

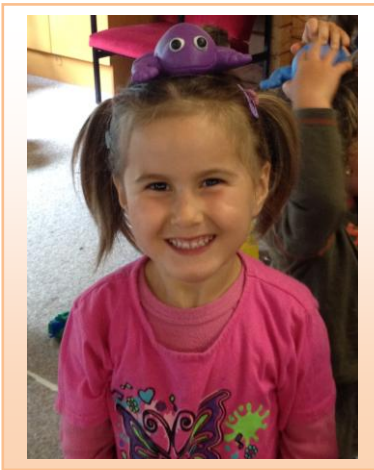
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012



# Happy New Year Welcome back to Halswell Playgroup 2012

It was fantastic to see all of our wonderful Educators and Children come back to Halswell Play group after the Christmas Holidays. The children were bursting with energy and the room was full of excitement as we shared stories of Christmas and the adventures we have been on.

To celebrate the New Year and everyone coming back together we enjoyed yummy ice cream and strawberries, it was a big treat eating it early in the morning as it started to melt as there was no freezer to keep it frozen. Last year at playgroup we noticed that the children were showing an interest in participating in group experiences, so we have planned to include large group experiences throughout the playgroup creating structure to our sessions. Today Mary Rose led a fantastic music session where the children listened to the instructions in the songs using 'Bean frogs'. It was really tricky to put the frogs on their heads and all over their bodies, it was also great to see most of our Educators joining in and being great role models for the children.



## Linked to Te Whaariki-New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum

**Belonging /Mana Whenua- Goal 2 Children and their families experience an environment where they know that they have a place.**

**Communication/Mana Reo- Goal 4, Children experience an environment where they discover different ways to be creative and expressive.**

**Exploration/Mana Aoturoa- Goal 2, Children experience an environment where they gain confidence in and control of their bodies.**