



PLAYHOUSE NEWSLETTER

December 2012

Dear Families/Whanau

Finding glitter and sparkles everywhere means that Christmas time has arrived here at Playhouse! We are all looking forward to a fun-filled month with the centre Christmas party on the 20th and lots of excitement as the 'big day' draws closer ☺

BIRTHDAYS, WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS!!

This month we have welcomed Jonas to the Playhouse family, and we have said farewell to Amy and Jimmy who have gone to spend time with their Grandparents in China ☺

Wow! It looks like December will be another super BUSY birthday month here at the centre!!

We would like to send HUGE "Happy Birthday" wishes to - Austin (17th) who will be the big number 1, to Leo (14th) who will be turning the milestone number 2, to Zenko (4th) Jimmy (14th) Elyssa (31st) who will all be celebrating turning 3, to Deacon (1st) William (4th) Lincoln (21st) who are all going to be the big number 4, and to Katie (12th) Leandro (27th) an extra special birthday wish as they turn the magical number 5!!

We would like to wish "Happy School Days" to all the children who are leaving Playhouse this month to begin exciting new adventures at school - we will miss you all very much!!



** Christmas Party **



We would like to invite all our families to join us for a "Kiwi summer" Christmas party on **Thursday 20th December from 3.00-5.00pm**

The children will be putting on a Christmas sing-a-long, sausages will be sizzling on the BBQ and of course Santa will be popping in for a visit too - hooray!! This is always a fun afternoon and we look forward to seeing you all there. Please bring a plate of finger food to share ☺

**** Parents, please make sure you arrive before 3.10pm as the sing-a-long will start at 3.15pm and we don't want anyone to miss it!! ****

SANTA PRESENTS

If your child is attending the centre Christmas party on Thursday 20th please bring a wrapped and named present for them (under \$5) to go into Santa's sack ☺ These can be dropped off at the office

HOLIDAY FORMS

Please fill these out and return them to the office before Friday 7th December - this is very important as we need to finalise child numbers over this period so that we can grant any staff holiday requests. Spare copies of the holiday forms can be found in the office ☺

VACANCIES

We have a number of vacancies for children in the Pukeko room! Our new 'school days' are a really popular options @ only \$15 a day for the over 3's (8.30-3.30 or 9.00-4.00, includes meals!) If you know anyone who may be looking for childcare next year please ask them to call Tiffany on 827 7833. *We will credit your account with 1 week's free care for each child you refer that enrolls at Playhouse ☺

SUNSCREEN

It's that time of the year again!! Please apply sunblock to your child every morning before they come to the centre so that they are beginning the day 'sun smart', the staff will then reapply sunblock during the day as needed ☺





KIWI ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora, Welcome

We like to say farewell to Keira and Laura, who have been transitioning over the past few weeks and are now settling in well into their new "Pukeko room" ☺ We would also like to say congratulations to our recent student teacher Fiona, who passed her 4-week practicum with us

A big thank you to all those parents who purchased their child's calendar ☺ With Christmas coming we know that these will make great presents!!

With December upon us, Christmas is our next focus ☺ We will be very busy making Christmas decorations and singing Christmas songs for the Christmas concert. Don't forget the centre Christmas Party is on Thursday 20th December from 3-5pm so remember to put this on your calendars

Just a friendly reminder, if you could please put sunblock on your child / children before arriving at Playhouse so they are ready to start the day. Our "little kiwi's" like to go out and play in the sunshine. Also if everyone can please make sure that there are extra sets of clothes for the children to explore lots of water play, messy play and other fun outdoor activities.

If you have lots any plastic supermarket bags or newspaper lying around, we would love to have them!!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





PUKEKO ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora and welcome to news from the Pukeko room

We have welcomed Jonas to the Pukeko room this month and he has settled in really well! Our 'transitioning' children, Laura and Keira have adapted to being upstairs beautifully and they are now full-time Pukeko's enjoying all the fun and activities with the older children. Lameira will begin her transition in the next few weeks ☺

Our Pukeko children are enjoying the warm weather and having a great time playing with the pipes and spouting lengths - burying them deep in the sandpit and watching the water flow through them ☺ We are really looking forward to gorgeous summer days filled with water play fun!!

We would like to invite families who have not yet contributed to our whanau board to bring in a photograph of their family ☺ The children love to talk about these photos as they go up and down the stairs and are very proud to be able to share their family with everyone! Don't forget to take lots of photos of Christmas and holiday fun and we will look forward to seeing them and hearing lots of exciting stories in the New Year.

The Pukeko room Christmas tree is up and the children are busy decorating the rest of the room! We are now learning all our songs and making props for our 'Kiwi summer theme' Christmas party - we look forward to seeing you all there ☺



LAST BUT NOT LEAST!

Our student teacher Jade is getting married on Sunday the 16th December! We would all like to wish Jade and James a lifetime of love, health and happiness together and all the very best for their big day ☺



From all the Playhouse Team ☺

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

