

DECEMBER 2019

FUND RAISING:

Thank you for your support of the calendars. We made \$1950.00 from this fund raiser.

Just a reminder to bring in your donation for the End of Year Raffle and to hand your tickets in by Tuesday 10 December

Kia ora, Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me te whanau- greetings to you and your family.

2019 is nearly completed. Just a few reminders to check:

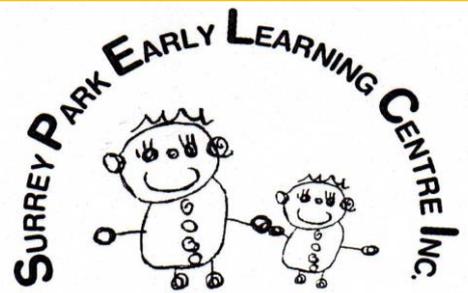
1. Have you paid your account in full so we can confirm your booking for 2020? Bookings can only be confirmed for 2020 if there is a zero balance at the end of this year.
2. Have you updated your contact details for our records?
3. Have you checked the Lost Property? There must be hundreds of dollars of clothing left in the rooms so please have a good look around the rooms.
4. The centre closes at 3pm on Tuesday 24 December.
5. The centre reopens at 8:15am on the 13th January 2020 for those with confirmed bookings.
6. The centre re-opens for everyone else at 7.30am on Monday 20th January 2020.

Thanks: As usual at this time of the year I would like to take the opportunity to thank the following people:

1. The staff, for their on-going support of the centre. As you will be aware, it has been particularly challenging in terms of parity for our sector this year and in spite of this our staff have continued to provide great learning opportunities for your children with enthusiasm and care. I wish all staff a well-deserved holiday break.
2. Karen Gill, our Head Teacher and the Team Leaders- Joanne, Debbie, Tracey, Christine and Claire. We are fortunate to have these leaders who show such commitment to providing quality outcomes for teachers and for the children.
3. Thanks to the ADMIN Team: Helen who continues to be the "Glue" of the centre, chasing the endless paperwork that is required on a daily basis, and always completing everything with a smile; Jeremy and Sandra for providing our tamariki with healthy meals; Tatsuya for working tirelessly to keep our very large grounds in order, and enduring the smoky boiler room to keep us warm; and Andy for creatively improving the learning environments for the children, and also keeping on top of the maintenance and repairs; and Melissa, Kat and Sandra for keeping the building clean.
4. The Governance Committee, for overseeing the direction of the centre with such commitment. We appreciate that you make yourselves available to come back for evening meetings. We do realise how challenging this can be after a day at work and with young children in the house to get organised.
5. Finally, to you the parents thanks for giving us the privilege of getting to know you and your children. We value the relationships that are built with our families and are always sad when we farewell children- some of whom we have known since they were young babies. We enjoy the journey watching them develop into independent young children.

Kia taute maungarongo ki runga I te whenua- he whakairo pai k inga tangata Let there be peace and tranquillity on earth and goodwill to all people. Seasons greetings to you all - have a relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2020.

Regards from Avril Dalzell



STAFFING:

Farewell: We would like to thank Lucy Marie for all the work she has done in the Totara room this year. The children and staff have really enjoyed the contributions she made to the room. We will miss Lucy heaps. We wish her all the best for university next year.

We also are very sad to announce that Debbie will be leaving us. Debbie will be with us till Waitangi Day 2020 but we wanted to let parents who have children leaving this year know now. Interviews for Debbie's position will be taking place in the next 2 weeks so we will update you of the changes early in 2020.

We send our best wishes to Jeremy as he recovers from his shoulder injury. We hope he makes it back to work before the end of the year

Our sympathy is extended to Gayle Jonker and family. Gayle's 33 year old daughter died suddenly this week. The funeral is at 10am Saturday at Lindisfarne Church

Koru Update

Kia Ora, Koru has been busy with more exciting adventures this term, with opportunities to go to Diack's – buying vegetable plants for our mara/garden, visits to Kayes Cake Kitchen, Glengarry and more, as I write this the tamariki and Kaiako are off to the running track, with everyone eager to break their personal bests. To our whanau from MYPLC that are leaving this year we would like to say 'Congratulations on your graduations and best wishes for your next adventures'. We would also like to thank all our family/whanau, caregivers and tamariki for attending our Family tea last night. It was an opportunity to come together and connect – with lots of smiles and laughter as we reflect on the year and share stories about our enthusiastic tamariki. We wish you all a lovely break from the centre, take care and we look forward to welcoming you all back in 2020, Arohanui from the Koru Team.

Waihopai Update

We are a busy bunch in our room! While continuing our sustainability growth we are also exploring fun and messy science experiments along with art. So far, we have exploded cola with mentos, made papier maché hats, created our own marbled paper and generally had a great time with our friends.

To round our year out we have a number of baking sessions planned with a Christmas theme including cookies and a gingerbread house, nom nom nom.

Te Whare Waihopai wishes all our families a happy and healthy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Te Rito Update

Kia Ora whanau, we are really getting into the swing of the festive season with room and tree decorations and lots of Christmas artwork including work for the Santa parade being created. We are enjoying our new bikes which are made from recycled from milk bottles and are enjoying the extra shade from our new shade sail. Recently some of our children performed at the MYPLC graduation ceremony, well done to our Mums for your achievements this year. We wish all our Whanau a happy and relaxing Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year. Ka Kite

KawaKawa Update

Kia ora whānau, what a busy time of the year it is for everyone. We have been busy making decorations, baking and talking about our Christmas plans all in preparation for the festive season. The tamariki are still very engaged in the community garden, the vegetables are really growing now! Please feel free to come in and have a look around, our doors are always open. Sustainability has been a big focus in our whare last term, this term and will follow through into the new year. Thank you to all the families who joined us on our gym trip at the end of November, we really appreciated your help. Have a wonderful break and see you all next year.

Totara Update

Well, we are really into the summer holiday feelings as we prepare for the last few weeks for the year. We have our wheels day on Friday 6th and on Monday the 9th we will be hopping on the bus and delivering all the amazing food donations to the SPCA. A nui (big) thanks to all those families who have supported this worthy cause at Christmas. We had a great family tea night with many families enjoying the shared food and chats. The Santa Parade was a big hit and we want to acknowledge all the families and staff who helped make this a success. Please, if you have your child's profile book at home, can you get this back in so we can add the December Christmas photos etc. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all next year.