



PLAYHOUSE NEWSLETTER

March 2013



Dear Families/Whanau

The dry weather may have been bad news for farmers but it has been fantastic for us!! We have loved having a record number of perfect 'outside' days which made for very happy children (and teachers too!) ☺ Hopefully we get a few more gorgeous fine spells before the winter weather kicks in!

HAERE MAI, WELCOME

We are very happy to welcome Ruby, Flynn and Isabella (Bell) to the Playhouse family this month ☺

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A huge '**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**' this month to Cooper (17th) who is turning the big number **4!!**



CENTRE NEWS

Our new student teacher, Tamsyn will be completing her 'home centre' practicum with us from 18th - 28th March ☺

TOYS FROM HOME

We have had a quite a few toys from home 'sneaking' into the centre recently via bags and pockets so please keep an eye out for any strays and remind your child that their toys need to stay at home - thanks!! ☺



BREAKFAST

Just a quick reminder that Pukeko children need to eat their breakfast at home before they come to the centre as this helps us avoid 'food issues' in the morning ☺ If your child is still eating when they arrive at the centre we would appreciate it if they could finish any food/drink in the car - thanks ☺

FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT

Wow, what a fantastic turnout! Thank you to all the families who joined us for our 'Family Picnic Night', it was lots of fun and we thoroughly enjoyed catching up with you all and introducing you to other centre families ☺ Check out some pics from the night on page 3 or take a peek at our 'Family Picnic Night' Facebook album

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.504011016312218.1073741825.216882868358369&type=1&l=4c1a93ff7c>

EASTER VISITOR

Breaking news!! Word just bounced in from the Easter Bunny that he will be 'hopping in' to visit us in the morning on Thursday 28th April and delivering an Easter treat to all his friends at the centre - he can't give a set time though as bunnies don't wear watches ☺



EASTER HOLIDAYS

Playhouse will be closed for the Easter public holidays on Friday 29th March (Good Friday) and Monday 1st April (Easter Monday).



PICS FROM 'FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT'

You can find more pics on our 'Playhouse Early Learning Centre" Facebook page ©





KIWI ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora, Welcome

A big welcome to Flynn and Ruby who have joined us in the Kiwi room ☺ It has been great to see that Jake has settled in so nicely to the Pukeko room, and it won't be too long before his friends Imogen, Miyah, Leilani and Annabel start the big transition to upstairs - exciting times!

We are very glad to have seen the back of the horrible tummy bug that swept through the centre recently ☺ Rest assured that we clean and disinfect all our toys regularly and during times of illness this thorough cleaning can be repeated several times a day! Many thanks everyone for being so understanding about our health policy and keeping your unwell child at home for the 24 hour stand-down period - this policy is in place to help us limit the spread of any 'bugs' as much as possible ☺

The older Kiwi children have enjoyed taking on a nurturing role and forming close relationships with our new babes - often sharing their toys and helping to comfort the little ones. This is really heartwarming to watch and we will continue to encourage these important life skills.

We have noticed the children have taken a great interest in music and dance - thanks to Tracey's fantastic CD's! We plan to extend upon this interest with lots of fun, new experiences. On that note (no musical pun intended ☺) if you or any family members have special musical talents we would love to hear about them!





PUKEKO ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora and welcome to news from the Pukeko room

We have welcomed Maia, Giovahni, Jake and Tamsyn (our new student teacher) to the Pukeko room ☺ They have all settled in really well!

Our Pukeko children are enjoying the warm weather and have made frequent visits to our local park. The park is undergoing big changes and on our latest visit we checked out the big metal fences that have been erected and looked at the diggers that are starting work bringing the streams back to the surface ☺



<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/PLANSPOLICIESPROJECTS/COUNCILPROJECTS/Pages/larosagardensre servedaylightingproject.aspx>

All this excitement in the neighbourhood has sparked a new interest in diggers and excavation which brought up the conversation "I wonder if there are any Dinosaurs buried under there?" and a whole new topic to research!



The children have also been busy helping to create lots of outdoor art projects and mosaics and our outside area is looking very bright and beautiful!! A special thankyou to Steve (Brennen's dad) for helping us with our garden resources ☺

With all our water play going on at the moment we would appreciate all items of clothing to be labelled to prevent them from getting misplaced ☺ We are encouraging our older tamariki to use their self-help skills in toileting and would appreciate if you could follow-up at home.

We are on the lookout for milk bottle tops, old phones and calculators, empty baby formula tins and small boxes for construction - all donations gratefully received ☺ And last but definitely not least thank you all for your continuous support and cooperation!



From all the Playhouse Team ☺

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