



# Minnies Preschool

May/Haratua 2017



## Our Vision:

We will provide a curriculum that lays the foundations for a love of learning as we inspire children to be curious and independent learners whilst supporting all akonga to build positive connections between home and the centre.

## Kia Ora families and whanāu

The New Zealand/Aotearoa early learning curriculum, **Te Whāriki (2017)** is a world leading early childhood curriculum which has shaped early childhood education for the past 20 years. We are excited that Te Whāriki has been updated to better reflect today's world including changes in educational theory and practice. Te Whāriki (2017) expresses the vision that all children grow up as competent and confident learners, strong in their identity, language and culture. If you would like to see the updated version of Te Whāriki please visit: [www.parents.education.govt.nz](http://www.parents.education.govt.nz)

We wish to say ka kite to our 5 year olds Paddy and Carter who have been at Minnies since January 2014. We have built a great relationship with Paddy and Carter and their parents, and we will miss you all and wish you every happiness in the future.

Abbey also turns 5 years old on 26 May and we will miss your lovely smile. We wish you well in your new journey at school.

We have welcomed gorgeous Jackson S to our nursery and he is building lovely relationships with our teachers. We look forward to getting to know Jackson and his family and being part of his learning and development in the future.

Our lovely kaiako, Alexe, is currently on holiday with her family in Europe where she is meeting her new baby nephew. We hope she is having a wonderful time and look forward to her returning to Minnies on Tuesday 13 June.

Our wonderful teacher Adele is also currently away from Minnies as she needs to spend some time caring for a sick family member. I wish to assure you that this is a temporary situation and I always endeavour to get regular relievers whilst our staffs are away. I appreciate your patience in what is currently a tricky time for the teaching team.

**We have some important events coming up at Minnies, so please put these in your calendar.**

**Postponement of Special Person Day** – Adele has worked with the children toward our Kapa Haka performance which was to be next Wednesday during our Special person day. TO RESPECT ADELE'S WORK WITH THE KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE AND TO INCLUDE HER IN OUR SPECIAL PERSON DAY WE HAVE DECIDED TO POSTPONE THIS EVENT until Adele is able to return to Minnies.



**Family Tree**  
HOMEBASED CARE

If you know of any friends or families that are interested in their child receiving homebased care and education, please have a look at our Family Tree Homebased Care Facebook page and web site.

Face Book page: <https://www.facebook.com/Family-Tree-Home-based-191289074557966/>

Website: <http://www.familytreehomebased.co.nz/>

### Minnies Facebook

Thank you to everyone who has liked our Facebook page. We'd love you to share the page with your family and friends, as we want them to discover what wonderful fun learning experiences and care we provide for our Minnies babies and children.



<https://www.facebook.com/Minnies-Preschool-343181609124332/>

### Reminder for Parents

- A reminder that our **closing time is 5:30pm**. Please ensure that you have your child collected by 5:30pm if they are booked until this time, which allows our staff to get to arranged appointments and home to their families.
- **We are closed for Queen's Birthday on Monday 5 June.**
- **Emergency Contact Details:** If you have moved address or changed your own or your emergency contact person's contact numbers, please let Cathy know the details or email them to us at [minniespreschool@extra.co.nz](mailto:minniespreschool@extra.co.nz). It is important that these are correct so that we can contact you easily in the case of an emergency.
- **Immunisations.** We need to keep our immunisation records up to date. If your child is immunised please provide us with a copy of their most recent immunisations if you have not already done so. This may include birth, 6 weeks, 3 months, 5 months, 15 months and 4 years old.
- We are now experiencing the darker longer and colder days of winter, so please remember to bring your child a warm hat and jacket to preschool, so they can still enjoy being part of the play and learning experiences in the outdoors.
- **Photos for our whanaungatanga wall.** If your child has not got a house on our whanaungatanga wall in the preschool or nursery we would love to have some photos of their family, pets or friends, so that we can create a house for

them. Please email some photos to us that we can print off or we can photocopy hard copy photos if you wish. These houses give the children a sense of belonging, and they enjoy talking with other children and their teachers about the significant people and pets in their lives.

