

Playschool Press

Just a reminder that this month Playschools subsidy rates have changed for children under the age of 3. The new rate going forward will be a flat rate of \$1.20 for all children under 3. If you see a change in your subsidy amount mid-September this will be the reason why. Any questions please email contact your PC.

Last month we said a sad farewell to Kerrin as she goes off to manage a new centre, but we are excited to welcome Karen to Playschool and joining the Auckland team. We also welcome to the Canterbury region our new PC Heather, who some may have already met. We are excited for our new team members to get on the road.

Playschool's Māori word of the month:

'Tuakana' which means older sibling
&
'Teina' which means younger sibling.



Have you checked out our next Au Pair trip? Keep an eye out on our facebook page or ask your PC.

Upcoming dates:

Maori Language Week

9th - 15th September

Conservation Week

14th - 22nd September

International Day of Peace

Saturday 21st September

Chinese Language Week

22nd - 28th September



Last month our Tamariki explored their senses through sticky slime – and discovered how fun it can be!



Child friendly recipe

Puffed Rice Snowballs

Ingredients:

Cooking spray 2 cups mini marshmallows 3 tbsp unsalted butter
1 tsp light agave syrup kosher salt 4 cups puffed-rice cereal
¼ cup diced dried apricots 2 tbsp ground flaxseeds
2tbsp roasted unsalted hulled sunflower seeds

Directions:

1. Spray a large metal mixing bowl with cooking spray and set aside.
2. Cook the marshmallows, butter, agave and 1/4 teaspoon salt in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring frequently, until the marshmallows are completely melted, and the mixture is blended, about 3 minutes. Remove from the heat, add the puffed rice and stir to coat with the marshmallow-butter mixture.
3. Transfer the rice mixture to the prepared bowl and sprinkle with the apricots, flaxseeds and sunflower seeds. Stir with a wooden spoon or hands lightly coated with cooking spray. Form into 8 logs or balls (about 1/2 cup each). Let cool about 30 minutes, then wrap tightly in parchment or plastic wrap.



"Poipoia te kakano

Kia puawai"

*Nurture the seed and
it will blossom*

He whakatauki

Responsible Recycling

Teaching tamariki to care for the environment is a learning experience that is an important part of growing up. It gives them skills in respect, empathy, patience, responsibility, and teaches them about consequences, but it also teaches them valuable lessons about sustainability and how we want to leave the world for future generations. By teaching tamariki how to recycle properly they are learning how to create a sustainable world for them to live in. They'll have a greater appreciation for the way things work, and a better understanding of our precious ecosystem. Playschool's activity this month supports learning across all strands of *Te Whāriki*, specifically the Exploration/ Mana Aotūroa strand, where tamariki experience an environment where they develop working theories for making sense of the natural, social, physical, and material worlds and the strand of Contribution/ Mana Tangata where each child's contribution is valued.

Resources provided: 3 noodle boxes, recycle labels and recycle items sheet.

Instructions:

- With your tamariki construct the noodle boxes, creating a slot on the top of the box to post recyclable items into.
- Glue the labels on the front of the noodle box.
- Together (or let your child independently) cut out the items to be recycled on the recycle items sheet.
- Sort these into their correct recycle box.

Here are some ideas to explore recycling that you might like to try with your tamariki:

