



Dear Families/Whanau

Wow, this year seems to have just flown by so far! Fingers crossed that the long winter months and cold, rainy weather pass us by just as quick ☺

WELCOME

A big welcome to Samuel who has recently joined the Playhouse family ☺

BIRTHDAYS



CENTRE NEWS

Congratulations to our Pukeko room teacher Nicola and her husband Gareth on the arrival of their gorgeous baby girl Ava ☺

We would like to extend a huge welcome to Danjelle, our new Pukeko room teacher ☺ Danjelle will be starting here at Playhouse on Monday 4th July



ACCOUNTS REMINDER

Just a reminder that accounts are payable in advance with all payments due in by the Friday of that week at the latest. We understand that some of you prefer to pay monthly which is fine but this must also be in advance. For those with outstanding balances at the end of the week a 10% late fee payment will be added to your account.

WINTER BUGS

Ugh! The dreaded viruses and winter nasties that this time of year always brings have arrived ☹ If you feel that your child is unable to fully enjoy their day at the centre then the best place for them is at home. If children become unwell during the day or are not themselves we will not hesitate to give you a call to collect them. If your child will be away for the day please give us a call or drop us a quick email to let us know





KIWI ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora from the Kiwi Room.

The winter season is definitely upon us with clear cold days. We would like to thank our families for ensuring that the children have warm changes of clothes so that they are still able to enjoy outdoor play. The tamariki get very excited when it is time for them to spend time outside as it gives them the space to construct their working theories in a different environment. It also gives them the opportunity to form relationships with the Pukeko room children and teachers, which helps to smooth the way for the transition process.

The colder weather has also, unfortunately, meant the start of coughs, cold and runny noses. Whilst this is common at this time of year, we would like to ask parents to remain vigilant when monitoring symptoms and to let us know when things change with a child's health. This allows us to ensure the well-being of the other children in our room and in the centre.

We have noticed that the tamariki have a real love of books and this has translated into a surge in their verbal communication skills. We rotate the books in our library frequently and mat time is a popular time of day in our room. We would love to know what stories and books that you read at home.

The tamariki have continued their interest in art and messy play and we incorporated this into our planning for Matariki, with the children involved in a special piece of art which is on our wall. Please take a look when you are next in the Kiwi Room. We have now completed all of our display boards, which includes our philosophy, planning board and whanau area. Feel free to come and have a look when you are next in our room. We are very proud of our work and it is wonderful to see the tamariki interacting with them.

Arohanui from Ruth, Sam, Tessa and Alana.





PUKEKO ROOM NEWS



Kia ora Whanau

Welcome to the Pukeko room news!

It has been a busy and exciting few weeks. Firstly we would like to congratulate Nicola and Gareth on the arrival of their beautiful baby girl Ava Elizabeth Fletcher. We are looking forward to meeting this precious little bundle of joy. We would also like to welcome Samuel as he begins his learning journey with us.

The teachers and children had been busy preparing and celebrating Matariki (Maori New Year). The children participated in activities which included decorating stars, making and eating bread, putting feathers on the korowai with help from their parents and teachers, We had stories and songs and the children now have a better understanding of Matariki. We would like to say a BIG thank you to all the parents and whanau who took time out of their busy schedule to prepare and bring a meal for the shared kai (lunch).

We are focusing on winter and the different kinds of weather we have during this season. We have been talking and researching about the types of clothing we wear and some of the children have been drawing pictures on how we should dress during this cold and rainy time. This has sparked lots of interest with the children and they are becoming aware and have an understanding on how to dress appropriately and stay warm.

As part of our extension learning programme we have begun visits to Green Bay School library. This is to help children to develop basic reading skills and understand the rules of the library.

The children have shown a great interest in construction. If you have any big cardboard boxes or recycled materials (eg. milk bottle tops) to contribute we would greatly appreciate it.

Arohanui, from the Pukeko teachers- Sandra, Molly, Fa and Rita



From all the Playhouse team 😊

Greg, Tiff, Sandra, Molly, Ruth, Sam, Tessa, Danjelle, Rita, Tash, Fa, Alana, Cina, Alisi and Ciara