



Dear Families/Whanau

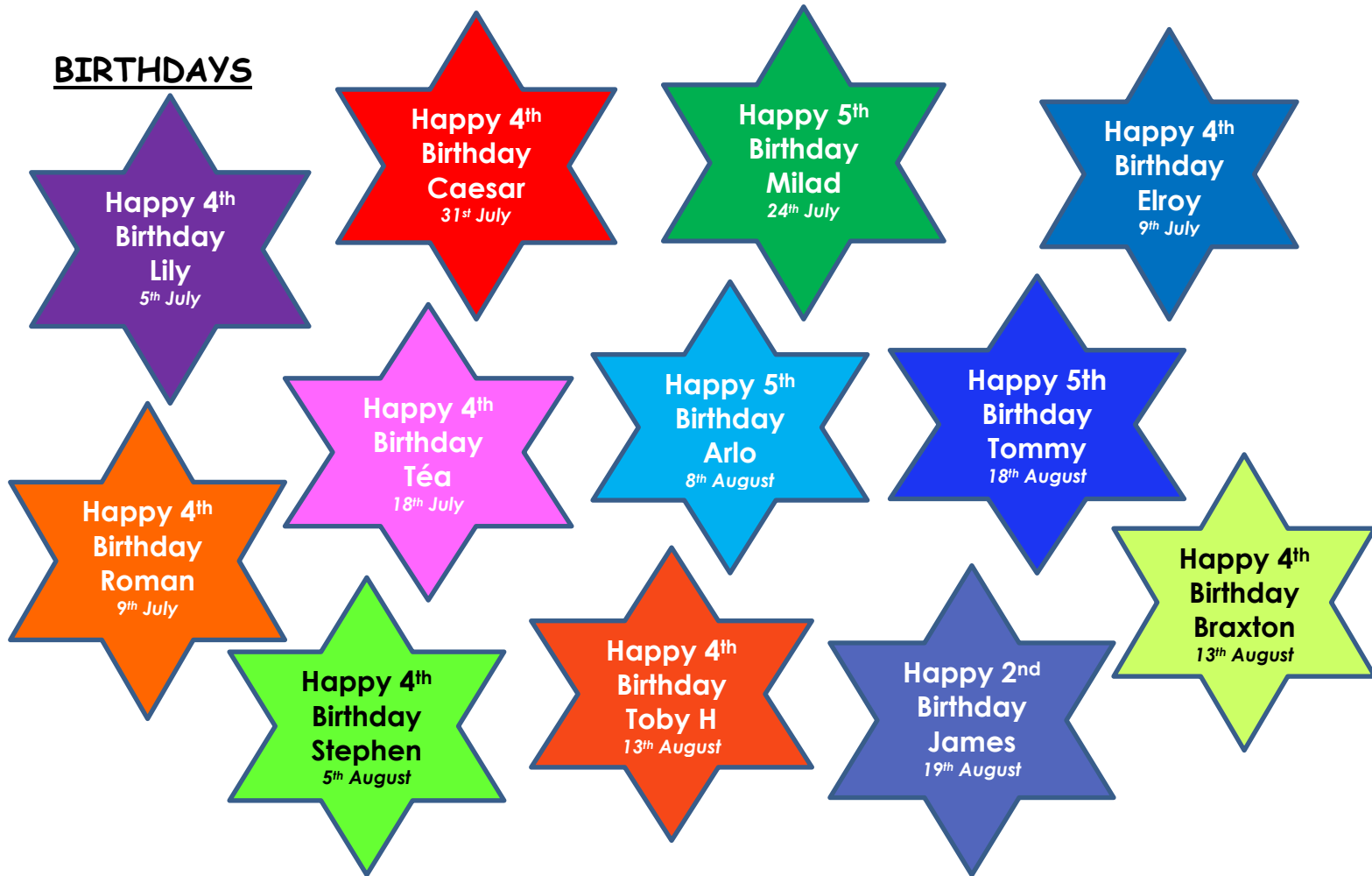
We are in the last month of winter - hooray!! We are looking forward to seeing the back of all the coughs, colds and other nasties and seeing everyone back to their happy and healthy selves again as the weather starts to warm up ☺

### WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS

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

Sadly we have recently said goodbye to Rowan, Milad, Tommy and Arlo who have all headed off to exciting new adventures at school and also to Roman and his family who are relocating back to the USA.

### BIRTHDAYS



### CARPARKING

We have noticed some very "generous" parkers in the parking lot lately - please make sure that your vehicle does not take more than one space, as if people park courteously our carpark can easily fit 6 cars. We will be getting lines painted in the near future to help make the spaces a little clearer ☺



## MISSING!!

The Pukeko room's Samsung Galaxy Kids Tablet has mysteriously disappeared ☹️ If anyone has any idea where it could be please let one of the team know. We would also be very happy if it just turned up in a random place in the centre with no explanation given to save embarrassment if it has been accidentally taken home by one of our little poppets.

