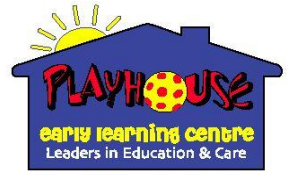


# PLAYHOUSE NEWSLETTER

## October 2012



Dear Families/Whanau

The trees in the backyard are gaining more leaves by the day and the weather is getting warmer (and wetter!) so spring has definitely arrived at Playhouse! Just a reminder that the centre will be closed on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October for the Labour Day holiday ☺

### BIRTHDAYS, WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS!!

We would like to wish a HUGE "Happy Birthday" to Keira (23<sup>rd</sup>) who is turning the big number 2, and to Connor (4<sup>th</sup>) and Kirah-Jade (7<sup>th</sup>) who are both celebrating turning 4 ☺ We would also like to wish "Happy School Days" to Mila who will be leaving us on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October all ready to begin new adventures at school when term 4 starts ☺



Sadly, this month we are saying goodbye to Erin and her family who are moving to the UK at the beginning of November - we will all miss you Erin but we hope that we can catch up on Skype once you are settled in your new home!

### BOOKED TIMES

Please make sure that you stick to your booked times as closely as possible as we use these to calculate our staffing ratios - if you arrive early or turn up late it can compromise these numbers and put extra pressure on the staff. Please talk to Tiffany if you need to change your hours ☺

### GREEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL

We have had a great bunch of year 13 students from Green Bay High School spending time with us recently as part of their NCEA course requirement for Early Childhood Development. It is really nice to be able to support our local schools and we look forward to helping them again in the future as our kids loved having these 'big' kids joining in on their play ☺

### CENTRE NEWS

The Pukeko room are taking the 'extension group' (3½ - 5) to visit MOTAT on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October as part of their current interest in 'Things that Go' ☺ Newsletters for this trip have already been handed out to those children attending - please return the permission slips and payment by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Thanks!!

The younger children will be having a 'fun day' back at the centre with Lynnette and the Kiwi team, it will be a great chance for them to challenge themselves and explore some new activities ☺

### STAFF NEWS

A HUGE congratulations from all of us to Maria and her partner Jo who got engaged over the weekend ☺ Wow, we may need to hire a wedding planner as this brings the total of our engaged staff members to 4!!

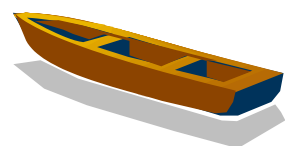


### CALENDARS

Due to popular demand we are once again offering calendars of the children's artwork/photo's ☺ Calendar orders are due in by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October - more info will be on display on the foyer whiteboard shortly.

### DINGHY

Do you or anyone you know have an old dinghy that is no longer needed?? We would love to take it off your hands and put it in our backyard ☺ Leaky boat? Not a problem..... our imaginary water has amazing floatation properties!! If you think you may be able to help us in our quest please talk to Lynnette or Tiff ☺







# KIWI ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora

A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for a great Kiwi Parent Night! It was fantastic sharing stories about your children and we hope we gave you an insight into a typical day here at Playhouse.

With the warmer days approaching us, our Kiwi's have been enjoying longer days outside, which has led to them exploring the garden environment. The children have enjoyed finding insects and learning more about them, which has led us to the new focus "Wildlife wonderland, bugs, bugs, and more bugs!" We would love to see what is hiding in your backyard, so if you find any creepy crawlies please bring them in so we can look at them.







# PUKEKO ROOM NEWS



Kia ora and a big welcome to family and friends of the Pukeko room!

The warmer weather has seen the children exploring the outdoors more and we are looking forward to making lots more trips around our community and beyond ☺ Cassidy's mum (Anna) has kindly offered us the use of the Green Bay High School gym while the 'big kids' are on holiday so we are planning on enjoying a morning visit there on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - thanks Anna!!

Our recent visits to the Blockhouse Bay Library have been a great success ☺ The 'Library Group' children have loved being part of this experience - catching the bus, having a special 'lunch box' morning tea picnic, reading lots of stories and solving new puzzles. Their library etiquette has been wonderful and we are very proud of them ☺

With the 'Extension Group's' current interest in transport and 'things that go' we have arranged for these children to visit MOTAT on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October to extend their knowledge and experience the many different transport options ☺ If you have received a trip form please make sure that the permission slip and payment are returned to the office by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Thanks!!



From all the Playhouse Team ☺

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