



April Newsletter 2018.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Annual General Meeting:** The re-scheduled Annual General meeting will be on Wednesday 11 April at 7.45pm in the Te Rito room. We welcome all parents to attend this meeting so you can hear how the centre has progressed in the last year and our goals for 2018-2019. If you are interested in the governance roles for the centre please contact Avril for more information.

Because this meeting is now only for the AGM we ask that if you want to have a catch up with the teachers, please book a time with the team leader in your child's room.

**Annual Subscription Fee:** After the AGM the annual subscription rate will be added to your account. It will \$25.00 per family. We use this money to help cover the costs of the portfolios that we set up for your children.

**FAREWELL:** We are very sad to inform you that Robyn Leckie, our Head Teacher is leaving us to take up a position with Kindergarten South. We are very disappointed to say goodbye to Robyn as she is such a vibrant passionate advocate for early childhood and she has inspired our teachers to continually improve learning outcomes for your children. We will miss Robyn greatly and wish her all the very best for the future, and thank her for the very significant contribution she has made to Surrey Park ELC Inc in her time with us.

**Holding Fee:** You will also notice on your accounts the charge for the stat days. At this time of the year we are often asked about this. The Ministry of Education have very specific guidelines for the funding. They do not fund for statutory holidays and have limits on how many days they will cover for absences before funding stops. To help compensate these funding limits, we have put the holding fee in place to ensure we can pay our permanent staff guaranteed hours. We do set this out in the enrolment pack, but sometimes the information doesn't become relevant until it suddenly has significant meaning.

**Entertainment Book:** We are selling the Entertainment Book for \$60.00 a book. These books give great discounts for eating out and entertainment activities in Otago and Southland. You only have to use them two or three times and you have covered the purchase costs. Contact the office if you would like to purchase a copy.

### **EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS 2018**

1ST Prize: Kevin O'Brien - Five Dozen Oysters + Easter Treats  
2nd Prize: Spencer Family – Three Dozen Oysters + Easter Treats  
3rd Prize: Meriani Pile – Three Dozen Oysters + Easter Treats  
4th Prize: Karyn Flett – Easter/Grocery Basket  
5th Prize: Lauren Harrison – Easter/Grocery Basket  
6th Prize: DDS Southland Staff – Easter/Grocery Basket  
7th Prize: Jahmelia Pikia – Easter/Grocery Basket  
8th Prize: Maria Simpson – Two Dozen Oysters  
9th Prize: Amanda Clemmic – Two Dozen Oysters

Thanks to everyone who helped support this fundraiser for Surrey Park. Your support is much appreciated. We raised \$1780.00 which will go to the development of our outdoor areas.

**School Holidays:** We are open in the school holidays: Please use a pink form to let the office know if you will be making changes to your child's bookings during the school holidays. (16 April- 27 April).

**Also a reminder that the centre is closed on Wednesday 25 April for Anzac Day.**

I hope you have all adjusted to the day light saving changes- and you are getting prepared for the winter months ahead?

Please be sure to let me know if you have any concerns or issues so that I can work on making things right for you.

Regards

Avril Dalzell