



## Feb/March 2017

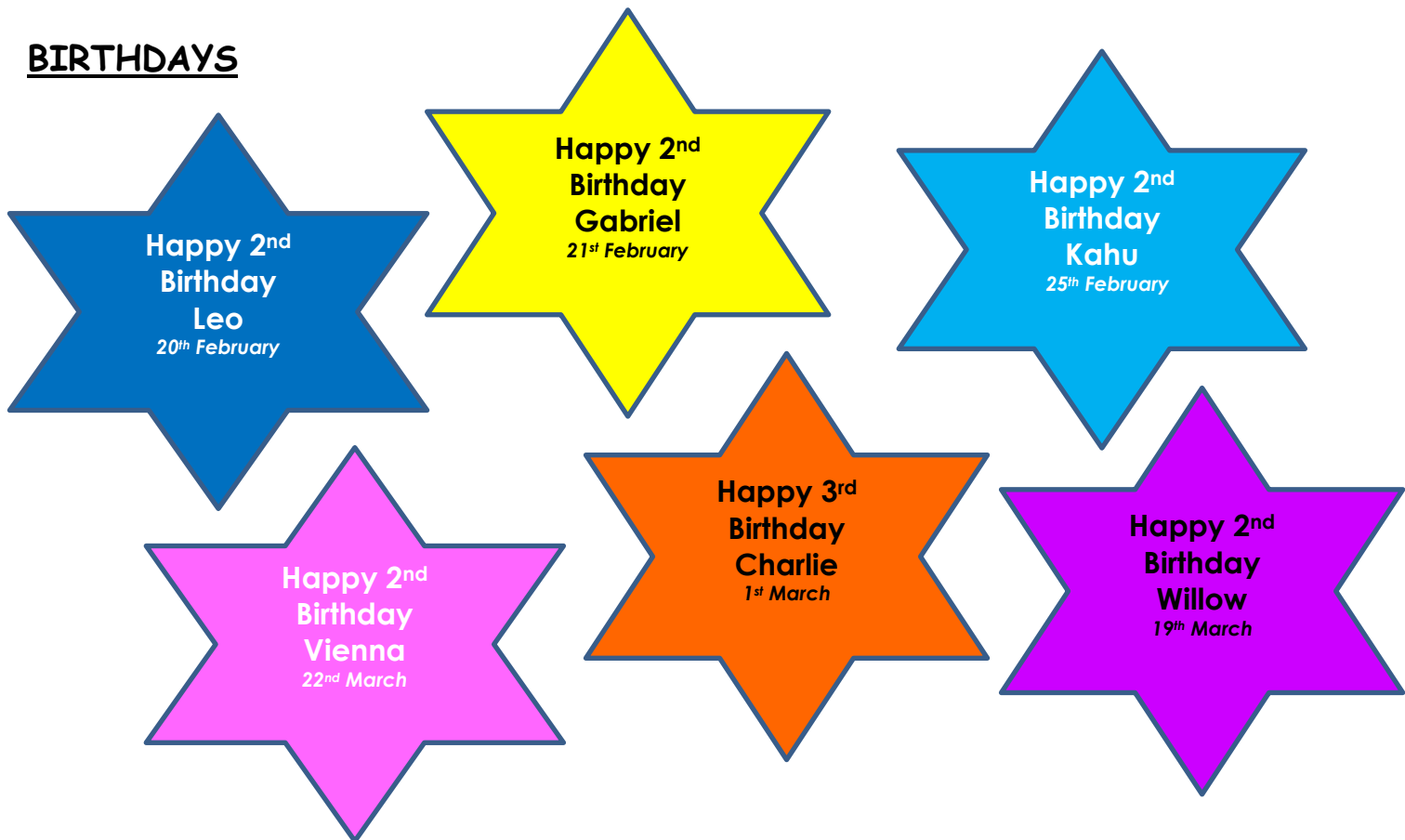
Dear Families/Whanau

What a busy start to the year we have had!! It is March already and it feels like we just blinked and missed Jan and Feb...and the summer weather too but that's another story ☺ Just a short newsletter to start the year with a bit of housekeeping stuff to keep in mind

### WELCOMES

A HUGE welcome to Brayden, Kyla, Lexi, Ninna and Hazel who have all joined the Playhouse family recently ☺

### BIRTHDAYS



### CENTRE NEWS

HUGE congratulations to our lovely Pukeko room teacher Alana who is expecting her first child - a little girl due in late June - so exciting!!



The Pukeko room have 2 students completing their required weekly ECE hours with us this year - Cassie (who many of you will have met at the end of last year) who is completing her post-grad ECE diploma and Alex who has just started her journey towards her Bachelor of Teaching ECE degree ☺ We will also be supporting other students on practicum throughout the year as we believe it is important to foster a new generation of teachers.

We are very lucky to have been accepted into this round of the Incredible Years teachers programme run by the Auckland Kindergarten Association on behalf of the Ministry of Education. This programme is a well-respected international programme promoting positive social competence and guidance. Ruth, Sandra, Danjelle, Molly and Sam are all attending this great course which runs over a 6 month period ☺

## HOURS

We have noticed a lot of out of hours drop offs and pick-ups creeping in ☹

School hour days are strictly 8:30-3:30pm - Please ensure that you stick to these times, not arriving in the centre before 8:30 and leaving at 3:30 (not arriving to collect at that time)

For full time children please note that the centre opens from 7:30am (not before) and closes promptly at 5:30pm. Please be respectful of these times as our team have their own family commitments outside of these hours

Out of hours fees of \$10 per 10 minutes or part thereof will be charged as needed

## DRINK BOTTLES

The Pukeko room have been trialling the children bringing in their own drink bottles from home each day so that they are better able to monitor the amount of water they are drinking throughout the day - this has worked so well that we are now making this an ongoing thing for the whole centre! For those of you who are yet to join in - any type of water bottle is fine as long as your child can independently drink from it ☺



## FEES

Just a reminder that we invoice a week in advance and that all fees are to be paid in full by the Friday of the current billing week at the latest. If you prefer to pay monthly that is fine but this also needs to be in advance. Late payment penalties of 10% per week may be added to overdue accounts

## CENTRE FOOD OPTION SURVEY

Thank you to all the families who have replied to our survey so far - this is a huge decision for Playhouse and we would like to get as much feedback as possible to help shape our decision. Survey closes Friday 10th March

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/THCM9Y2>

## SICKNESS POLICY

With a couple of nasty bugs currently sweeping through the wider community we would just like to remind everyone of our stand-down periods for illnesses

Vomiting and diarrhoea - 48 hours from last incident

High temperature - 24 hours from last incident



We really appreciate your support of these policies to enable us to keep the nasties out of the centre as at the end of the day none of us want sick kids (or sick teachers!) ☹

## PICNIC AT PLAYHOUSE

Weather permitting we are hoping to host a picnic evening in our garden for families to come along with a picnic and get to know each other better in a relaxed and unhurried environment. We will keep you posted when we have more details ☺



From all the Playhouse team ☺

Greg, Tiff, Ruth, Sandra, Molly, Sam, Danjelle, Fa, Diana, Alana, Tash, Alisi, Cassie and Raman