



# PLAYHOUSE NEWSLETTER

April 2013



Dear Families/Whanau

We have had such a busy month here at Playhouse - The Easter Bunny hopped in for a centre visit which was lots of fun and the Pukeko room held a very special 'Wedding' ceremony for Nicola and Gareth ☺ Now the temperatures are dropping and the rain has arrived - time for puddle jumping adventures in the garden!

## HAERE MAI, WELCOME

We are very happy to welcome Isabel, Isabella R and Luke to the Playhouse family ☺

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A huge '**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**' this month to Flynn (18<sup>th</sup>) who will be turning 1 and to Imogen (8<sup>th</sup>), Miyah (18<sup>th</sup>) and Annabel (27<sup>th</sup>) who are all turning the big number 2 ☺



## CENTRE NEWS

Lucky Vanessa is heading off on a cruise around the Pacific Islands and will be away from 25<sup>th</sup> April - 10<sup>th</sup> May

Nicola and Gareth are getting married on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April ☺ We wish them all the best for their big day and have our fingers crossed for sunshine!!

Sadly, Alisi's father passed away after becoming ill while on holiday here from Tonga. Our love and thoughts are with Alisi and her family at this sad time

## SCHOOL HOURS

If your child is enrolled for our "school hours" please make sure that you stick to their booked times (8.30-3.30/8.45-3.45/9.00-4.00). We have noticed quite a few children arriving before or leaving after their booked times which affects the smooth running of the centre - please be aware that our "out of hours" fee of \$10 per 10 minutes will now be applied to your account in these instances as school hour days are for the set times only

## CLOTHING

The new season brings with it lots of changeable weather - dressing your child in 'layers' is a great idea as it allows items to be taken off or put on as the day progresses ☺ This is also a great time to check that the spare clothes in your child's bag are suitable for the time of year and that they still fit - it's amazing how fast they grow!!

## ILLNESS POLICY

Please make sure you are familiar with our Accidents, Illness and Medication policy so that there are no surprises about our 24 hour stand-down period. This stand-down period is in force for the greater good of everyone at the centre

## DRIVEWAY PARKING

Just a reminder that the driveway at the left hand side of the centre is for staff parking only - thanks!

## ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

Playhouse will be closed for the Anzac Day public holiday on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April





# PICS FROM WEDDING AND EASTER BUNNY VISIT

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







# KIWI ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora, Welcome

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter Break and ate lots of yummy chocolates. ☺

We would like to say a big warm welcome to Isabel and Isabella who have joined us in the Kiwi room. Imogen has made the big transition upstairs to the Pukeko room where she has settled in well with her new friends., Miyah and Leilani will also be joining her shortly upstairs and although we miss them, we wish them all the best. Suranji is completing her in- house practicum for three weeks (1/4 to 19/4). Her support and hard work is much appreciated and we wish her well for her final 3<sup>rd</sup> year of studies.

Our little Kiwi's have been busy extending their musical talents this past month - from exploring many musical instruments, to dancing and singing new action songs. The children love following the actions that go with the music - you might have seen your child doing some actions at home. ☺ This musical themed topic has helped the children gain confidence within themselves and allowed them to explore the musical world at their own pace We will continue to encourage our little Kiwis with their musical talents.

With the cooler weather approaching us, Our Little Kiwi's still like to go outside, so just a friendly reminder, if you could please make sure there are warmer clothes, shoes and socks in their bags so that they can also enjoy the outdoors too. ☺







## PUKEKO ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora and welcome to news from the Pukeko room

A big welcome to Imogen who has joined us in the Pukeko room - she has settled in nicely and made new friends ☺ Miyah, Leilani and Annabel will also be transitioning to the Pukeko room soon!

Our frequent visits to the park have sparked an interest in construction and building. We would like to encourage this interest by making a wooden play house frame so that our tamariki can convert it with a bit of imagination to any building of their choice - fire station, shop, house etc. If any of our parents have building experience we would love it if you could share your time and ideas with us.

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Nicola and Gareth are getting married and so we decided to have a special "Playhouse Wedding" for them to celebrate and include the children in the planning. For many of our children this was the first time they had attended a wedding and so the idea of a secret wedding was extra exciting!! We are now looking to seeing pictures and hearing all about their official big day ☺



From all the Playhouse Team ☺

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