



## Welcome to Coastlands Preschool



Daniel (2) and Mum Maria



Maia (2) and parents Mel and Renie. Maia is Ollie's sister



Tanner (3) and parents Tenneille and Wynand



Parker (2) and parents Sian (our Centre Administrator) and Adam

## Sand

Thanks to Watchorns for the sand that was delivered to the centre. The children enjoyed helping to move it into our sandpits.



## Welcome back

Welcome back. We hope you have all had a nice break and are looking forward to 2018.

We have news! Sian, if you haven't already guessed, is having a baby in June!

We have some staff changes coming up. Alex will be leaving us in February to have her twins in March. Her position will be taken by Janelle Cashell. Tania will also leave us in March to have her baby in April.

## Under Two Centre Update

Gay and Greg West, our owners, have now secured and amalgamated sections 5 & 7 Fishermans Drive, for the purpose of building an under two centre. We have employed an architect who specialises in designing early childhood centres. With council input the architects may take up to five to six months. We are hoping to start building in June or July this year.

Dates to Remember:

\*Tuesday 6th February - Waitangi Day (centre closed) \* Friday 23rd March - Bike-a-thon

## Centre Focus

This term the Pukeko Room will focus on the children's interests. Sandy has messaged families, via Storypark asking for help with this. The Kiwi Room focus is Kiwiana but they are also looking at children's interest. Photos from their summer holidays are welcome



**Indy**



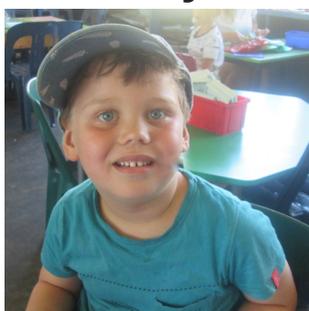
**Sonshine**



**Mylah-Rose**



**Taylor**



**Jackson**



**Elise**

# Off to School...

Wow, we have 10 children leaving us to start school at the start of term. Thanks to all these families who have all contributed to the centre in many ways. We wish you all the best and look forward to visits. We'd like to say an extra special farewell to the Cowdery whanau as Jackson is the youngest of three that have all come to the centre.



**Asher**



**Ben**



**Levi**



**Ava**



*Play is the highest form of research*  
-Albert Einstein

## Gates

Please remember to keep our entry gates closed and ensure that only your own child is with you when going through them. It is becoming a popular place for parents to stand and chat, while holding the gate open. This is not a safe practice. Also, please do not allow your child to ride on the gates as this damages them.

## Wanted

We are in need of carpentry wood. If you have any small pieces of untreated wood we could have, please let Sandy know. Thanks.

## Water play

The children have been enjoying lots of water play during this lovely weather. Please ensure that they have at least 2 full sets of named clothes in their bags, so they are able to get wet and have lots of fun.



## Bike-a-thon

Our biggest fundraising event of the year is coming up. On March 23rd we are holding our annual bike-a-thon. This year we are raising funds to revamp the Kiwi Room sandpit. We are hoping to put in a water feature and new sandbox to store equipment. We will be looking for sponsorship and prizes for this family event. If you have a business and would like to support this please let us know.

## Welcome!

Last week we welcomed Vicky Mexted to our team. Vicky is working as our Kiwi Room assistant. We have created this position to allow our teachers to spend more time with your children, helping them play and learn. Vicky has already fitted into the team perfectly.



## Bike Day

Every Friday the Pukeko Room have 'bike day'. This means children can bring their own bikes and we take them over to the field and hard courts to ride.

