

Dear Parents and Whanau

Welcome to a New Year at The Village! It is wonderful to see our families returning from holiday and our new families who are just starting out as members of The Village community. It was a busy year last year for The Village with staff engagements, weddings and new babies along the way.

We said farewell to many little friends and as the new school term starts, it's time to say goodbye to some of our Preschool children who are beginning the wonderful adventure that is school. We know you will start school with confidence and an amazing range of skills and interests from your time at The Village. Our love and very best wishes go with you.



SPACE at The Village

SPACE at The Village will be recommencing this year starting at The Bethlehem Community Church on Tuesday 26th of February. If you know someone with a new baby, they may enjoy participating in SPACE where they will connect with other new parents and their babies and explore parenting and children's development in a safe, facilitated environment. Our Space group will meet weekly, giving you and your baby

the chance to make real connections during your baby's first year. Parents will get to consider different parenting perspectives, perhaps find out some new information, and have some great, facilitated discussions as you discover ways that work for you and your baby. Visit www.space.org.nz or phone the office for more information.

Sunsmart Policy

The Village is an accredited Sun Smart Centre, with the Cancer Society. This means our environment, Policies and Procedures provide sun safety for children in our care. We ask parents to sun-block their child before they attend The Village in the morning, then sunblock is applied at regular intervals during the day to ensure protection. If you would like your child to wear an alternative sunblock to what is provided, please ensure you pack a named sunblock with your child each day. We also provide wide brimmed hats, but please feel free to pack a suitable hat for your child. At this time of the year we spend a lot of time outside enjoying messy or water play. Please make sure you provide a rash-shirt or spare clothes for your child to wear during water play.

Staffing News



We are delighted to welcome Rebekah Pennell back from maternity leave. Beks and baby Benji have joined the Tots Team. Becks replaces Michelle Holmes who is on maternity leave with Julian and her new addition Astin.

We would also like to introduce Ashley Rolls to our Preschool Room. Ashley holds a degree in sport and is currently working on her ECE upgrade.



Sadly, we said farewell to Alysha from Preschool and Melissa from Explorers. Lesh is furthering her career at another Centre, and Melissa has decided to take the time to settle her daughter Paige into school at Papamoa East.

Claire Hesketh & the Team at The Village