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NAPPY COMPOSTING BEGINS:



The  
**HUGGIES** ULTRA DRY NAPPIES **envirocomp**  
solution!

**Working together to divert nappies from Landfill**

In August 2009 the worlds' first nappy composting facility able to compost ALL BRANDS of disposable nappies opened in North Canterbury.

Since then nappies, sanitary and incontinence products have been collected from households, preschools and rest homes.

**Whilst Redcliff's is currently outside the collection area for residential addresses, we have teamed up with Envirocomp to be able to offer this service to our parents.**

You can now pre-purchase your collection bags from Envirocomp and place these in special allocated bins at The James Street Preschool on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

**This service starts from only \$2.75 per week**

*The staff at The James Street Preschool are proud to be involved in this world first initiative and feel 'guilt free' that their nappies are being diverted from landfill.*

Contact Envirocomp Ltd [www.envirocomp.co.nz](http://www.envirocomp.co.nz) or phone 03 312 9380

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES:



Luca Dickson  
Louis McAlpine  
Macy Roberts

Charlie Everitt  
Damon Noakes  
Henry Rumball

Hannah Gard  
Joel Peck  
Nicola Schoeman

## FAREWELL TO:



Erica Batchelor  
Ben Depree  
Magnus Heaphy  
Toby Marsh  
Reuben McDonald  
Maisie Turner

Klarissa Campbell  
Poppy Depree  
Stevi Hokianga  
Jessica McDonald  
Rheon Salt

Ryan Cooke  
Keira Gillespie  
Sam LeLievre  
Oliver McDonald  
Jack Tulloch

Good luck to all of you who are starting school this month.

## CONGRATULATIONS:



Karen, James and Jake Taylor on the birth of Cam  
Kate, Neil and Archie Whithear on the birth of Harry  
Alessandra, Callum & Finn McCaw on the birth of Jessica  
Kaye, David & Tom Harvey on the birth of Leon  
Colette, Will & Olivia Doughty on the birth of Josh  
Tanya, Laurence & Alana Cooke on the birth of Lewis

## STAFF:



Sadly, we farewell two long serving staff members this month.

Gary Ward who currently works part time at Junior School has resigned to work full time in his Cheeky Monkeys business at Ferrymead. While we regret seeing Gary go, we are delighted that his children's party business has become so successful over the past few years.

Gary has worked at The James St Preschool for nine years on two different occasions. We may not have seen the last of Gary though as he has said he may be available if we get really stuck for relievers at any stage.

Rebecca McIvor has also resigned from her position in the Nursery. Rebecca has worked at The James St Preschool for five years. She originally began as a parent and was offered a position doing centre based training towards her Diploma of Teaching (E.C.E.). She completed this in 2007 and has worked full time in the nursery since then. Those of you who know Rebecca will appreciate that her wit, humour and easy going nature will be sadly missed. We wish her all the best with whatever she decides to do next.



We are delighted to welcome India Ward who has just began training towards her Diploma of Teaching (E.C.E.), at Te Tari Puna Ora o Aotearoa/New Zealand Childcare Association. India will be at college on a Wednesday, and will be working at Preschool and Junior School for the rest of the week.

Jo South has just started her second year at Te Tari Puna Ora o Aotearoa/New Zealand Childcare Association. Jo will be at college on a Tuesday, and will be working at Preschool and Junior School for the rest of the week.

Gary and Rebecca's departure has allowed the opportunity for staff to change age groups/areas to advance their teaching experiences further. Anna will be moving to the Nursery. June will be continuing with the 4 - 4.5 year olds. Kirsty Jones will be moving to the 3 - 3.5 year old group and Chloe will be moving to Junior School.

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS:

Could we please remind everyone to bring along a named sunhat for their child. We have noticed that we have had to supply quite a few for the children lately. We have also noticed an increased sense of awareness and ownership being displayed by those children who have their own hat that can be left here. They will often search out their hat before going outside, and will also return it to the hat basket as they come inside. This is great to help teach our children about caring for their own possessions, and of course being sun smart.

#### PRESCHOOL NEWS:

Although the weather hasn't been seasonal it appears that everyone has had a great summer break. Many children have enjoyed sharing with the staff where they have been and what they have done (and what they got for Christmas!).

From 1 February we will be recommencing our group times. Several children have also moved into another group with another primary caregiver. Please check with your child's last known teacher, or Tracy. The children are generally allocated into each group according to their age and developmental needs.

The groups (and approximate ages) are as follows:

#### **Preschool**

4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 years	Kerry
4 - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ years	June
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 years	Clair
3 - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years	Kirsty Jones
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 years	Kirsty Begg

Tracy, Jo and India will cover when staff have non-contact time, are sick or are on holiday.

#### **Junior School**

18 months - 3 years	Kylie, Teryl, Sally, Chloe, Elleke, Hayley
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#### **Nursery**

0 - 18 months	Vanessa, Sonia, Anna, Hilary
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## LEARNING PROFILES:

The teaching staff work very hard to document and assess your child's learning journey while they are with us. Please take time to read through your child's profile book and make comments in the section provided. As the profile book is a form of feedback for teachers as well as parents we would also like to encourage you to add photos or write about experiences within the home. Your contribution to the profile book allows the teachers to make your child's learning experiences in the preschool setting meaningful. We value parents provide feedback on their child's learning within the learning stories. Profile books can be taken home but do need to be returned within one week to allow us to add more material to them.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS:



Scholastic book orders need to be returned to the payments box at either preschool no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010. All orders placed earn credits to purchase books for the preschool library.