We really miss having the tablet so have our fingers crossed that it will return soon



## FOOD AND MAKEUP ITEMS

We have noticed some secret snacking going on in the bag corner. We make sure the children have plenty of food available at morning, lunch and afternoon meal times so please ensure your child does not bring extra food to the centre - thanks ☺️ We have also interrupted several makeovers so if you could also check that your little munchkins haven't acquired your lipstick for this purpose that would be fab! Also just a reminder that breakfast needs to be eaten at home not brought to the centre ☺️

## CENTRE NEWS

A major revamp of our playground area is happening in early September and we are all very, very excited about it! This may mean some disruption in the carpark area when the digger, truck and skip are onsite but please bear with us as it will only be for a few days and well worth it for the end product ☺️

Our garden room (Pukeko sleep room) is also in the process of getting a makeover ☺️



## VISIT TO GREEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL

A group of the older Pukeko children were invited to Green Bay High School to watch the Year 11 drama students complete their clown assessment. It was a fantastic show and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it! We look forward to joining GBHS for other exciting events ☺️



## CENTRE PHILOSOPHY

The team has spent the past few months reviewing and reflecting on our centre philosophy. This led us to start fresh with a new philosophy that we feel better reflects our role as teachers and the centre. A copy is attached ☺️

# OUR PHILOSOPHY

Respect is at the heart of all that we do here at Playhouse...

**R** - Relationships that are reciprocal and responsive between children, whanau and teachers.

**E** - Environment that is challenging, stimulating and encourages exploration.

**S** - Supportive and nurturing interactions that foster a sense of belonging.

**P** - Partnerships with parents that celebrate diversity and provide important links with home.

**E** - Education that is inclusive, play based and focused on the interests of the child.

**C** - Children as confident, competent and capable beings who are in control of their own learning.

**T** - Teaching team, with a sense of fun, who are committed to continuous learning, reflection and self-review.

*A person's a person, no matter how small*

*Ko te tangata he tangata ahakoa I tana ititanga*



## KIWI ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora Kiwi Room Whanau

Well, with winter well and truly upon us, we find ourselves battling the usual runny noses, coughs and colds. Please familiarise yourselves with our sickness policies and the stand down periods that go with these. However, if you feel your child is unable to cope with the usual busy day in our kiwi room, please keep them home. If they fade during the day we will contact you for your child to be picked up.

Even though the weather is not always great at this time of year, we do try to get our tamariki outside to play if it is not raining. They all love getting outdoors, and it is so good for them to be able to explore and get fresh air. Utilising our outdoor environment is a very important part of our curriculum, and we love to see all tamariki participating in this. Please be assured we always make sure they are warm enough to go out, and are promptly changed into dry clothes once we come back inside, if needed. Please ensure there are at least 3 changes of clothes in your child's bag, to allow for these clothes changes.

Lately we have been exploring a range of different art and sensory play activities, for our tamariki to participate in. We have made playdough, gloop, paintings, and stress balls in the past couple of weeks. The tamariki love getting in amongst all of these activities, and enjoy experiencing different smells, textures, and colours. We will continue to research new and exciting sensory activities to provide our tamariki.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest member of our Kiwi whanau, Willow. We are enjoying getting to know you and your whanau Willow.

As always, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to talk to one of us.

From your Kiwi teachers,

Tessa, Ruth, Sam and Alana.





## PUKEKO ROOM NEWS



What a busy month July has become with some changes happening around the place. We welcomed Danjelle with open arms to the Pukeko room and the children already know and love her. We are going to miss our dear Rita who had her last day with us on the August 5<sup>th</sup>. We wish her all the very best! We also bid a sad farewell to Roman, Milad and Rowan as they leave for school. We would like to thank Kate and John (Rowan's parents) for the 30 fluorescent reflector vests gift. The children enjoy wearing them on their visits to the school and library. We also have a new face here in the Pukeko room, Ciara who is a first year student from Unitec.

We have had a few chilly mornings and the children enjoy exploring the icy textures and puddles in the garden. Please make sure that your child is dressed warmly and has lots of spare clothes (labelled) in the bag.

This month we are focusing on literacy. A few of our children have turned four and are interested in recognising numbers. We have provided the children with lots of experiences in numeracy by using puzzles, games and by screen printing numbers to build on their interests. If you have bottle covers please feel free to send them in and we will utilise them to make a mural of numbers for a wall.

The children have been learning about health and well-being. We are learning about how bugs are spread and how we can stop the spread of illnesses through ensuring we are using good hygiene practices. To help to reinforce this we encourage you to remind your child regarding practices such as coughing into their elbows instead of their hands, washing hands as well as using a tissue to blow their noses.

We have set up a 'hospital' in the dramatic area and the children are enacting what they have learnt. Please feel free to bring in any spare supplies for our 'hospital play' such as bandages and toy stethoscopes.

Our whānau board is now inside the Pukeko room. If you have not brought in your whānau picture, can you please do so. We also have a cultural board representing all our cultures in the Pukeko room. Please feel free to take a look on your next visit to the room.

Arohanui, From the Pukeko teachers- Sandra, Molly, Danjelle, Fa and Cina



**From all the Playhouse team 😊**

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