



Rangi Ruru Pre-School

Newsletter- October 2018

To the Rangi Whanau and Community,

Christmas

It's nearly time to start planning for this!

End of year closure 2018 and restart date for 2019

A reminder that preschool will be operating right up until Friday 21st December.

We have taken the step of not closing earlier, as has been the case in the past, as we are aware many families are still working up until that day.

The centre will reopen to children and families on Monday 14th January 2018, normal opening hours.

If families would like to finish their 2018 booking earlier than Friday 21st December, please let us know.

Normal fees will resume from Monday 14th January 2018.

We apologise if a closedown period is inconvenient to any families, however full centre cleaning, carpet cleaning, gardening and other maintenance activities are performed over the Christmas closure break. The break also enables our teaching team and your children to have a well-deserved break and an opportunity to revitalise themselves before the exciting year ahead.

Term One 2018 – Booking & Holiday confirmations

We have emailed a Confirmation of Enrolment for Term One 2019 form to families. Copies are in your child's information pocket. Bookings roll over, however, but we do require re-confirmation. Please indicate which week your child/children will be returning to preschool in 2019.

Please note that normal fees will commence from Monday 14th January 2019, but families will be able to use their holiday allowances should you wish to take extended holidays in the New Year.

Warm regards,

Linda

UPCOMING EVENTS ...

Sports Day



Sports Day

We will be having our Sports day next Friday (23rd) from 1.15 pm, out on the field.

An afternoon of fun and laughter featuring some mini Olympics type events along with old fashion fun and games.

Family and friends are invited along to support (and participate) the afternoon's events.

Families who do not usually attend on a Friday are encouraged to come and join in – all children have been practicing the different activities.

Thanks, and see you on Friday.



Rangi Ruru Family Christmas Party 2018



Saturday 15th December

From 10am onwards

Steam Scene, McLean's Island –

Miniature Trains Picnic Area

A very warm welcome is extended to all families to Rangi Ruru Preschool Christmas party. We hope that you and your family will be able to come along and share in this changing tradition with us. Feel free to bring siblings and grandparents.

This social occasion will provide an opportunity to put a face to the name of your child's Rangi Ruru friends, meet some other parents and spend some time chatting with our teachers.

We ask that each family bring along their own picnic (or similar) and a picnic blanket.

Rangi Ruru will be supplying families with tickets for the Miniature Trains, which begin service at 10am. This is our way of thanking you for all your amazing support and partnership throughout the year.

Santa is planning on joining us, around 11am, but won't have all the presents ready by then – so to help him, we ask that you drop off (to Linda & before the day) a small book present for your child. Please Christmas wrap and clearly name for your child (or family, if siblings will be attending). With everyone bringing along a book there is no element of competition and little room for disappointment.

Please advise our teachers if you will be able to join us, as we will need to advise how many family concession books are required. Hope to see you there!

RECENT HAPPENINGS...

Diwali celebrations - A big thank-you to Rathika for coming in and sharing her knowledge of Diwali with us. Thanks to Aysvithan for sharing his Mum with everyone!





The Butterfly Lady – We recently had a visit from Maria Romero (The Butterfly Lady). Maria spends a great deal of time visiting schools and early childhood services, sharing her knowledge about Monarch Butterflies. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time with her and the resources she brought with her.

Visit from Australian ECE Teachers – We were very pleased to be asked to host a group of eight teachers from The Mulberry Early Childhood Group, Perth. They are travelling to a few centres around New Zealand, looking at what New Zealand ECE offers families and children, our teaching methodology and curriculum delivery. We were proud to be the centre of choice to represent Christchurch. Your children took great delight in allowing them to participate in their play and learning. It was quite clear to our visitors that your children were engaged and active in their learning and had immense ownership of this place!



SPACES AVAILABLE – 2019

We will be saying our farewells to a few friends at the start of 2019. We have some of our 'old hands' leaving us to start their new adventure in Primary School. This means that we will have spaces free, across the week. If you know anyone considering preschool or looking to swap centres, please advocate for enrolment here at Rangī.

We continue to offer you a 'friends and family' credit of \$100 if anyone enrolls based on your introduction.

Thanks to those families who have made increases to their bookings and making better use of their 20 hours ECE. Remember you have up to 20 hours available to you, under this scheme. We would really like to see more of our families making the most of these hours.

CONTACTING US & PRESCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Just a reminder of our Preschool cell phone number 021 0234 6060 is for text's only. You can text us to let us know if your child is going to be absent for the day. If you want to check on how your child's day is going, or for any other non-urgent messages phone the landline - 03 983 3757. Please bear in mind we are working with your children, so if we cannot get to the phone the first time, PLEASE ring back.

You can also send us an email on preschool@rangirurupreschool.nz

Please note our email has now been changed. The old address will still be forwarded, but please update your contacts.

We hope you have taken the time to check out our centre Facebook page. If you are accessing via an internet or Facebook search for [@rangirurupreschool](https://www.facebook.com/@rangirurupreschool), to find the page easily.

We also update our Facebook page regularly with photos of our children's learning, so you can keep other family members 'in the loop'. This is where we post up to date information about the centre in the event of an emergency, so 'like' us on FB now!



The page has our Yellow RR logo. If you get this, you know you are on the right page.

WELCOME TO RANGI

We have recently welcomed new friends to our Rangī family.

Xavier is beginning to find his place in our family.

We will also be welcoming Elsie and her family very soon.

We trust that Xavier and his family will enjoy their time at Rangī and we know everyone will make them feel extremely welcome. Elsie will be starting with us in a couple of weeks.

OUR NEW DANISH INTERN

We will soon be welcoming our new Danish Intern, Ninna Vang, to our Rangī Ruru family. Ninna will be joining us from Monday 3rd December through until the end of her six-month placement, in May. We know everyone will make her feel very welcome. A huge thank-you, to Julia, Raj, Mira and Rohan Singhal, who have offered Ninna accommodation during her internship.

**Me mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga o te katoa
Let's work together for the wellbeing of us all**

Ngā mihi nui

Linda & the team from Rangī Ruru