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- End of year Christmas party at Lollipops Playland on the 16th of December.
- We will be closed from the 17th of December through to the 11th of January 2011.
- Also if you have any items that you do not want such as corks, glad wrap rolls, buttons or wool we would love to take these off your hands and add them to our collage resources.

What's been happening?



Well the end of another year has come around so quick! The last two months here at Bright start have definitely been busy but full of fun learning. We have had some lovely sunny days which have enabled us to get out the water play, which of course the children just love! We have extended on this interest by placing out different resources they can use in the water such as the sea creatures, pouring equipment, cloths and brushes as they tend to love scrubbing the cars and cleaning the bikes. There has also been a lot of imaginative play that has lead to

numerous birthday parties in the sandpit and many shopping trips in the boat. The sandpit has been a popular place this month where the children have been busy preparing meals and baking for each other based on their prior experiences. To extend on this increasing interest of baking, together we have been baking goodies for afternoon tea. This is a time where the children get to help select the ingredients, add the ingredients to the bowl, mix, prepare the mixture for the oven and of course they all love to eat what is left over! Family play is also still very popular with most children carrying around more than one baby doll and numerous bags full of clothes and bottles. Throughout their family play the children have been showing a great sense of awareness for responsibility and care of others as they make sure their baby doll is clothed, wrapped, fed and has many sleeps in the pop up tents! This month we have also been very lucky to have hired some outdoor equipment from sports manawatu. This has been a real advantage as we have been able to add to our outdoor obstacle course and provide a higher level of challenge. The wedge in particular is very popular as it is tricky to climb up but the children show a great deal of persistence as they love getting to the top so they can slide back down it. We have also been very busy in the



garden this month and have recently planted some potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, strawberries and peas—all of which are growing beautifully! This has also enabled the children to take on a level of responsibility as they love to water the garden to ensure that it will grow. In regards to art we have been trying some new techniques out this month one of



which has been string painting—the children loved this activity and this resulted in some fabulous artworks. Books are forever popular with children but in particular this month the 'Wonky Donkey' has been a definite favourite. The rhyme of the text in particular has made the story really enjoyable for the children, and guarantees many laughs everytime, whereas the use of repetition has enabled them to grasp a great understanding of the story and be able to read along with the reader. We are still frequent visitors to the Y.M.C.A where the children have been practicing their balancing ,climbing and risk taking skills which in turn has also encouraged the use of team work, sharing and relationship building.

Now a couple of things to remember

- Please remember to check the boxes outside on the deck, as we have lots of lost property at the moment .
- Please remember to keep your child's nappy locker in the bathroom stocked up as each centre nappy that you use will be charged to your account.
- Please ensure that all children have sunscreen on before arriving daily.
- Our lollipop's Christmas party is on the 16th of December from 10:30 am until 2:30 pm at Lollipop's Playland.
- Please ensure that all emergency contact details and medical information are up to date.
- Please remember to pick up your child's beautiful artwork (art portfolios are located under the sign in/out register).
- Please remember that we will be closed from the 17th of December to the 11th of January 2011.

And remember to have a safe and happy Christmas and New year holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Staff news

This month we have welcomed a new staff member to our teaching team — Kelsi Mckay.

Hi everyone, I have recently completed my Bachelor of Education (ECE) at Massey University and this is my first job working a centre. I have nearly been working here at Bright Start for a month now and I am really enjoying working with and alongside such a fantastic teaching team and bunch of children! I have strong interests in regards to visual arts, baking and literacy. I look forward to seeing you all again next year and meeting those of you who I haven't had the opportunity to meet yet :).

That's all from your Bright Start team until next month

Birthdays

Olivia– who turned **2** this month.



Welcome

We are happy to welcome ...

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Olivia Clayton Collis

to the Bright Start Whanau. We look forward to getting to know and work with & alongside you and your families.

Ka Kite /Farewell

This month we have a few people we are saying 'Good Bye' to...

Poppy and Maya & their Whanau- who will both be transitioning next door to Montessori

We trust you have enjoyed your time at Bright Start and we wish you all a bright & sparkling future.

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