

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

4th December 5.30-6.30pm

Check your parent pocket/file for information about this.



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News from the Office:

Retirement: Kathy is preparing for her retirement and will finish up with us at the end of the year. Kathy has been with us since August 2011. We thank her for all her contributions to the centre and wish her all the very best for the retirement years. We hope she will pop in to visit us from time to time- in between leisurely coffee breaks with husband Bill!!

Lost property: Please have a good check around the centre in the lost property areas as a considerable amount of clothing has accumulated in the last term.

Car Parks: Please remember there will always be small children walking in the car park areas- and adjust your speed to anticipate any sudden movements. Please slow down and drive with care.

Early Week Bookings: We will be confirming the bookings next week for those families who have requested a booking for January, Monday 14th – Thursday 17th. A reminder that the times we are open in this week are 8.15am-16.45pm.

Fee Structure: The existing fee structure will roll over for the start of 2019.

Early Childhood Strategic Plan 2019-2029: The Ministry of Education have published the draft plan looking at Early Childhood for the next 10 years. It is an interesting read and will provide some robust discussions about the direction of early childhood. You are welcome to give feedback by using the link: conversation.education.govt.nz.

REMINDERS

RAFFLE: HOLIDAY HAMPER. PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAND IN YOUR DONATION FOR THE RAFFLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND RETURN YOUR TICKET TO THE OFFICE.

FAMILY TEA- BOOK YOUR SAUSAGES FOR THE END OF YEAR FAMILY TEA ON TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER: CONCERT ITEMS AT 6.10PM AFTER TEA.

LAST DAY: WE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 3.30PM ON THE 24TH DECEMBER; PLEASE RETURN YOUR NEXT YEARS BOOKING AND HOLIDAY FORMS BY THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER.

STAFFING

ANNIE IS RECOVERING WELL FROM HER EYE OPERATION AND HOPES TO BE BACK WITH US EARLY IN 2019.

MANDY IS RESTING QUIETLY AT HOME AFTER A BIG FALL OFF HER BIKE.

Note: We hope you enjoy the new format of our newsletter. Thanks to Claire and our newly formed communication team we have a newsletter that invites you to settle down and have a great read.

Koru Update

This term the Koru room have been continuing our focus on getting children 'Out the Gate' and exploring the community around us. We are taking the children out regularly for walks in the buggies to experience a range of local sights and sounds. Most recently we enjoyed a bus trip to 'Rabbitte Ranch' where we interacted with many different farm animals, including lambs, pigs and even a donkey.

Our Curriculum Design this term focusses on Celebrations and within our curriculum we have recently celebrated the beginning of Spring, Kaiako birthdays, Diwali and are now looking forward to planning our Christmas celebrations. Parents and Whanau, please let us know of any celebrations you would like us to share with your children in the Koru room.

Waihopai Update

We welcome all the new children who have joined us recently. We also bid farewell to Coby, Liam, Cyraul, Jaxon, Indi, Harriet and Amelia: we will miss you but look forward to hearing all about your adventures in your new room.

This term we have been busy connecting with nature. From exploring in our natural world, to planting a veggie garden, taking care of our guinea pigs, bush walks, tree climbing and sports day. A big part of this is encouraging physical involvement through moving confidently and challenging ourselves physically. We have been making great use of our challenge equipment both inside and outside to enhance these skills.

We are now excited to be celebrating the festive time of year. We are practicing our song and getting our costumes for the big xmas bbq. We hope you can all join us.

Te Rito Update

One of the principles that guide our practice is relationships with people, places and things, which is our current room focus. This relationship between centre and whanau is strengthened through upcoming celebrations such as the MYPLC graduation and our family tea.

In our room we are continually developing manaakitanga -looking out for our friends and helping each other, which builds strong positive relationships. Our regular events such as mat time provide opportunities for turn-taking and listening to others, which allows us to put these skills into practice.

We have also been involved in dramatic play themes such as a food drive through, where we are learning about sharing and turn-taking as we make sense of the world around us, and our relationship in it. This is now evolving into a supermarket so any empty food boxes would be gladly received.

Kawakawa Update

We have started the Term in a new environment and with a new teaching team. We have also welcomed new and existing families into our Kawakawa Pre-school. We have continued with our 'outside the gate' programme: visiting the ILT Stadium, joining Totara visiting Hallie's grandmothers house, visiting the residents at Peacehaven and more recently our visit to the Gym Club.

Our Curriculum Design has been focussing on our bi-cultural practice and inviting our families to share their mihi's as a way of encouraging a sense of belonging and knowing their place.

We now look forward to planning and sharing our Christmas celebrations with our children and their families.

Totara Update

Well what a busy time we have had getting out of the gate with trips to Trudy's parents' house to collect pallets, visiting Hallie's Grandmother's house to view her beautiful gardens and a great trip to the gym.

We have introduced our tamariki to Maori Legends, Waiata (songs) and increased our Te reo Maori. This is all in support of our centre goal about developing increasing proficiency in the use of te reo and tikanga maori.

Everyone is enjoying the magnificent creation of the two pre-schools and this has decreased the noise levels and children and staff certainly feel less stressed. A very positive change for all.

Remember for Christmas... "the best thing you can spend on your children is TIME!