

the smash club

TERM 4 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We hope that your Term 4 is going really well. Most of us are absolutely amazed at how quickly this year has gone and that it's nearly the time for end of year celebrations.

In the meantime, we have several important pieces of news we thought we should share in this newsletter, rather than sending several separate emails.

RECENT ACTIVITIES AT KARORI ANGLICAN

Firstly, an enormous thank you for everyone's positivity and understanding throughout the many changes that have occurred recently - some were very last minute and took us by surprise too. We also acknowledge these challenges were managed by everyone and without fuss or complaint. We really do appreciate that. *Te Korōria* is now well underway and you may have noticed the old building is down (completely!). We really feel the new changes are on their way - at last!

SAFETY AT SMASH AND ON THE KARORI

ANGLICAN CHURCH GROUNDS

While changes have been happening, a few things have popped up as we anticipated. We are currently addressing the safety concerns of pedestrians and cars sharing the same space outside the vicarage Playgarden.

We ask that all drivers keep to the 5kph speed limit and take note of the blind spot that the garage creates (entering and leaving the car park.)



Important end of the year dates for your calendar

Thursday 16th of December



SMASH will operate a half-day programme (\$40), with school pick up at 12:30 pm.

Enrolments now open. Booking required.

Friday 17th to Thursday 23rd
December



SMASH Christmas Workshop - full day SHP care, from 8 am to 6 pm (\$52.50). Limited numbers.

Enrolments now open and schedule available in our website:

www.thesmashclub.org.nz

Join us for some Christmas fun!



2022 Holiday Programme

SMASH will re-open to children *on Monday the 10th of January for our Summer Fun Holiday Programme*. The office will open earlier, on the 6th of January.

Schools are planning to start on the 2nd of February, until then SMASH will operate every day from 8 am to 6 pm.

Increase of fees for 2022

With regret, we have to put up our fees from January next year. This is unavoidable and the extra fees are required to, primarily, offset the upcoming increase in minimum wage, and inflation.

NEW FEE STRUCTURE

Breakfast Club \$15 per session

After School Care \$24 per session

School Holiday Programme \$54 per session - \$5 extra for trip days

COVID-19 Vaccines

We are pleased to report that all our staff are fully vaccinated and intend to have the 6 month booster in due course. Thank you to everyone who continues to scan in, use a mask and take the extra precautions when on site. When the Traffic Light system comes into play, we will follow the same procedures as the schools and put into place the same regulations.

Change in Software

Once again and with enormous regret, we are changing software. The Aimy Plus system has not been able to provide SMASH with the service we were expecting. We have had feedback from many parents about ongoing invoicing issues which have been very difficult to resolve (and for which we apologise). From our side, there have been ongoing issues which cannot be resolved either.

Our new software is Discover. Unfortunately, implementing Discover will mean that you will have to re-enrol (again, sorry!) but after that, we expect to be able to keep things as simple as possible. For example, we are currently working on an APP for parents to book holidays once everyone is on Discover.

New SMASH APP

The idea is to concentrate everything to do with SMASH in one place:

SHP enrolments and schedules; absence notification; contact and daily updates (pick up, medical and health etc); authorisation to walk unaccompanied.

We would like to hear from you if there is any feature that **YOU** would like to see in our APP.

Your input is valuable!



Roll Over

We will assume that all children enrolled on Term 4 2021 will follow the same pattern and return on the same days in Term 1 2022, unless we are notified otherwise.

Even if you fill in the **NEW ENROLMENT FORM**, the office needs to be notified of any changes as you

IMPORTANT! Due to considerably high costs to run the holiday programme, sessions will only be possible once a **minimum of 16 children per day are enrolled**. If we do not achieve this number, we may consider closing SMASH for the day. Plenty of notice will be given.