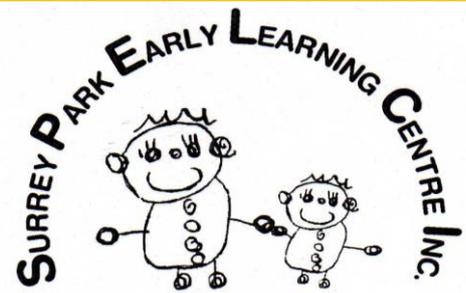


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Raffle: Remember to get your donation into the rooms and bring your tickets back by Monday 29th March. I wish to acknowledge what a fantastic effort some of you have made selling so many tickets. We are very grateful for your support.



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REMINDERS

- 1. EASTER BREAK:**
THE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 2ND APRIL, MONDAY 5TH APRIL AND TUESDAY 6TH APRIL FOR THE EASTER STATUTORY HOLIDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY DAY.
- 2. STATUTORY DAY CHARGES:** JUST A REMINDER, AS OUTLINED IN YOUR ENROLMENT HANDBOOKS, THAT BECAUSE WE ARE NOT FUNDED BY THE MINISTRY FOR THESE STATUTORY DAYS THERE IS A FULL HOLDING FEE CHARGE FOR THESE 3 DAYS.
- 3. SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:** THE HOLIDAYS ARE 19TH APRIL – 30TH APRIL.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE MAKING CHANGES TO YOUR CHILD'S BOOKING OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD. IF THERE ARE GOING TO BE ABSENCES WE CAN SAVE STAFFING COSTS BY NOT CALLING ON RELIEVERS

News from the Office:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The 34th Annual General Meeting will be on Monday 29th March at 7.30pm. This is your chance to hear the President's report on how the centre has achieved its goals over the last 12 months and find out our goals for the coming year. The nominations we have received **for the executive Governance Committee portfolios are as follows:**

President: Rachael Hewton

Vice-president: Chloe Cunningham

Secretary: Karen Gill

Treasurer: Melanie McCormack

Committee members: Lorna Allott, Kylie Tekofsky. Samantha Sproat, Lauren Wilson

Other committee portfolios will be confirmed and assigned to the committee members at the first monthly Governance meeting following the AGM.

We are still looking for a committee member with experience in property development or building to oversee the property goals for the centre. If you have skills in this area or know of someone you think would be suitable for this position, please let me know as soon as possible so we can. This person would liaise with myself and Andy Winder, our "Handy Andy", who carries out our maintenance and small building projects.

We would love to welcome new members to the committee so please let me know if you are interested in putting your name forward for the selection process.

If you are planning to attend the AGM, please remember to let us know at the office as soon as possible. We are trying to confirm the best venue for this meeting, and one venue has restricted seating capacity, and we would appreciate having numbers for catering purposes. We will advise the confirmed venue by email on Friday 26th

Kind Regards

Avril

STAFFING: We are very sad to have received a letter of resignation from Sandra Sutton. Sandra has cleaned and cooked for the centre over the last 20 years and will definitely be missed. We thank Sandra for her many and varied contributions to the centre and wish her all the best for good health and happiness in her retirement.

We are grateful to Lia Freire for taking on the cook's position and keeping us well fed.

Lost Property: Please check the lost property in the rooms. There are so many unclaimed items of clothing in the rooms – and it is only March!

WE WILL BE DONATING UNCLAIMED ITEMS TO CHARITIES AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Koru Update Kia Ora whānau,

Relationships are a big part of Koru and we have been looking at different ways to foster positive relationships in the room. We offer experiences that encourage our tamariki to work alongside their peers and investigate and discover together.

We have been exploring science, following our tamariki and their interests which include baking and the processes involved to make a cake. We have been doing science experiments and lots of fresh air and getting outside and investigating our birdlife and insect life that live in our environment. We have constructed 'tents' outside and this is proving popular. Our younger tamariki are exploring waiata and movement, learning how their bodies move – and how they can make things happen.

Waihopai Update

Kia ora whānau, lots of fun being had in our room. We have new sand and with the help from some of our families we have moved the play hut to beside the sandpit for some amazing, complex exploration and dramatic play.

A big thankyou to those that were able to help us at the working bee, Arohanu ki a koutou.

Our vegetables have come along greatly, and the guinea pigs have benefitted with fresh greens. We eagerly await the ripening of our apples so we can participate in some yummy baking.

Te Rito Update

Kia ora, The Te Rito tamariki interests include sensory/messy play, water play, block building, art and collage, music and movement and family play. We have established our curriculum priorities for this term as being Communication and Relationships and many of our tamariki are beginning toilet learning. Our focus in all areas of play have been about social interaction and engagement with each other and communication including speech and language development. Our small group experiences, which are based on the tamariki interests are opportunities for tamariki to learn social skills as they share resources, take turns, share ideas, communicate with each other, and develop working theories. We have seen many children express their creativity through music and dance and music is also important in supporting language development.

Kawakawa Update

Kia ora whanau, we have been having a great time in Kawakawa welcoming new tamariki.

Children celebrated sea week by exploring what lives in our oceans, made sea creature puppets, made a submarine, and watched different short videos on YouTube about the creatures under the water. We have started going on small excursions, we planned our trip to Queens Park to foster our interest in animals. We went on a small spontaneous trip to the running track to support our local community in their sports day.

Reminder to please pack extra clothing in your child's bag, and to please bring them a bag every day. We are running out of spare clothing.

Totara Update

Kia ora whānau, Tamariki have been exploring the community garden and contributing by watering them and looking after the plants and trees. We shared the produce and enjoyed with all the children at kai time.

Our curriculum design linked to Manaakitanga which means showing respect and dignity for each other and their environment. Tamariki are reminding each other during play with the support of the kaiako and incorporating manaakitanga into the culture of the room.

We will continue to work on calmness in our environment including adding pot plants and natural scenery. If you have any spare pots for plants, we would welcome any donations of these.