

Bambinos St Lukes Newsletter

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, G'dday, Ni Hao, Talofa Lava, Namaste, bonjour, Bula vinaka, Guten Tag, Shalom, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Merhaba, Sawadee, Doberdaan, Salaam!

Quote: "It's impossible", said Pride. "It's risky", said Experience. "It's Pointless", said Reason. "Give it a try", whispered the Heart!!! We should let our children try out new things around them. Who knows some great inventions and discoveries might emerge from simple surroundings.

As we begin 2017, we extend a very warm welcome to all our new families to Bambinos, and a big thank you to all our existing families for your support and cooperation through the years.

Bambinos St Lukes is now 10 years Old and management and staff celebrated the 10th Anniversary in November 2016. We have been having some good weather this summer and we hope you all have had wonderful breaks, holidays and summer fun. We wish to begin this year with new interests, programmes and projects in all the rooms and will follow the direction in which our children lead us.

At the beginning of this year the carpets throughout the centre have been deep cleaned and disinfected as part of our health and safety policy.

As most of you must know that our website has been updated and gives an idea of what is happening in our centre. In addition we also have our Facebook page and we would like to encourage all of you to visit our website and Facebook page.

General Reminders

As its still summer, we request all parents to provide named sunhats, water bottles, spare clothes and sunscreen (if your child has any special skin conditions).

All preschool parents are requested to take their child's water bottle home on Friday to give them a thorough wash.

Please ensure that you sign your child in and out every day as this is a mandatory requirement set by the Ministry of education.

Our hours of operation are from 7.30am to 6.00pm. Kindly adhere to these hours or you may incur a late pick-up fee of \$1 per minute after 6pm as per our Policy.

If your child is on special diet and is absent on particular day/s, please call and inform the centre on that morning.

Announcements

It is sad that we have to bid farewell to Michelle from our toddler room. She has been part of the Bambinos family for 7 ½ years. Her last working day will be 20/02/2017.

We welcome Zohreh to our Pepe room. She is a qualified and registered teacher with years of experience in the Early Childhood sector.

Ritu from the preschool room is on holiday from 31st January to 24th February 2017. We wish her to have a safe and happy holiday with her family.

Sushil from the toddler room is on holiday from 27th January to 10th February 2017. We wish her to have a safe and happy holiday with her family as well.

We are upgrading to online portfolios through EDUCA. All parents will be receiving an email. Please accept the invitation to join Educa.



Chinese New Year was celebrated in the centre on Thursday 26th January 2017. Children and teachers dressed in traditional Chinese costumes. The Chinese staff presented a traditional Chinese tea ceremony followed by a yummy lunch.



Events and celebrations:

***Waitangi Day (6th February) *Valentine's Day (14th February) *Japan day (26th February) *Holi (13th March)
*St. Patrick's day (17th March)**

Pepe Room: (Kaiako – Rosa, Maria, Prameela & Zohreh)

A very warm welcome to all the new whanau in the Pepe room. We hope you have a wonderful time as you grow with the Bambinos family. All good wishes to the children who have moved up from this room to the toddler room. We look forward to working together and to continue to build positive and wonderful relationships. As we begin this year we are busy wrapping up our earlier programme on 'Building Relationships', and we look forward to start our new programme on 'Music and Movement' as many of the babies are very interested in this area of development. *"Music ignites all areas of child development: intellectual, social and emotional, motor, language, and overall literacy. It helps the body and the mind work together. Exposing children to music during early development helps them learn the sounds and meanings of words. Dancing to music helps children build motor skills while allowing them to practice self-expression. For children and adults, music helps strengthen memory skills."*



Toddler Room: (Kaiako: Fatema, Michelle, Sushil & Panda)

The toddler room has been busy with their programme on "The Underwater World" over the last year. The children and teachers have engaged in many teaching and learning activities alongside each other. The trip to Kelly Tarltons last year gave a deeper insight into the underwater world for the children as they saw some of the real sea creatures. As the interest still continues we will follow the same and slowly wrap up this project and something new will be emerging as a learning and teaching programme in the toddler room. Some of the toddler room children have now transitioned into our preschool room.



Preschool Room: (Kaiako: Jennifer, Carole, Ritu, Joana, Atsuko, Rebecca, Leena)

We welcome all new children and families into the preschool room too and hope you have a wonderful learning experience to take back home and then to school. Last year our programme on sustainability and recycling took off with a big bang and has progressed in a positive way as teachers have scaffolded the children's interest and learning in this area. Gardening and harvesting was followed by the Mosaic project and may now extend into our outdoor environment alongside new emergent interests. We will be closely noticing children's popular interest and will steer our programme in that direction. Please watch this space to find out more about our upcoming programmes in our next newsletter.

We will be organising a trip for our younger children early this year while we still have good weather on our side. We will inform all details to families of children who will be going on the trip, closer to the time.



Did you know?

Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around them.