



## Tower Road Christian Preschool

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### Term 1 2021 Newsletter

Kia Ora Tower Road Whānau,

Welcome to all! We hope you and your family had a lovely break over the December holidays. We are very excited about having your child with us in 2021. We also welcome all our new families to our centre. We are looking forward to lots of new learning and friendships with the children.

#### Staffing changes 2021



March 2020 COVID 19 lock down gave us a precious gift in the form of Emily Booker, when the borders closed and Emily's plans changed, she was able to sign a fixed term contract with us and we loved having Emily as part of our team until December. Emily is embarking on new adventures in 2021 at Totara Springs Christian Centre as part of their camp staff. We wish Emily all the best and are so glad that she chose to stay in the Matamata Community!



Freule Peasley's husband got a job offer in Auckland. She was offered a Primary School position starting Term 1, 2021.

We are sad to say farewell to these two lovely teachers who contributed so much to our team, but we do know that God leads each of us to where we should be at His appointed time and we pray for a blessing over their new positions.

During term 4 some of you got to know Robyn Holmes who helped us as a reliever some Fridays. We are happy to announce that Robyn will be starting with us on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of February as a long term reliever, working at this stage Tuesday to Friday. Robyn is a certified ECE Teacher with more than 10 years ECE experience.

Charlotte is still our lunch and tea break reliever when needed and you will be seeing her mostly on Fridays with Robyn, Natasha and Liz. Gail and Rachel work Mondays to Thursdays.

Natasha will be working in the Office 8-12 as our Interim Administrator and be in her teaching role in the afternoons as well as Fridays.

Warm regards,

Karlien and the TRCP Team

#### Current Focus on 'Mana Whenua' / Belonging

In the morning we share 'Whānau'/Family time on the mat together at 9:15. During this time we connect our Christian beliefs with everyday life, values and activities.

The current focus is 'Mana Whenua' / Belonging with the children.

**Belonging** is about having a secure relationship with or a connection with a particular group of people. When children feel a **sense of belonging** and **sense of pride** in their families, their peers, and their communities, they can be emotionally strong, self-assured, and able to deal with challenges and difficulties.

This is followed by morning tea / 'Kai' at 9:30. **Lunch time** is from 11.45 and afternoon tea at 1:45.

All Kai times starts with a '**Karakia**'/Prayer or **Blessing**, thanking God for providing us with food.

#### Coming up...

- **Public Holidays:**

Monday 1st February 2021: **Auckland Anniversary day**

Monday 8th February 2021: **Waitangi day** (Observed)

Friday 2nd April 2021 **Good Friday**

Monday 5th April 2021 **Easter Monday**

Monday 26th April 2021 **Anzac Day** (Observed)

- **Term 1 Trip:** To be advised





## Drop off and Pick-up

**Please keep to your child's booked hours.** Remember on Friday afternoons the session ends at 2.30pm. Please let us know if you will be late to drop off or pick up your child, or if your child is going to be absent. You can txt, ring or email the Centre to let us know. You will then not be charged for their absence. (Please note you will be charged if the centre is not notified of your child's absence).

Also when you drop off or pick up your child please sight a teacher, as well as signing in on the sign-in daysheet, thank you!

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### FRIDAY HOURS

1 Session: **8:30am - 2:30pm**

Just remember:

- Drop off: 8:30
- Pick up no later than 2:30pm

## Yummy Sticker Promotion

We would really appreciate families collecting the stickers and the cut-out labels on the plastic bags of Yummy fruit. Collection sheets are available from the Centre office. If we get enough we can order free sports gear for our centre. Thanks!



## Toys from home

Just a friendly reminder:

Please leave your children's toys at home. We have lots of toys and activities they can enjoy here at the centre. We find toys from home may be damaged or lost, and can also create conflict between the children.

Thank you.



## Door Lock

**The entrance door may be locked at times.**

**Please ring the bell and the teachers**

**will let you in, Thanks!**



You are a *Child* of God...

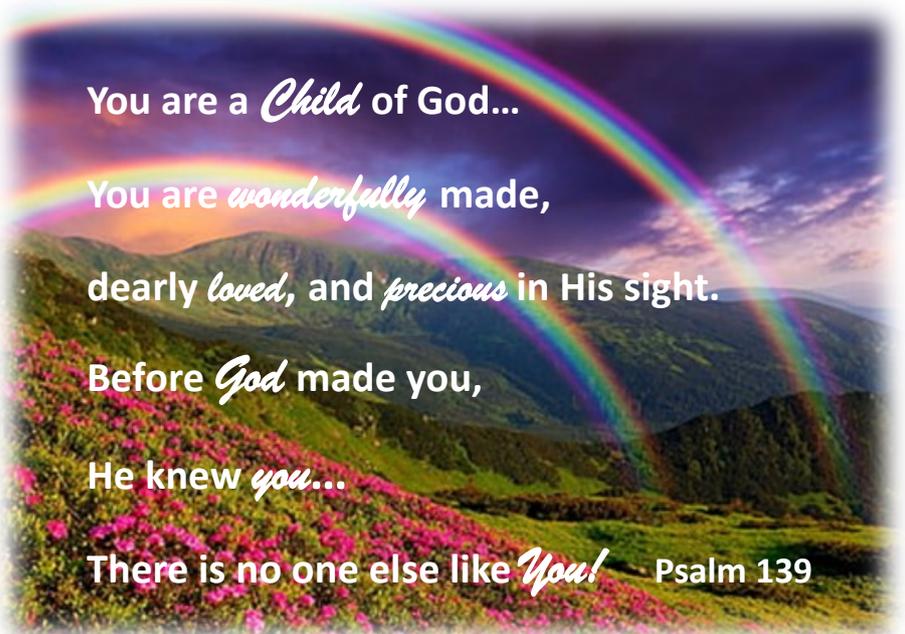
You are *wonderfully* made,

dearly *loved*, and *precious* in His sight.

Before *God* made you,

He knew *you*...

There is no one else like *You!* Psalm 139



# Portfolios

We encourage you to check your child's **Portfolios** as the teachers regularly add new Learning Stories. The children really enjoy reading these. If you take your child's portfolio home, please notify a teacher and return them promptly so the teachers can continue to update them.



## Please remember to:

- ◆ **Apply sunscreen to your child before you come the centre**
- ◆ **Bring a named sunhat from home if you do not have one in our centre's hat box**
- ◆ **Bring a change of clothes, togs and a towel for water play, and mud play**
- ◆ **All children need two changes of clothing, including underwear.**
- ◆ **Put your child's named lunchbox and drink bottle on the lunch shelf, and food that needs to be kept cool in the small black fridge.**



## Sunhats

\$ 20



## Wet bags

\$ 10



**Order form by red drop box**



We love to celebrate your child's birthday at Tower Road. Your child creates their own playdough cake, and a birthday crown. When your child turns 5, you are welcome to bring along a cake for us to share together during Kai time.