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FootSteps

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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LET'S GET UP AND GO!

Teachers and researchers are feeling very concerned. They are finding that children are not moving enough. They have huge movement gaps which is impacting their learning and their health.

Get your kids off their devices and up and moving so that they can...

CROSS THEIR MIDLINES – this helps with learning how to read and write along with other essential learning

DEVELOP FINE MOTOR SKILLS

– this helps with holding a pencil, cutting with scissors, doing up buttons, zips, shoelaces as well as many other important skills

PLAY – this develops their vocabulary, social skills, imagination, joy

Thanks for helping your child to **flourish and grow. Let's get up and go!**

Watch Rae Pica for more interesting information.
Youtube: The Importance of Movement in Early Childhood Education.



WHANAU NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

These people have enjoyed or will enjoy their special birthday celebrations in September and October. We pray God's blessings over your lives special friends!

Jeanette (4), Nava (4), Olivia (4), Emilio (5), Fa'apusa (5), Riley (5)

GRADUATIONS



We said good bye to these very special boys and this beautiful girl. We pray God's blessing over them as they enjoy their new big school adventure.

Riley, Emilio, Fa'apusa, Qweenie

WELCOME BABY

Moriah has a precious little brother—**Zion**.

Paul has welcomed his beautiful baby brother—**Nauma**.



NEWS FROM THE POND



The Pond children are always curious and ready to learn. At the moment they have been so interested in animals. They play with them, nibble on them, share them, hide them and love them!

The children are also really enjoying books. They will sit for a long time looking at the pictures with or without their teacher. 'Reading' books is an excellent source of rich learning on all sorts of levels!

The arts have been captivating for these little learners. They are enjoying painting – themselves, paper...everything! They have also loved dancing especially when they are looking super beautiful and special!



BEEHIVE NEWS

The Beehive children are LOVING puzzles. They play with them all the time. Puzzles are good for developing problem solving skills, persistence, early literacy and early numeracy understanding. We are so glad that our children love puzzles.

They are also very excited about playing group games. These games support them to develop their social skills – turn taking, patience, encouraging others, strategies. Do you play games with your children at home?

Caring for the ocean and the sea creatures that God has made has been interesting learning for the Beehive children .



**HAVE YOU
HEARD?**



FIND US A FRIEND AND GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT!

We have spaces for new friends.

Do you know of a child and their family who would be blessed by joining us? We want to say thanks to you for helping us by gifting you with **\$100 off your fees** (conditions apply) OR by giving you a **\$100 prezzie card** (conditions apply). That sounds pretty good! Come and talk to Annelise or Angie for more information.



FACEBOOK FRIENDS!

Do you love our Facebook posts? We would love you to share these with your friends and families. We are proud of who we are and what we do. Thanks for doing that everyone!

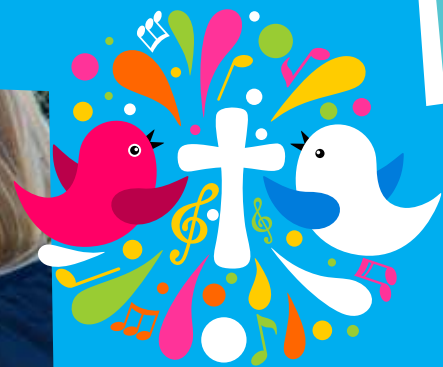
FESTIVE FRUIT

The festive season is on its way. Being organised and ready will make it lots of fun!

How about this awesome idea for a healthy Christmas treat?

Check out the website below for details about how to create this fabulous festive treat using an apple, a carrot and lots of delicious fruit!

<http://www.vitamin-ha.com/fun-with-fruit-26-pics/funny-fruit-25/>



FLOURISHING SPIRIT-LED CHILDREN

We all want our Footsteps children to **REACH** their full potential so every day we talk to them, model to them and teach them how to do that.

RESPECT:

Honouring, trusting, responsible, excellent, have integrity, kind

EMOTIONALLY

AGILE:

Empathetic, courageous, resilient

ACTIVE

LEARNERS:

Confident, playful, persistent, engaged, courageous, curious

COMMUNITY

FOCUSED:

Belonging, others focused, welcoming

HEART OF LOVE:

Grateful, joyful, generous, faithful

Thanks for partnering with us to embed these life-long values and dispositions in our precious children!



SUNSMART

SUN SAFETY AT FOOTSTEPS



The weather is becoming warmer and sunnier so it's time for our children and teachers to be sun smart.

We take sun safety seriously at Footsteps. Thanks for helping us to keep your child sun safe.

SPECIAL DATES

Please note the following dates. Put them in your diary so that you will be ready for all the fun this term.

Oct 29	Kelly Tarltons Centre-wide visit
Nov 5	Lockdown Drill
Nov 11	Management Meeting 7:30pm
Nov 13	Baby Shower
Nov 18-22	Fundraising Week (Christmas Boxes)
Nov 27	Parent Connect Christmas Programme
Dec 3	Bridal Shower
Dec 9	Management Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 13	Kids Christmas Fun Party
	Last day for SASDAS
Dec 17	Water Day
Dec 20	Last day of preschool year
Jan 13 2020	First day of preschool year

PAPSDA EVENTS – YOU'RE INVITED

Oct 23	The Friendship Group Outing 10:30am
Nov 14	Abundance Men's Event 6pm
Nov 17	Trail Buster Grit 7:00am
Nov 20	The Friendship Group Christmas Party

Keep up to date with all planned events by checking you child's mail pocket, emails, our Facebook page and posters up around the Centre.

HATS!



Please send a suitable hat for your child to wear to preschool. Be sure that the hat is NAMED. The hat can stay at preschool. It will be kept safely in the hat box. The best style of hat is one that protects the face, neck and ears.

Children without hats, or those who prefer not to wear them will need to play in shaded areas on sunny days.

SUN BLOCK

Please apply sunblock at home in the morning before arriving at preschool. You can request that teachers reapply sunblock during the day. Please send your preferred brand of sunscreen in your child's bag. Please name the container and be sure to speak with your child's teachers regarding re-application instructions.

See enclosed flyer for more information.



WET BAGS



With an increase in water play in the coming weeks, please ensure that your child has a named bag for their wet clothes.

Ensure that you have packed at least one set of clean, dry clothes for your child to change into.

Have you considered buying a reusable Footsteps wet bag? They are big, convenient and attractive. Only \$6 each. See Annelise.