

Raising our Tamariki/Children - RESPECT

- **Being kind** to friends and whānau/family. Smiling and greeting tāngata/people when you see them
- **Using good manners** - saying 'koa/please' and 'thankyou'; using someone's ingoa/ name when you are having a kōrero/talk with them; wait for your turn to kōrero/talk (not interrupting), use your gentle voice (not yelling)
- **Using gentle hands** - 'our hands are for helping not for hurting' is a phrase we commonly use at Shalom when someone has hurt someone else to remind them
- **Talking about problems, and talking about feelings** - acknowledging and labelling feelings for your tamaiti/child can help them to feel validated and heard, and helps them to be able to tell you later on when they have learnt some of the names of the feelings.
- Sometimes we say 'use your words' but the tamaiti/child may not know what words to say, so it is good to kōrero/talk them through what is happening, **giving them some kupu/words/phrases** they could use, and then asking them what they could try next time they might be faced with a similar situation
- Use '**positive reinforcement**' - praising the good behaviour that you see them doing helps the tamaiti/child to learn that this is what you are happy to see. Also, tell them what behaviour you would like to see before it is needed, so that they know how you expect them to behave

Also, we as the adults are the role models for our tamariki/children. They are watching and learning from us all the time. And, remember you are doing a great job!

A NOTE FROM SHARON:

It is good to see everyone back at Shalom. So nice to be able to stick together in these crazy times. A couple of reminders:

- Remember NO EGGS in lunchboxes due to a tamaiti/child with severe allergies
- Disability car park is for those with a disability parking permit only please

And, my door is always open if you need to talk

from the Shalom team: Sharon V, Sharon H, Angela, Anisa, Hannah, Heather, Ila, Kinka, Sharron C, Rachel, Vanessa and Raewyn.



Shalom Kindergarten Newsletter

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Dear Parents/whānau/caregivers,

Wow, what a start to the year! We hope that you were able to make lots of good memories over the holiday period, and that you have managed to survive all the crazy weather. We are thankful that Shalom only lost a few branches and ferns.

We have welcomed a number of new tamariki/children and their whānau/families, and look forward to everyone getting to know each other. We pray that this year will be a good one for you all, and if you need to have a kōrero/chat about anything, remember that we are here to awahi/support you in any way that we can.

VACANCIES

We do currently have some vacancies for more tamariki/children. So please remember to let your friends and whānau/family, know that we are licenced to have tamariki/children from **two** years of age.

We appreciate your assistance with this, as **word of mouth** is the greatest form of advertising.

FACEBOOK

Remember to join us on our Shalom Kindergarten Whānau Facebook page.



Peace

It does not mean to be in a place where there is no trouble, noise, or hard work.

It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in

♥ Your heart. ♥
— Lady Gaga

Dates to Remember:

Last day of the Shalom year is:

- Thursday December 21st

Upcoming Events:

Shalom Whānau Picnic

- Friday 24th February

Father's Night

- Monday 20th March

We will be giving you notification and more information about these and other events closer to when they will occur.

For You to Know

From time to time we have tamariki/children that may require some support for any numbers of reasons. Currently we have a tama/boy named Aaron, whom your tamariki may have already talked to you about. He wears a backpack which has liquid food contained in it that is attached to a feeding tube that goes in through a 'peg' in his puku/stomach. There are two tubes (or 'tails' - this is what he calls them) that hang off the peg and you will see them dangling - this is perfectly normal.

We are happy to support his parents/whānau with giving him the opportunity to be amongst peers and living life as normally as possible. None of the conditions that he has are contagious - he just needs extra food to support his health and general well-being. You will see that he is delightful and always has a ready smile.

Do talk with your tamariki/children about it when they ask, as this can help them to understand more, and it helps them to learn that everyone is unique. And if we also talk about the differences everyone has, e.g. the colour of our eyes, skin and hair, the sound of our voices, languages that we speak, etc, the tamariki will grow to understand that we are all different from each other.

If you do have any questions, please do come and talk to the kaiako on reception, and we will do our best to answer them.



THANKS

Thanks for all the feedback and gifts that we received from you at the end of last year, (as well as those given throughout the year). Your kindness and thoughtfulness touched our hearts.

Thanks also for entrusting your tamariki/children into our care, and allowing us the privilege of working alongside you on their journey of learning and discovery. We are grateful to be apart of your lives for a small period of time.

HUARERE RAUMATI / SUMMER WEATHER

Now that we have sunshine, please send your tamaiti/child with named, (even if it is just their initials);

- kākahu/clothes
- raumati pōtae/summer hat
- nga hu/shoes - as the mattings do get hot with the heat of the sun on them.



Also, please remember to put sunscreen on them before they arrive at Shalom. Kia ora/Thanks.

Our Newest Kaimahi/Staff Member

Kia ora Koutou

I've recently finished my studies down in Wellington and am excited to start my journey as a qualified early childhood kaiako/teacher here at Shalom. From attending Shalom as a three year old, to completing my first year placement here a couple of years ago, I feel very blessed to continue learning in such a beautiful learning and teaching environment.

It has been lovely meeting you all and I look forward to getting to know you more.

Hannah

Kaimahi/Staff Update

Kinka and Ila, who were doing relieving for us last year, are now with us as permanent part timers, working with us three days a week.

Vanessa has dropped back to doing two days a week.

Cherie has notified us that she will not be returning to her teaching position yet. But we are pleased that her and her husband Waru have said that they will continue to awahi/support us with learning more about how we can respect and honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi, and te reo me ona tikanga Maori/the Maori language and culture. We look forward to our haerenga/journey with them.