

Christmas Lunch



Date:	Last Day of operation before Christmas
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Duration:	Lunch time
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What is the special event?	<p>Every year, on our last operating day before Christmas we celebrate together with a Christmas lunch.</p> <p>Since 2003, we have provided a special Christmas lunch for children and staff. This special meal is shared with all children and staff together (larger services to separate into groups).</p> <p>This meal provides the beautiful warmth of a tradition for children and staff.</p>
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Why is it important to Keiki Early Learning?	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>'The best memories are made around the table'.</i></p> <p>Sam and Angela (owners) are very family-minded. Growing up every event felt special as they all gathered together and made memories. These events carry on within their family and this is a special feeling they wanted to share with the children, staff and families who use Keiki.</p> <p>Every year the children who attend on the last day of operation before Christmas come together with their educators and enjoy a delicious meal together.</p> <p>When you think of your own special memories of childhood, we know there will be things that you remember. Things that bring warmth to your heart and a smile to your face. Creating these moments are one of the best parts of our jobs. Creating connection, joy and focusing of emotional wellness during a very busy time of year is a wonderful reason to eat some delicious food.</p>
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What are our expectations?	<p>Each service is to prepare a lunch for children that is special and exciting.</p> <p>As your families what they like.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display a Mind Map in your foyer. • Use Microsoft forms to send a survey. • Use Xplor to send a Comms post asking for feedback. • Ask older children using your thinking and talking floor books. <p>Once you know what sort of food you would like to serve, based on the children, families and staff, design your menu.</p> <p>Gayle or Izzy can help produce a menu poster for you to display to show families.</p> <p>Set your tables for a special meal. Include intentional teaching moments within this experience, what a great opportunity to discuss healthy eating and role model social skills!</p> <p>Liaise with the Cook (person who supplies meals to your service) to ensure that this is managed.</p> <p>Vacation Care Services, please plan for this in your vacation care program on the last day of operation before Christmas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Example Menu: <i>Ham and turkey sandwiches</i> <i>Potato salad</i> <i>Potato chips</i></p>
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	<p><i>Cake for dessert</i></p> <p>Example Menu 2: <i>Sliced meats, roasted meat</i> <i>Mashed potatoes</i> <i>Vegetables</i> <i>Gravy</i> <i>Cake for dessert</i></p> <p>Create table decorations together, set the table together, and have fun.</p> <p>REMEMBER: Please take photos</p>
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LINKING THIS EVENT TO RESOURCES AND DATA

To support educators, educational leaders and early childhood teachers we link each event with important and valuable resources that support and inform our decision making at Keiki.

<p>How can we link this event to our Philosophy?</p>	<p>The Keiki Philosophy draws on the rights of the child, the parts of the philosophy that focus on this event are listed below.</p> <p>Core Value: Our Community Our relationships with children and families are strengthened as we explore and develop a deeper understanding of the diversity and culture of families and the broader community. We believe the quality of each child’s environment influences how they grow and develop and acknowledge families as children’s first and most influential educators. We respect and welcome all contributions from children, families and community members to our shared space of play and learning. By creating an inclusive environment our curriculum is enriched and each child’s sense of belonging and development is enhanced, helping to create a strong foundation for lifelong learning.</p> <p>Core Value: The Whole Child Our highly experienced teams provide beautiful, thoughtful environments where children are invited and encouraged to make their own choices, to explore the arts, enjoy physical play, practice mindfulness and develop meaningful, positive relationships with others. Each child’s growing competence and confidence is supported in many ways, from the provision of healthy nutritious meals to flexible play spaces for physical activity.</p>
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Event Fact Sheet

	As above, use the event as a role modelling experience. Sit together at a large table, or at multiple tables. Read stories about the feelings around Christmas and the holiday season.												
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How does this link to the ECA Code of Ethics?	In relation to children, I will:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act in the best interests of all children • Provide a meaningful curriculum to enrich children’s learning, balancing child and educator-initiated experiences • Ensure childhood is a time for being in the here and now and not solely about preparation for the future • Value the relationship between children and their families and enhance these relationships through my practice • Negotiate children’s participation in research, by taking into account their safety, privacy, levels of fatigue and interest • Respect children as capable learners by including their perspectives in teaching, learning and assessment
	In relation to families, I will:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support families as children’s first and most important teacher and respect their right to make decisions about their children • Listen to and learn with families and engage in shared decision making, planning and assessment practices in relation to children’s learning, development and wellbeing • Develop respectful relationships based on open communication with the aim of encouraging families’ engagement and to build a strong sense of belonging • Learn about, respect and respond to the uniqueness of each family, their circumstances culture, family structure, customs language, beliefs and kinship systems

How does this event link to the UN Rights of the Child?	Articles:
	3. All organisations concerned with children should work towards what is best for each child
	13. Children have the right to get and to share information, as long as the information is not damaging to them or to others. Discussing War and death can be damaging.
	29. education should develop each child’s personality and talents to the full. It should encourage children to respect their parents, cultures and other cultures.