

HOPE PRESCHOOL



Coming Up:

We will be closed 19th to the 23rd of April for Easter and Southland Anniversary. Also 25th April for Anzac Day. We will be open 24th and 26th April.

Policy Review

The policies for review this month are:

Settling and Transition

Self Review Procedures

You will find a copy of these on the parent information notice board for comment.



How to help your child settle into preschool

-Make a plan. Be positive about preschool. On the way in the car explain, "Mum is going to stay with you for one thing that you choose, then Mum is going to give you a big kiss and cuddle, say goodbye and then go". Make this clear, and then make sure you consistently do this every time (during a hard settling time). Avoid saying things like "Mummy is going to miss you so much". Instead try something positive like "You are going to have a great time at preschool and then I will come and pick you up after you have had lunch". If your child is clinging to you and won't let you go, find one of the teachers to help you, trust them, they have your child's best interests at heart and will make sure your child is supported until they feel ready to get involved in what is happening at preschool.

-Your teaching team will always call you if they feel your child isn't coping. You will be contacted if your child is not calming down, seems highly anxious, upset or worried.

-When you start to question yourself about whether you are doing the right thing in persevering during a rough settling patch, think about all the valuable skills they are learning and try to think about the big picture. Each time they conquer a challenge they are building their self-esteem and taking their new skills to the next challenge. For many that next big transition is primary school, and all of these settling skills and resilience will be needed there too!

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(Adapted from "Settling Tips" by Amy Barnett - Early Intervention Teacher)

We have a full article on this available on the parent noticeboard or if you would like your own copy please ask one of the teachers.





From the Bible:

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:12-13



Things to note:

-We would like to do more woodwork with the children, if this is an interest of yours or you know someone who would be willing to come and spend some time with the children to do this, please let one of the teachers know.

-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.

-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.

-With the colder weather coming, please make sure children have suitable outside clothing, gumboots, jacket and hat, and please name them.



Whakatauki:

Hei kororia ki te Atua runga rawa
 (Give glory to God on high).
 Hei maungārongo ki runga ki te whenua
 (there shall be peace on earth)
 Hei whakaaro pai ki ngā tangata katoa
 (and goodwill amongst all people).

