

Abacus Newsletter.

Our date for opening has now been confirmed. We have great pleasure in being able to announce that Abacus will be opening at 7:30am on Monday the 18th of April 2011. We welcome Pam Watts (Clare's business partner and director of Tiggers Montessori) and some of her staff members from Tiggers Preschool. Supervisor Joanna Wortley and Renee Christie will be working with Annette and Sam in the nursery. Kim Jolly will be working alongside Anna, who is our preschool supervisor, Holly and Bex. Leah Moesman, is the Business Manager from Tiggers and will be supporting Amanda in her role as Abacus Manager. We also welcome many Tiggers families that have come over to join us. We look forward to working with you all and hope you enjoy your time with us.

On the first day back, children will need to bring their own named drink bottle of water. This is to be on a daily basis until further notice.

Our hand washing policy has changed slightly, until further notice it will be as follows:

Children will routinely wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water.

They will then be encouraged to use hand sanitizer after washing hands.

In our first week back, we would like to make a Time Capsule with the children. This will give the children a great opportunity to be able to discuss their personal earthquake experiences with peers and teachers. If your child has a photo, story or anything else he/she would like to place in this please bring it on your first day back.

The ceremony for the laying of the Time Capsule will take place on 29th April (Friday after Easter) with a shared Morning tea for the children.

TRANSITIONING CHILDREN

Children that were transitioning prior to the 22nd Feb will still enjoy their transition time into the Preschool. Each child's individual needs will be catered for. Children that had recently turned 2 prior to 22nd Feb will be given the support needed to re-settle in the preschool environment. We understand that many parents and children will be nervous about being back at preschool so please know that we will work with each individual to ensure he/she feels secure in the environment. Please speak to a staff member if you have any concerns. We are here to help.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

As some families have paid in advance, Amanda will advise each family individually as to a date to recommence these. Please collect your invoice from Amanda on your first day back.

In preparation for our opening, you can help your child's transition from home to school by talking to the children about going back to preschool, seeing all our old friends again, and having lots of new equipment to use. This will ease the transition back into the preschool routine.

BE PREPARED

As a precautionary measure at the request of the Christchurch City Council, 3 port-a-loo will be located within the preschool grounds should a 'sewerage' problem arise in our area sometime in the near future.