



## Messy Church Newsletter February 2022

Kia Ora,

The National Messy Church Team, extend a warm welcome of hope and encouragement to you all as we face a third year of challenges during 2022. We are reminded by the psalmist in Psalm 23, that even though he may face the deepest darkest thoughts of despair, or situations, he has the assurance that in God's presence, guidance and love, he will be guided through to a safe and secure place. Like the psalmist, we therefore need not fear if we continue to focus and trust in the comfort of God who loves us.

We have a few things in our flexible pipe line for this year as we seek to offer ways in supporting you, your teams, and communities through Messy Church. There continues to be movement and change as some MC's have either just started out, or recreating to the changes we are all negotiating through, while others have faced closure or hibernation for a season.

We continue to be available to you all, through your Regional Coordinator or direct contact though email, phone or via Facebook.

We are available for ongoing training and workshops and continue to offer this support, although with the health and safety regulations at present this may look a little different. This could be face to face in regions or online, depending on what best suits your situation.

If you have specific ideas or areas you would like training or raising awareness in, please let us know .

Our first project for this year is supporting the **International Messy Church Conference** being held in the UK in May. Because of so many covid limitations the conference is happening both in person and online, with input from around the world. NZ has been invited to create a presentation on line which will be facilitated by local leaders on-site. Our session is titled: **"We all Belong to the Global Messy Church Family"**.

As you also all belong to the global family, we are keen to hear from you if you have any ideas, suggestions or examples of how you have supported your families/communities or grown your teams. How has your Messy Church impacted in your community? We would like to include a 'kiwi flavour' of how we are family both locally, nationally and internationally. Photos with small explanations that we can include in our PowerPoint would be ideal. Please email to Jocelyn.

### **Share your Messy Services and events on Facebook!**

We encourage you to share your suitable photos of activities and events on to the Messy Church NZ Facebook page as a great way of promoting your own Messy Church and encouraging others around the motu. A big thank you to those already doing this.

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May Christ be with you all,

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