

January 2012



Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Welcome also to all our new families.

EARTHQUAKES AND EVERYDAY LIFE

Our ground is continuing to rumble, our anxieties fail to abate and our ability to cope with "everyday - little" challenges seems to be diminishing.

We all experience the sleepless nights, loud traffic noise, shaking homes, insecure feelings when we leave our children and loved ones.

WE ARE NOT ALONE!!!

Please feel free to speak to a staff member at anytime. Your phone calls are always welcomed with care and confidentiality.

Abacus Staff have had access to two external support/professional guidance workshops for post traumatic stress care. From these sessions, we are able to avail you to relevant literature, support, counseling and bureaus etc. Please contact us if you wish to access any of the above.

Parent Evening

Please keep the night of 23 February free, as we will be having an evening hosted by the Julia from the Heart Foundation. Abacus Montessori was the recipient of the Gold Heart Award in 2010. Julia will be discussing healthy lunchbox ideas, allergies and the importance of exercise for children. This evening will last for approximately 1 hour and you are more than welcome to bring a friend. More information will follow soon regarding this evening.

A New Year Begins

We hope you all have had a good rest and are ready for another busy year ahead.

Nursery News

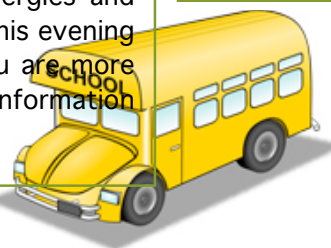
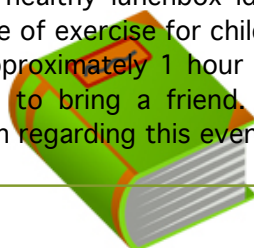
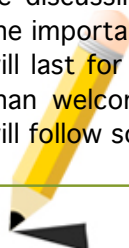
Over the last few weeks, the children have been enjoying the Christmas holiday programme activities. This has included making Christmas decorations, short bread, smoothies, and pizzas, nail & face painting and having a disco.

This time has also allowed the children to spend a lot of time with our friends in the Preschool and go on trips to the park for picnics and to feed the ducks. The interaction with the Preschoolers has been fantastic, as it has encouraged some of the younger children to develop their language and communication skills further, even becoming interested in toilet training.

It has also lead to some new relationships developing, which will be fantastic for helping settle our transition children when they move through.

We have had some great weather so children have been making the most of the sunshine, playing on the bikes in the car park and taking part in water play, with trough, hoses and toys. We look forward to seeing all your lovely holiday snaps. These will be displayed on our summer holiday wall and will be great for the children to view and discuss.

Thank you for a fabulous last year and we look forward to another fantastic year with your children.



For your
Calendar

6 February
Waitangi Day

6 April
Good Friday

9 April
Easter Monday

4 June
Queens Birthday



Preschool News

We have had a great time over the Christmas and New Year holidays with a fun filled and exciting holiday programme. From eating hot chips at our teddy bears picnic to dressing up and dancing at our disco – “Everyone had a Ball!”

We are back into Montessori time as of last week; the children are thoroughly enjoying working with the activities, showing amazing focus and passion for learning. Watch the shelves and talk to your child regarding the new pieces of equipment that they are introduced to each week.

Reminders:

- ☒ Please sign in and out everyday.
- ☒ Call if you are going to be late or not attending for the day.
- ☒ Fruit please – if your child is here a full day you are asked to provide i.e. 2 pieces of fruit.

Payments

Thank you to all parents who have their fees up to date. To those of you still behind please see Leah to arrange payment urgently. Unfortunately, if you do not pay your fees your space will be cancelled. Automatic payments are an easy way to pay fees, please ask for the automatic payment details if this is an option you would prefer.

Policies

In the front foyer, you will find this months Policy Reviews on display. Please take the time to read them and make a comment on the sheets provided. Your input into these is always welcome.

Up coming number, letter, color & shape of the week.

Over 2's

23 Jan	11	k	gold	parallelogram
30 Jan	12	l	silver	kite
6 Feb	13	m	brown	chevron
13 Feb	14	n	yellow	pentagon
20 Feb	15	o	red	hexagon

From your Abacus Team, Clare, Pam, Leah, Joanna, Anna, Holly, Samantha, Leanne, Renee, Bex, Kim, Cissy & Amber.

2012
Welcome to all the new children that have joined our Abacus Family.
Welcome to:

Cassandra
Zachariah
Laurika
Stacey
Caleb
Asher
Abigail

Abacus would also like to say farewell to:

Maika

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.”

Enrolments for this year:

We are now consolidating the roll for this year.

Could you please let Leah know if you would like extra days or times.

New enrolments are welcome.



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