and whanau/families that have joined us. We are excited to be on the journey of learning with and alongside you all, and know that there will be blessings for all the new relationships that are built.*

### **A NOTE FROM SHARON:**

It is so good to see you back at Shalom. While we live in unusual times we can celebrate some kind of normal as we enjoy being together at Shalom. Thank you for your support of the Shalom Kaiako( teachers ) as they navigate the changing expectations for the rules around COVID. They work extremely hard in providing the best care and education for your Tamariki so they can learn and have fun.

Please remember my door is open even if it is not currently in the Shalom building and I have enjoyed some of you visiting in my office and friendly waves as you drive past.

Praying God's blessings for you and your whanau as we journey together.



### From the Shalom team:

Sharon V, Sharyn W, Vanessa, Sharron C, Angela, Heather, Rachel, Anisa, Cherie, Mary, Mig, Ila and Raewyn.



### **STARTING SCHOOL**

There are a number of schools that now have what is called a **cohort entry** for the tamariki/children. *Cohort entry* is when new entrants start school in groups through the year rather than on their fifth birthday. Often these groups start at the beginning of the term and half way through the term. So your tamaiti/child may not start school on or around the date of their birthday, and may even start up to five weeks after their birthday. So it is good to contact the school that your tamaiti/child will go to about 6 months before their birthday, so that the school knows when to expect your tamaiti/child, and can inform you of when they can start.

### **TERM DATES**

As Shalom is open throughout this year, we are only shut over the Christmas period. Our last day this year will be **THURSDAY 22nd DECEMBER** and our first day in 2022 will be Monday 23rd January.

When the school terms approach we will 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 required staffing over these times.

## SHALOM EVENTS

We would love to be having a number of events to provide opportunities for whānau to get to know the Shalom kaiako/teachers and other whānau and their tamariki/children. However, due to the current COVID situation, we are having to consider if and how we can manage these. So as we look ahead, we will keep planning, but as things change we may need to cancel them, or find alternative solutions of how they may be presented.

We love that you love to keep the wider Shalom whanau working together and supporting each other, and if you have any creative ideas of how we might be able to present some events, or some new events that you think we should consider, please let us know. We would love to hear your ideas.

## SUMMER TIME:

With the UV rays of the sun being strong so please send your tamaiti/child:



- with sunblock already applied (we do reapply sunscreen straight after lunch)
- a summer pōtae/hat - named
- ngā hu/shoes - as the matting gets very hot and they also need them on if they are doing carpentry
- and also named kākahu/clothes

Naming the lunch boxes and drink bottles that belong to your tamaiti/child is also helpful for us. (A trick to keeping the name on for a little longer is to put clear nail varnish over the top of the name).

Kia ora/thanks for helping us with all of the above

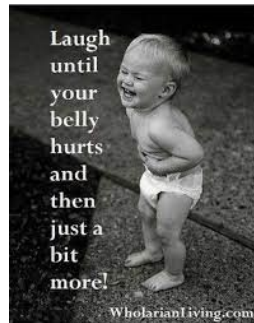
A merry heart  
does good, like  
medicine.

—Proverbs 17:22b



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*With our world making life so interesting for us at this time, remember to **take time to laugh**, and take time to **relax and enjoy the little things every day**. Also, **remember to be kind to yourself and look after yourself**, and **celebrate all those small achievements**.*



Laugh  
until  
your  
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## Shalom Values

*We love seeing the values of Shalom being outworked throughout the day and amongst everybody. The values that are currently our focus are being a:*

*Kind Kiwi*

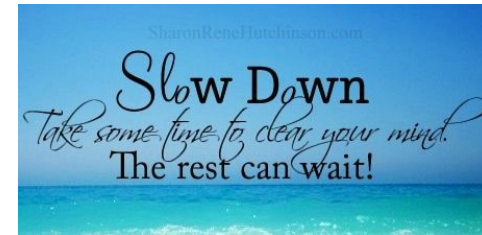
*Resilient Rabbit*

*Curious Cat*

*Respectful Ruru/Owl*

*Team player Tui*

*If you have any stories to share about your tamaiti/child regarding any of these values, we would love you to share them with us. You could even write a story and we can put it into your child's portfolio, so that you have a great memory to keep.*



## Raising our Tamariki/Children - Being Present

As a parent, **being present** with our tamariki is the best gift that we can give them. This involves having quality time with them, doing things that they enjoy, or activities that you can enjoy together.

Remember to :

- Make time to have fun with your kids every day
- put away any devices so that you can be fully engaged with your tamaiti/child

**AND - Look at every moment with your child as a gift.**

## DON'T FORGET:

If you recommend a tamaiti/child and their whānau/family to Shalom, and the tamaiti has been attending for over a month, then you are eligible to your choice of a voucher (grocery, or Atrium café), or a credit to your account.

Word of mouth is the best form of advertising, and we appreciate that you take your time to tell others about Shalom - kia ora/thank you!