## HOLIDAY BOOKINGS LONGER THAN 3 WEEKS:

There was some confusion over the Christmas New Year period regarding the Ministry of Education's rules relating to Free ECE when a child is absent. The Ministry of Education funds free ECE for an absent child for a period of 21 consecutive calendar days.

### Example:

Anna has a booking on a Tues and a Fri. She is absent for four weeks from Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The Ministry of Education will fund Anna's Free ECE up to and including Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Anna's fourth week of absence will not be funded and will incur full fees to hold her booking. As soon as Anna's attendance resumes, the counting of absent days begins again.

Work and Income apply the same rules to children receiving a childcare subsidy.

## ILLNESS/SICKNESS:



Over the past few months several illnesses have been in circulation - vomiting/diarrhoea as well as chickenpox. We appreciate that it can be difficult arranging alternative care; however it is vital that children who are unwell are kept at home to stop an illness circulating further. If you are unsure how long your child should be kept away; please check with a teaching staff member. A general childhood infectious guideline is available from:

<http://www.health.govt.nz/uploads/docs/HE1215.pdf>

Our policy on sickness and infectious diseases specifically states,

*The preschool will ensure that children (or staff) exhibiting any of the following symptoms may not attend, as per Ministry of Health guidelines:*

- *constant or coloured discharge from eyes, nose or ears;*
- *persistent cough;*
- *high temperature;*
- *strep throat;*
- ***vomiting or diarrhoea within the last 48 hours;***
- *Infectious diseases as per Ministry of Health guidelines, including Hand Foot and Mouth, Conjunctivitis, Campylobacter, Giardia or any uncommon diseases.*

*The preschool will ensure that should a child become sick at the preschool the parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child immediately.*

If your child does require medication while in preschool care please ensure that you fill out a form and given to a member of the teaching staff. Only trained teaching staff are authorised to be responsible for the medication form and administering the medication.

With the 'odd' warm day we are finding the children are being changed out of wet clothing more often. Please make sure that extra clothing is packed. Children who are also being toilet trained also need several changes of clothing. Preschool has a very limited supply of spare clothing, and sunhats. Please remember to pack a named sunhat in your child's bag, or keep a named sunhat in a teacher's basket in the hallway.

THANK YOU:

Henry Forgie and family for donating books to the Junior School.  
The children are really enjoying reading these.



DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS:

The James St Preschool now requires a Direct Debit agreement for all new enrolments. We have also had many requests from existing families to pay by Direct Debit. If you wish to begin paying by Direct Debit, please complete the Direct Debit form attached to this newsletter and return to the payments box at preschool or Junior School. It takes approximately two weeks for this to be set up and you will receive an email from us when this has occurred and you can stop your current payment method. Direct Debits will occur on each Wednesday for the previous weeks preschool fees.

Existing parents who set up a Direct Debit by the end of February will go in the draw to win one week's free childcare fees.

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Kind regards to you all,

Tonia, Murray, Tracy, Kerry, Kirsty Jones, Clair, Anna, Chloe, June, Vanessa, Rebecca McIvor,  
Hilary, Sonia, Jo, Kirsty Begg, Kylie, Teryl, Sally, Elleke, Gary, Hayley, India, Sharyn, Heidi & Denise



## CONDITIONS OF THIS AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DIRECT DEBITS

### 1. The Initiator:

- (a) Has agreed to give advance Notice of the net amount of each Direct Debit and the due date of the debiting at least two business days before the date when the Direct Debit will be initiated. This advance notice must be provided in writing (including by electronic means and SMS where the Customer has provided prior written consent (including by electronic means including SMS) to communicate electronically). The advance notice will include the following message:-  
"The amount of \$....., will be Direct Debited to your Bank account on (initiating date)."
- (b) May, upon the relationship which gave rise to this Authority being terminated, give notice to the Bank that no further Direct Debits are to be initiated under the Authority. Upon receipt of such notice the Bank may terminate this Authority as to future payments by notice in writing to me/us.

### 2. The Customer may:-

- (a) At any time, terminate this Authority as to future payments by giving notice of termination to the Bank and to the Initiator by means agreed by the customer, Bank and Initiator.
- (b) Stop payment of any Direct Debit to be initiated under this authority by the Initiator by giving written notice to the Bank prior to the Direct Debit being paid by the Bank.

### 3. The Customer acknowledges that:-

- (a) This authority will remain in full force and effect in respect of all Direct Debits passed to my/our account in good faith notwithstanding my/our death, bankruptcy or other revocation of this authority until actual notice of such event is received by the Bank.
- (b) In any event this authority is subject to any arrangement now or hereafter existing between me/us and the Bank in relation to my/our account.
- (c) Any dispute as to the correctness or validity of an amount debited to my/our account shall not be the concern of the Bank except in so far as the Direct Debit has not been paid in accordance with this authority. Any other dispute lies between me/us and the Initiator.
- (d) Where the Bank has used reasonable care and skill in acting in accordance with this authority, the Bank accepts no responsibility or liability in respect of:-
  - the accuracy of information about Direct Debits on Bank statements; and
  - any variations between notices given by the Initiator and the amounts of Direct Debits.
- (e) The Bank is not responsible for, or under any liability in respect of the Initiator's failure to give notice in accordance with 1(a) nor for the non-receipt or late receipt of notice by me/us for any reason whatsoever. In any such situation the dispute lies between me/us and the Initiator.

### 4. The Bank may:-

- (a) In its absolute discretion conclusively determine the order of priority of payment by it of any monies pursuant to this or any other authority, cheque or draft properly signed by me/us and given to or drawn on the Bank.
- (b) At any time terminate this authority as to future payments by notice in writing to me/us.
- (c) Charge its current fees for this service in force from time-to-time.