



Red Kite

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Red Kite joins AUT Early Childhood Advisory Committee

We are proud to announce that Anita has been invited to join AUT's Early Childhood Advisory Committee. The committee advises the University on the content and delivery of their Early Childhood Courses. It's made up of representatives from the student community, academics, recent graduates and those working in the sector managing early childhood centres.



Friendly reminder

Wet/Soiled clothes bag

We are reducing the use of plastic bags here at the centre and ask that you please include a reusable bag for such clothes in your child's bag.

Entertainment Guide

As well as dining out and shopping benefits (10% off at David Jones), this year's Entertainment membership gives discounts at Event Cinemas, Hoyts, the Berkeley Cinema in Mission Bay and Rialto Cinemas, MOTAT, Kelly Tarlton's Sealife, Rainbow's End and the Auckland Zoo. Outdoor activities include golf, kayaking, windsurfing and sailing and indoor activities vary from ceramic painting to ice skating, trampolining, Snowplanet indoor ski slope, Waitomo Caves, visits to hotpools and more – great for entertaining children as rainy days set in. A copy of the book detailing all the discounts can be inspected in our lobby.

Mixed-age grouping – why we love it!

Even though our babies have their own space for playing, we occasionally invite one or two bigger children to the baby room, or bring babies out into the big children's area after lunch while they are waiting for their nappy change and nap. This gives the babies a change of scene which they enjoy, plus it's a great opportunity to support the older children's social and emotional learning. Children who are older often take on a natural leadership role, supporting those who are less capable and competent than they are, while at the same time building their own self-confidence and self-esteem. Children with no younger siblings at home have the opportunity to 'be a big sister or brother', modelling sharing and gentle hands. Safety is always our priority and we, as educators, supervise at all times.



Parents' Voice

We value the contributions of our parents and will always listen to and respond to your feedback. Please feel free to email us about anything that concerns or interests you: info@redkitepreschool.co.nz

Easter holidays are coming!

Easter holidays (April 19-22) coincide with ANZAC Day this year, providing families with the chance for a long autumn break. Red Kite will be closed on the three public holidays April 19, April 22, and April 25.



Policy review

Policies reviewed this month include:

- Bottlefeeding
- Animals
- Excursions
- Centre self-review

Please ask if you would like to see a copy of any of these policies.

Welcome & Farewell



Naira



Tanveer



Diana



Sylvia

A very warm welcome to our new friend Naira and her family. And also to Tanveer and his family, who have moved to Auckland from Taupo.

Sylvia Liang joined us as a full-time teacher in early March, after completing her teaching qualification and having a holiday in China. Welcome Sylvia!

Farewell Diana, who will be finishing her studies with us in April. We are sorry to see you go and wish you well in your future career in ECE.

Children's recent interests:

Baking has become a core component in our curriculum. Baking with children is not only fun – it's also a socially interactive experience, through which children gain valuable life skills. Throughout the process, children are gaining an understanding of counting and measuring, teamwork, curiosity, problem solving and developing patience. Once the baking is ready for the oven, the children also love to be involved in the clean-up. We make this part of the whole process, and it becomes a learning experience too as children understand about setting up and packing up the activity. This time we made savoury muffins. If you have a great recipes from your kitchen, please feel free to share them with us!