- Please label your child's belongings including their lunchbox and containers, as well as their hats and clothing. This is very important as it supports children's independence to identify their name and prevents any confusion over food and drink. It also helps the teaching team to return misplaced clothing, baby bottles and other belongings back to the correct family.
- The last day of term for most primary schools is Friday 7 July. Please complete a Holiday Form if you are intending on having your child away from Minnies Preschool during this holiday period. This supports us to provide the correct staffing for the children during this time.
- The children are always keen to create in our art area so if you have any items suitable for collage, such as scrap material or wrapping paper, or have any paper that we can recycle for drawing or painting activities we would really appreciate any offered.

### **Entertainment Books**

We are selling Entertainment books as a fundraiser this year at Minnies. The 'Entertainment Book' costs only \$65.00 and Minnies gets \$13.00 for each book sold. It offers fabulous discounts and 2 for 1 deal for food, accommodation, activities and much more. We have a sample copy of the 2017 Entertainment Book in our entrance hall, along with some order forms. There is the option of having a book or a digital membership that you can use on your smart phone. If you wish to order an Entertainment Book you can pay online or by cash, cheque, Mastercard or VISA.

When ordering books online it is necessary to enter the web site

[www.entbook.co.nz/9x30363](http://www.entbook.co.nz/9x30363)

### **Minnies Preschool Policy**

We are currently looking at our Child Protection Policy. A copy of this policy is on the wall in our entrance hall if you would like to read it. Please add your thoughts on the parent comment sheet attached to this if you wish to provide any feedback.

### **Thank You**

A big thank you to all the families who ordered photos during our Neill Culpan photo fundraiser. We really appreciate your support with our Minnies fundraisers which we use to provide learning experiences/resources for your children.

Thank you to Paul and Brooke for the kind gifts you gave when Paddy and Carter left us to continue their learning journey at primary school. The children will enjoy the dress ups and the teachers have enjoyed their gifts also.

Thank you to Merivale Papanui Vet Clinic's vet, Tim, who provided a free annual check and vaccinations for our fabulous furry friends, Steve and Lloyd.

Steve and Lloyd, also appreciate all the vegetables that many of our families bring in for them. The children love feeding and taking care of our rabbits, so a big thank you to everyone for helping us provide for them.

Thank you to the Weir family for the curtain fabric which we will put to great use in the centre.

Thank you to Abbey, and her grandmother for the lovely finger puppets that she brought all the way from Peru. It was very special to meet Abbey's grandmother and trust she enjoyed her visit to New Zealand. ☺

Thank you to all the parents who have already purchased an Entertainment Book. We receive \$13.00 for each book sold.

We appreciated the City Council's Library Lady, Lynette coming in to visit, entertain and encourage literacy in our children. The children had a lot of fun during Lynette's visit and increased their knowledge on the topic of safety.

### **Head Lice Treatment**

From the beginning of May there is a fully subsidised treatment available for the treatment of Head lice. This treatment contains (4% dimethicone) and is not an insecticide. Please visit the below website if you would like further information about this treatment:

<https://www.pharmac.govt.nz/medicines/my-medicine-has-changed/head-lice-treatment/>

### **Steve and Lloyd's vet clinic is having an 'Open Day' at their new premise this weekend which sounds like great family fun!**

#### **Merivale Papanui Vet Clinic Open Day Invitation**

Please join us for our grand opening on Saturday May 27th from 12-2pm. Come and see the new clinic, enjoy the sausage sizzle and coffee van, browse the displays, and enter the competitions and free give aways from our food and pet insurance companies.

There is a petting zoo and bouncy castle for the kids.  
We look forward to showing you behind the scenes in the new clinic.  
Kind regards, The team at Merivale Papanui Vet Clinic.



Noho ora mai ra (Keep Safe)

From Cathy, Adele, Kate, Jo, Diana, Alexe and Karla