



Staffing information

We are all looking forward to welcoming Karen Lin back from her year away on Maternity Leave. Karen will work in the Nursery with Bianca and Leigh when Sheenu leaves to go on her Maternity Leave on the 4th July.

Every Wednesday through-out May/June we have two students, Bronte and Laura, visiting with us from Birkenhead College.

William Hunt, Libby's son, is working in the centre as an extra pair of hands and our sports/games guy ☺ William will be with us until the end of July.



Up-coming events

Trip to Kelly Tarltons
Friday 10 June
9:00am-12:30pm

Vision & Hearing tests
For our four year olds
Thursday 16 June
11:00am
(see Mary for details)

Avon Studio Photography (James)
Friday 8 July
9:00am in Nursery
10:00am in Over Twos

Parenting Workshop
Date: TBC
7:00pm-9:00pm

Wow the year is certainly into full swing; we can't believe it is mid-May already! A big welcome to all of our new families ☺

Trip to Kelly Tarltons – we have an Over Two trip planned for Friday 10 June. We will leave the centre at 9:00am and spend 2 hours at Kelly Tarltons, children will be back at the centre by midday to have lunch. More information and a permission slip will be handed out next week.

Our Environment – you may have noticed that we have made changes to our indoor environment. These changes have been inspired by the workshops we have recently attended. The idea is that our children are provided with authentic areas of play, linking the home and centre.



Our new book area – fewer books are out, but books are changed daily



Our gorgeous family play area, we are seeing a huge amount of play here

Staff Professional Development – Our whole team has been involved in PD over the past couple of months. Six of us have attended different Pennie Brownlee workshops, learning more about the RIE philosophy and Emmi Pikler's work, Kay and Libby have attended a Ministry Social Competency course. Bianca, Charmaine and Kelly have updated their First Aid training. Mary attended a Transition to School workshop, and Libby has recently completed some leadership training. Six staff have attended Strengthening Child Protection Practice workshops this week. Professional development is vitally important to ensure we stay energised and up to date with best practise.

Increase of Fees: As of the 20th June there will be a small increase to parent fees. The new schedule is attached to this newsletter. The fees are now separated into two age groups – under and over three.

Transitioning children – our three children below, Jekerynay, Harley and Brayden are in the process of transitioning to the Over Twos. Thank you to our fabulous Nursery staff for making sure they are ready for their next exciting phase!!



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Nursery update – The babies & toddlers who have joined us this year have all settled in well with the support of a primary caregiver. They are developing confidence in exploring their new environment and building relationships with the other children and adults. We are providing a lot of sensory activities such as water and sand, clay, finger painting and gloop. Our aim in the Nursery is to ensure we have a relaxed and calm environment, and provide lots natural resources for our babies to explore. These resources include shells, large stones, pine cones, wood, and natural rattles, all of which are placed in woven baskets at the children’s level. The family corner with the addition of new equipment is fast becoming our children’s favourite area of play.



Childrens’ school bags – please ensure that your child has at least two full sets of clothes in their bag each day, including a warm sweater or coat as we are finally getting some cooler weather.



Bathrooms – we have started renovating the bathroom and nappy changing area, new flooring has gone down and new toilets have been installed.



New resources and equipment

Nursery:

Floor mats for Nursery

Natural resources

Books

Face cloths, bibs, changing mat

Over Twos:

Floor mat for library

Books & wooden puzzles

Wooden cars and trains

Family play furniture

Dolls & doll clothes

Art materials

Large dinosaurs

Shell collage set

Warm regards
Libby and the Nurserydale team



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