

# HOPE PRESCHOOL



## Welcome back to Melissa

Kia ora my name is Melissa Wilson and I am excited to be a new member of the team at Hope Preschool. I was a student teacher at Hope two years ago and it is lovely to see some familiar faces and siblings of children who used to be here. I live in Gore and grew up on a sheep and beef farm near Clinton. I previously have been working at the Riversdale pre school, Funshine, for the last 15 months. I am really enjoying getting to know the children and look forward to getting to know all of their families.

### Coming Up:

Waitangi Day - Wednesday 6th February - we will be closed for the day.

### Strategic Planning 2019

Our 2019 Strategic Plan has been drafted. This sets the preschool priorities and direction for the year ahead. If you would like a copy to read, or have questions about this, please let Lisa know.

### Professional Learning:

The teaching team is really looking forward to being part of an Oral Literacy Cluster in the first half of 2019, with other early childhood services. This will give us new knowledge about how we should best support oral language development at the preschool.

### Group Planning - Ako

Our group planning is based on the Maori concept of ako.

"In te ao Māori, the concept of ako means both to teach and to learn. It recognises the knowledge that both teachers and learners bring to learning interactions, and it acknowledges the way that new knowledge and understandings can grow out of shared learning experiences."

(<http://tereomaori.tki.org.nz/Curriculum-guidelines/Teaching-and-learning-te-reo-Maori/Aspects-of-planning/The-concept-of-ako>)

The children have been enjoying sharing their photos and stories about what they have been doing over the summer. It has been great for them to be able to be able to share with the teachers and other children about their lives.

The teachers have also been sharing about what they did over the Christmas break. We are learning together from each others experiences.





*From the Bible:*

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



**Things to note:**

-Please send a named waterproof or plastic bag for wet or dirty clothes as we don't supply these.

- Sun Safety - please send a named sunhat and ensure clothing covers shoulders.

-Please do not publish any photos taken at preschool unless you have the permission of the people in them.

-For absences please text 0272037057, phone 03 203 7057 or email [admin@hopepreschool.co.nz](mailto:admin@hopepreschool.co.nz).

-The children all have cubbies for their art work, we also put any belongings that are named in them, so it is a good idea to check these frequently.



*Whakatauki*

Ko te ākonga te pūtake o te ako.

The learner is the basis of teaching and learning.

