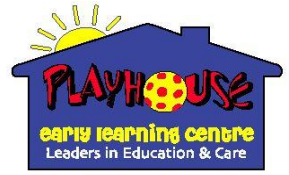


PLAYHOUSE NEWSLETTER

August 2012



Dear Families/Whanau

The year seems to be flying on by! Just a little reminder that if you have moved house or changed home, work or mobile numbers recently please let Tiffany know! Thanks ☺

BIRTHDAYS, WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS!!

This month we are welcoming Rowan and Juneve to the Playhouse family and we have said farewell to Shion who has gone back home to Japan ☺ We would also like to wish a HUGE "Happy Birthday" to Tommy (18th) who is turning the very special number 1, Phoenix (26th) will be the big number 2, Hayley (4th) Brennen (16th) Maya (18th) are all celebrating turning 4 and Tipene (30th) is turning the big number 5 and heading off to new adventures at school! We will miss you lots Tipene but we know that you have many happy school days ahead ☺



SICKNESS

There have been lots of nasty bugs spreading through the community lately and we have had a number of children and teachers coming down with them. High temperatures, vomiting, diarrhoea, coughs, colds and flu symptoms have all been doing the rounds ☺ The best place for sick children (and teachers!) is at home and we would like to thank all the families who support us by keeping unwell little people away from the centre

PUKEKO ROOM PARENT NIGHT

Thank you to all the families who joined the Pukeko team for their 'Transition to School' night last month ☺ This evening was a great success and the team really enjoyed sharing our Pukeko room programme with you all! We have had some lovely feedback and will now be making this an annual event here at Playhouse!

GREEN BAY SCHOOL VISIT

We were invited to take a group of our eldest children to join the new entrants class at Green Bay School for their school Library visit last week. This was a great experience for these children who are all close to moving on to school life and they did really well!! They got to observe how the children sit on the mat in their classroom, are responsible for their own belongings, walk in orderly lines and even school library etiquette. We are hoping to form a close relationship with Green Bay School and make these visits a regular event for our Pukeko's ☺ Check out the photos of our visit on the whiteboard in the foyer.

CENTRE NEWS

Melanie's last day is Friday 10th August - she is taking Maternity leave and awaiting the arrival of her baby boy in September - we wish Melanie and her partner Charlie all the best for the upcoming birth ☺



Alisi will be moving to join Tracey and Sam in the Kiwi room and the Pukeko room are very happy to welcome Maria who will be joining them from Monday 13th August. Maria is an ECE qualified, experienced teacher who relishes working with pre-schoolers and she is looking forward to being part of the Playhouse team ☺

We have 2 students from NZ Career College on a 3 week practicum placement with us as part of their study towards a Level 5 certificate in ECE. Neelan (Kiwi room) and Matalena (Pukeko room)

CENTRE OLYMPICS

We held the 'Playhouse Olympics' at the centre last Friday ☺ The children all helped to design team names and flags - the Pukeko room teams were THE MIGHTY TANIWHA'S (Lynnette's team), THE JOEY'S (Sandra's team) and LIGHTNING BEJESGO (Nicola's team). Pictures from the day will be online soon so keep an eye on our Facebook page!



KIWI ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora, Welcome

Melanie is leaving us this month to go on maternity leave ☺ We will all miss her but we are also very excited that Mel and her partner Charlie are about to become new parents and we wish them all the joy and happiness in the world for the arrival of their new little bundle. We are also thrilled for Lisa, Mike, Poppy, Rylee and Dillan whose baby boy/brother will also be arriving soon ☺ We can't wait to meet them both!

A warm welcome to our student teacher Neelam, who is joining us from NZ Career College as part of her practicum experience with under 2's ☺

Our 'Kiwi Room Fun Day' was a great success, we had lots of fun bouncing on the bouncy castle, rolling balls down the slide and jumping into ball pool. This was a fun experience for our little Kiwi's which also helped them to boost their self-confidence and gain more social skills.

Our little Kiwi's are doing really well with their self-help skills. They are exploring all the aspects of this area, and enjoying sharing and spending time with others. It is lovely to see them become independent little Kiwi's!!





PUKEKO ROOM NEWS



We would like to say a big thank you to those parents who attended our parent night. We were very excited to share our everyday extension programme with you ☺ One of the items on the night was a DVD on the foundation skills needed for school. A copy of the DVD is available for you to borrow and watch at home - if you would like to do this please talk to Tiff in the office.

Extending this transition focus further, we visited Green Bay School with a small group of our eldest children and joined their new entrant class on their Library visit. This was a fantastic experience for us and the children quickly made some new friends, picked up the library rules, and learned about 'browsing cards' (plastic cards that mark the spot where the book you are browsing belongs before you choose which one you would like to take home).

We are planning on having our own 'Playhouse Olympics' with 3 teams entering from the Pukeko room - Lynnette will be leading the MIGHTY TANIWHA'S, Sandra the JOEYS, and Nicola with LIGHTNING BEJESCO. The children helped decide the names for the teams and to design the team flags. We have all been watching the Olympic coverage on TV and are excited about planning the events together!!

Our Whanau board could do with some updating! We would love to see all our families with photos on display - you can either design one as a fun family project and bring it in or you can just email some photo's through to us at info@playhousechildcare.co.nz



From all the Playhouse Team ☺

Greg, Lynnette, Tiffany, Sandra, Tracey, Sam, Nicola, Melanie, Vanessa, Alisi, Molly, Suranji, Maria, Jade, Michelle and Rita

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