

Parent Newsletter/Panui

December/Tihema 2016

Talofa lava, Kia Ora, Hello & Bonjour...and welcome to our new families/whānau

New name for Crèche – “Kilbirnie Early Learners”

We had a great turn out at the parents' meeting on the 13th of December. Thanks to all those who came along to discuss the new name and opening hours for 2017. The group came up with a number of very creative names but the final outcome was an almost! unanimous vote for *Kilbirnie Early Learners*.

We will be spending time in the new year developing a new logo and updating our signs, website, Facebook page, leaflets, and documents. Any ideas or support you can give in these areas would be much appreciated.

New opening hours in 2017 - 8.30 to 2.30 Monday to Friday

At the meeting it was also agreed that the opening hours would increase to 8.30 to 2.30 from 13 February 2017.

The nitty gritty

The hourly fee rate will not change (\$6.30 per hour) but the fee for the day (now an hour longer) will increase to \$37.80, for those NOT attesting any hours to 20 Hours ECE funding. Those who attest hours to 20 Hours ECE funding, will continue to pay \$2.60 per attested hour, and \$6.30 per hour for any non attested hours. All families will continue to be charged \$3 per day fundraising levy.

Transition arrangements

All current families will have the option to either:

1. Enrol for the extended hours as from 13 February, OR
2. Continue with their current hours of enrolment until the 1st of April, and then change to the new hours.

However, the meeting also agreed that this date may be extended for some families on a case by case basis. If you would like to continue with your current enrolled hours beyond the 1st of April, please let Jannie know or call Helen on 04 934 8516 to discuss.

It was also agreed that under 2 year olds would have ongoing access to the shorter hours option- 8.30 to 1.30.

New enrolments in 2017

Parents/whānau of under 2 year olds will have the option to enrol their child for 8.30 to 1.30 OR 8.30 to 2.30. All other new families will be offered the 8.30 to 2.30 option only.

Staffing

The new opening hours will mean changes for our teachers' terms of employment – i.e. increased hours of work. Changes will be negotiating with staff over January and February.

The new hours also mean we will need a fourth staff member to cover teacher's lunch breaks. Once we have a job description and have confirmed the hours of work for this person, we will let you all know, in case you know of anyone who would be interested in applying for this new job.

Communications over January

Any important notices or news will be posted on our website <http://www.kilbirniecreche.co.nz/> and/or our Facebook page over the summer break. Please direct interested families to our website and our Facebook page.

And have a fabulous break!

Crèche closure over summer

The Crèche's last day of operation for the 2016 year will be Wednesday the 21st of December.

The Crèche will re-open on Tuesday the 17th of January (Monday the 16th will be a “Teacher Only Day”)

N.B. Hours of operation will remain as usual (8.45 to 1.45) from the 17 January until 10 February.

N.B. The new hours (8.30 to 2.30) will be available from Monday 13 February.