



PLAYHOUSE NEWSLETTER

May 2013



Dear Families/Whanau

Autumn with all its multi-coloured beauty has arrived ☺ We have had a lot of rainy days recently and the temperatures seem to be dropping with the leaves - lots of fun raincoat and gumboot wearing days ahead!

HAERE MAI, WELCOME

We are very happy to welcome Braxton to the Playhouse family this month ☺

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A huge '**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**' this month to Tyler (9th), Pearl (20th), Isabel (24th), who are all turning the big number 1, Oscar (11th) and Isabella B who will be 2, and Kobe (13th) who will be celebrating turning the very important number 5!!!

Kobe, we wish you many happy school days and we will all miss you very much ☺



LA ROSA GARDENS

Our local park 'La Rosa Gardens' makeover is almost complete!! The engineers have finished returning the original streams back to the surface and eels and other stream life is beginning to reappear ☺ We have been closely involved with this project and the Pukeko room have visited each week to check on progress. We have also had one of the coordinators visit and talk about what things we might find in the streams and we have also had a local artist bring some banners for the children to decorate with drawings of stream life which will be displayed on the community planting day which would be a nice family outing!

WHAT: La Rosa Gardens - Community Planting Day (La Rosa Street, beside the public kindy)

WHEN: Saturday 18th May (Rain date: Saturday 25th May)

TIME: 9.30am-1.00pm

ACTIVITIES: Free sausage sizzle, stream creatures display, streamside planting



For more info please see the poster and flyers in the foyer area ☺

CENTRE MENU

We will be introducing the Autumn/Winter menu in the next few weeks ☺ The tried and true favourites will still be there along with some yummy new meals to keep us warm and full for the cooler days ahead ☺



LABELLING CLOTHING

Please, please, please name/label your children's clothes! We try our hardest to match clothing to children but sometimes we can have several of the same items and no way of knowing who owns what. Socks are also a huge problem - even just writing your child's initial on these would be a great help ☺

SICKNESS/ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away for the day please call us and let us know. It is very helpful to know the reason why a child is absent especially in cases of illness.

CENTRE NEWS

Molly is away from the centre for 5 weeks as she is on her final practicum placement before she finishes her Bachelor of Teaching ECE in June.

The Kiwi room has a practicum student with them this month for her final 4 week practicum towards her ECE qualification - A huge welcome to you Ruth!!

Nicola will be heading off to Rarotonga on her belated honeymoon from the 27th May - 7th June ☺ She is looking forward to kicking back and soaking up some island sunshine!

Awww! Finally an official photo of our lovely Pukeko room teacher Nicola and her husband Gareth on their wedding day. The rain came down but it definitely didn't take the shine off their big day ☺



CAR SEATS/CHILD RESTRAINTS

We are very concerned by reports that some of our children are not being appropriately restrained when travelling in cars to and from the centre. It is the law that all children under 5 are to use appropriate child restraints/car seats at ALL TIMES when travelling in a vehicle. This also applies if you have someone else dropping off/collecting your child - they MUST have a carseat in their vehicle and ensure that the child is safely restrained!! We care very much about the safety of all our Playhouse children and would be devastated if they were to become injured in a car accident due to not being properly restrained.



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

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



KIWI ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora, Welcome

We would like to say a big warm welcome to Braxton who has recently joined us in the kiwi room. Annabel and Leilani have currently moved on up to the Pukeko room and have settled in well with their new friends. Ruth is a 1-year diploma student from university who is currently doing her 4-week practicum with us. ☺

We would also like to say Congratulations to Bec and Mike (Ruby's Mum and Dad) on their baby girl. Mum and Baby are doing well. Well done Guys, hope to see her soon. ☺

May has been such a mixture of rain, sun and cooler weather that the children have been able to explore the weather changes. They have been noticing the rain and the puddles outside, which we decided to let the children discover their way of exploring the rain, by wearing raincoats and gumboots and letting them splash around. We have had real adventures with the weather aspects, which has led us to further experiences on weather such as, ice, wind, colour and water.

Due to our weather focus, we are asking if you could please put in shoes / gumboots extra pairs of socks and warm clothing as the children do get wet and dirty from exploring their environment. ☺





PUKEKO ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora and welcome to news from the Pukeko room

We welcome Luke, Leilani, Miyah and Annabel to the Pukeko room and we have said a fond farewell to Gia who is changing residence and to Kobe who has turned the big 5! We wish you many happy school days Kobe ☺

We have enjoyed our regular walks to the park and have seen the progress of the huge restoration project from the beginning. The project manager has had a talk with the children about what they have been up to and they are excited to see the new changes. We have been involved with this project from the beginning and along with Green Bay School and the local Kindergarten have created some lovely flag banners with drawings of the local stream life (and a couple of mermaids). The children are very excited that these banners will be displayed in the park on the community planting day on Saturday 18th May and are hoping that they can go along on the day with their families and join in on this special event. The Pukeko team are looking forward to hearing stories from the children about how they took part in this fun family planting day ☺



From all the Playhouse Team ☺

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