

Abacus Montessori June Newsletter

The Abacus family would like to welcome Zahlia, Olivia, Neith, Dylan, Maiya, Tudor, Lilly, and Aaliyah to the Preschool and Gabriel, Emmanuel, Aiden and Noah to the Nursery. We also farewell Raniera who is off to school. The weather is getting colder so please remember to bring in winter hats and jackets and place these in the boxes in the classroom. Please also bring in plenty of changes of clothes as little feet find grubby places and the children often need to be changed when coming inside.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

School holidays 11-22nd July

Holiday programme to be advised.

Parent Interviews

25-27th July

Profile books will go out on 11th July.

Special Thanks:

A big thank you goes out to everyone after last Monday's E.Q events. We appreciate how quickly and calmly you all arrived to pick up children. Thank you also for your continued support and patience.



Contact details.

Please see Amanda to ensure all your contact details are up to date and correct. This includes emergency contacts and cell phone numbers.

HEALTHY HEART AWARD

It has been great to see a decline in the amount of chips that a appearing in lunchboxes. Staff have had many discussions with the children about healthy eating & the children now look forward to 'chip-day Friday'.

The next step in our Healthy Heart Award goal is to eliminate 2 minute noodles. Recent research has found that one packet of 2 minute noodles contains twice the recommended daily intake of salt for children aged under 5. Of course, home made pasta dishes are fine.

UPCOMING SHAPE/COLOUR/LETTERS OF THE WEEK.

Under twos	Over twos
27/6 Yellow square	10, j, White, Rhombus
4/7 Yellow square	11, k, Gold, Parrallelogram
11/7 Yellow square	12, l, Silver, Kite
18/7 Yellow square	13, m, Brown, Chevron.

REMINDERS

- 'Chip – day Friday" please only send chips to school on Fridays.
- **Hats and jackets.** All children must have a clearly named hat and jacket for outside play.
- **Wet weather shoes.** Even when it is wet the children may still go outside so it is important to have weather appropriate shoes.
- **Fruit.** All children must bring in a piece of fruit for each session they attend. Eg a full day requires 2 pieces of fruit.

Would you prefer to receive our monthly newsletters via email??

"SAVE A TREE"

Please see Amanda to add your name to our mailing list.



What's been happening in the nursery?

We have been very lucky to have student Vanessa with us for 5 weeks. The children have enjoyed interacting with her during creativity session and making a pond for our "Animals and their homes" display. We have been busy inside as it has been too wet to go outside to explore. The children have been further developing their fine motor skills eg creating animals out of play dough. We have a new indoor slide and it is a great way to extend gross motor and turn taking skills and their confidence has increased a great deal.

Joanna

What's happening in the over 2's classroom?

The children have settled back in well after a week off. It is very important for children to get back to the familiar routine as soon as possible.

We have started our new topic "Water Worlds" with a bang, learning about different creatures of the ocean and even learning about how to cook some of them. Kim brought in some white-bait, prawns and paua for the children to taste.



Montessori Corner

"MATHS" Fraction Circles

The red metal circles are divided into segments from whole, halves, thirds, quarters, fifths and tenths. The children explore the materials and work out how to fit the back into the frames.



Keep well,

Clare, Pam, Amanda, Leah, Joanna, Anna, Annette, Renee, Sam, Holly, Bex and Kim.

What's been happening in Extended Day?

In extended day we have been learning a lot of sign language. The children have shown a huge interest in this and we look forward to having our special guests come in soon to teach us some more.

Anna



Get to know Renee.

Kia Ora, My name is Renee. I graduated in Nov 2010 with my Dip (ECE). I joined the Tiggers team in Nov and was fortunate to be able to join the Abacus team. I enjoy shopping, water sport and holidays in the sun. I look forward to seeing your children learn and grow.

Teddy Bear Sundaes

(Zahlia's Favourite)

INGREDIENTS

- Ice cream, M&Ms or other small candies, Small round choc or vanilla wafer, choc sprinkles or toasted coconut.

DIRECTIONS

- Make the head by placing a scoop of ice cream in a bowl or cup.
- Use candies for the eyes, nose and mouth. Press two round wafers straight up into the 'head' for ears.
- Sprinkle coconut on top for a polar bear, or choc sprinkles for a brown bear.

Special request

Could all children please bring in a family photo for our whānau trees?