

# Preschool News

Term 1, 2021

All classes are for preschool children only.

Parents and caregivers need to partake with their child.

## Welcome

It's been a crazy year with Covid-19, but we have continued on with our programmes at the earliest and safest appropriate time. We would like to thank you for your support by returning and attending our programmes.

We have introduced quite a few new songs this year and the children really enjoy them. We have thoroughly enjoyed your company and wish you a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season – look forward to seeing you back 2021.

*Jo, Sickan, Jes and Lynda*

## Term dates

**Term 4 ends** Thursday 10 Dec

### Term 1, 2021

Tuesday 9 Feb – Friday 16 April

### No session dates

Wed 24 – Thursday 25 March

Friday 2 – Monday 5 April

## Connect with us

Lynda McAndrew, call 04 237 3556  
Email [lynda.mcandrew@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:lynda.mcandrew@porirua.govt.nz) Follow us on [fb.com/terauparahaarena](https://www.facebook.com/terauparahaarena) and join the Arena Activities group

### Inbox

To be emailed the latest newsletter contact Lynda McAndrew.

### mTXT service

Want to know when a Kindy Gym session is cancelled? Phone Lynda McAndrew to register and you'll receive a text to let you know.

### Got a suggestion?

Please contact Lynda McAndrew.

### Great website

Check out [toddlerintow.co.nz](http://toddlerintow.co.nz) for some great parenting tips.

## Baby Gym

**For babies beginning to crawl, crawling and early walkers**

A fun session for parent and child to explore the wonderful world of movement and music together. Registrations are required.

Monday 22 February, 1 & 8 March	11.15am–12pm	3 sessions	\$21 per child
Tuesday 9, 16 & 23 March	11.15am–12pm	3 sessions	\$21 per child
Wednesday 31 March, 7 & 14 April	11.15am–12pm	3 sessions	\$21 per child

This 45 min session has music and movement with ball handling, an obstacle course with slopes, tunnels, and a sensory mat with different textures to experience and

challenge the little ones. All classes are held at Te Rauparaha Arena. To find out more or to register, contact Lynda McAndrew or phone reception.

## Tiny Movers

**Aimed at preschoolers aged 1 year (walking) to 2 years**

A class in between Baby Gym (our littler crawlers) and Kindy Gym (our confident “running around” children). Regular casual class, no registration required, \$5 per child or use your concession card.

Thursday	11am–12pm
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Tiny Movers is for the beginner walker to support their milestone of walking, stability on their feet, learning to listen and take action on instructions, interaction with other children and have loads of fun in a group environment with their caregiver.

A quieter class, this gives the children a good grounding before entering a busy Kindy Gym session.

## Kindy Gym

**For children aged from 1 year (walking) to 4 years**

A 60 min programme of movement and exercise, confidence building, socialising skills and education. No registration required, \$5 per child. Concession cards (10 trip) \$40.

Monday to Friday	9.30–10.30am
Monday	1.30–2.30pm
Friday	11am–12pm

### Weekend sessions for term:

Saturday 13 March	9.30–10.30am
Saturday 27 March	9.30–10.30am

Preschool Kindy Gym classes are designed to have both structured play and free-play. Interactive



games, dancing and songs are all part of this session, along with obstacle courses specifically for preschool children – challenging and fun. Any child that attends this class, and is walking, will need to pay. Check our website closer to the session for any cancellations at [terauparaha-arena.co.nz](http://terauparaha-arena.co.nz) – under preschool programmes.

# Dash Swim School News

Term 1, 2021

## Welcome

Hello, Dash families!

We are finishing off our last term of this year with lessons back at full force with an amazing water safety week and prizegiving.

Don't forget that swimming lessons are one of the best gifts you can give, especially in the summer season.

The Dash team wishes all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

### Dash Swim School Team

*Laura, Abby, Craig, Matt and all our Instructors.*

## Connect with us

Our aim is to provide you and your child with the best possible service and experience while you are in our facilities. If you are unhappy about anything regarding you or your child's lesson, please contact the Dash team at [dash@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:dash@porirua.govt.nz)

If we are aware of your concerns, we can address them appropriately – and are happy to help. While you are here we want to provide an enjoyable experience for you and your child.

### mTXT service

Did you know we use mTXT at Dash to make sure that everyone is up to date with everything happening.

Please ensure that your phone number is up to date to receive these mTXTs.

### Facebook

Make sure that you follow us on Dash swim school on Facebook to see the latest updates at Dash.

## Important dates

### Term 1, 11 weeks

Monday 1 Feb – Saturday 17 Apr.

### Week 8 Water Safety Week

Monday 29 Mar – Sunday 4 Apr.

**Prizegiving** Sunday 4 Apr.

## Points of interest

### Swim desk

Swim desk, our parent portal, will provide you with more frequent and detailed feedback at each stage of your child's swimming journey. Your child will be continually assessed by their swimming teacher during lessons, and you can expect your child to be formally assessed at least once every 10 to 12 weeks.

You can:

- track your child's progress as they move through the programme
- see current class information
- look at the competencies within each level and identify areas that need focus
- get emails when assessments have been completed
- get updates about changes happening at Dash
- get in touch with our swim team.

### Little Splashers

Unsure about swimming lessons? Come on down on a Tuesday morning between 10 and 11am to the Arena Aquatic Centre to make a splash with our Little Splashers lessons (running during school term time). It's \$4.50 per lesson for children aged between four months and five years old to get a small tester on what we do up here at Dash Swim School.

## Water Safety term 1 Water Safety Week is running during week 8 of each term (29 March – 4 April).

These are new water safety programmes planned that our team has put a lot of hard work and effort into. Note, water safety week can only be run during Alert Level 1.

## Adult & teen lessons

**Lessons that allow everyone to have a chance to learn to swim at any age.**

These lessons are designed for adults to learn and advance their skills and confidence in the water.

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Term 1: \$135	10 lessons
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Beginners: Tuesday & Thursday	6-7pm
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Advanced: Wednesday	6-7pm
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Teen Swim Fit: Thursday	6-7pm
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Our beginners classes are mostly focused on giving adults water confidence so they can enjoy being in the water with their kids. The classes are flexible so they can be catered to the needs of the individual.

## Unpaid fees

Thanks to everyone who has paid their Dash Swim School fees.

This is a friendly reminder as term 4 unpaid fees are now overdue. If fees aren't paid you won't be able to enrol for term 1.

## New & leaving staff

**Micayla** comes to us from Hutt Swim School and is a great 'all rounder' that can adapt her teaching style no matter what obstacles present.

**Natasha** will be leaving us at the end of 2020 to start using her law degree that she has spent the last four years working towards. We wish her the best and every success in her career.

**Gabi** will also be leaving us at the end of 2020 – she is looking to spend more time with her two children. Dash wish Gabi all the best for her future endeavours.