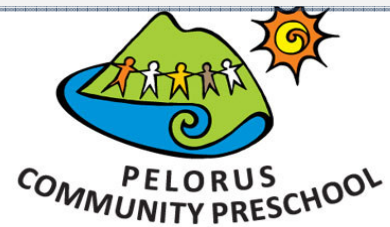


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*Tena koutou, tena koutou,
Tena koutou katoa*

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas holiday break.

It is fantastic to see all the wonderful enthusiastic children marching through the doors.

We would like to give a warm welcome to Max Skehan and Tyla Rose Illsley-Slape to our Preschool. We hope you enjoy your time here.



Birthday Wishes

This month we would like to wish a "Happy Birthday" to Jack McKay (1), Frances Edmonds (4), Kyren Patuwai

(5), Jack Maclean (3), Antoinette and Kaia Paul-Ashby both (5). We hope you all have a special day.

Farewell, Haere Ra

Best wishes to Kyren Patuwai who will be joining Havelock School. To both Antoinette and Kaia we have enjoyed your long attendance to our Preschool, since it started! We will miss you both and hope you enjoy your new school in Nelson.

From the Committee,

Parent Help

Please can we have your help! I know we are all busy and can find other things to do with our time, however our teachers really could use some help.

When we opened our preschool in January 2008 we relied on parent helpers to assist our teachers on a daily basis and parents willingly signed their name up to a parent help roster. Over time we seem to have moved away from this practice and our parent help roster which sits alongside the 'sign-in' sheet remains consistently blank.

Just a reminder that our preschool operates as a not-for-profit incorporated society and as parents we are all members of this society. Therefore it is our responsibility to ensure that the quality of the facility is maintained along with the financial viability. There are many, many jobs that our teachers just do not have time to do and this is where you can play your part. **Art work distribution, cleaning play areas, morning teas...to name a few.**

Please add your name to our roster that sits on top of the sign-in sheet. Please talk to Jean about specific jobs that you can lend a hand with.

AGM

Our AGM will be on 15th March 2010 at 7pm at the Preschool. Part of this meeting involves appointing the new committee for the following year. Please think about putting your name forward. Being on the committee has many benefits and is a great way to 'give something back' to this wonderful facility. As mentioned recently by a current committee member "being on the PCP committee was a fantastic stepping stone for getting back into the workforce. It gave me the confidence to take that next step".

If you are interested in putting your name forward, please talk to Jean or an existing committee members.

New Decking Project

Thank you to all the Dad's (Aryal Monk, Mark Zillwood, Grieg Robins, Blair Slape, and Kenny Kyle) who gave up their Sunday to take down the old deck.

Our new deck looks fantastic! Thank you to the builders for their super job. Also a big thank you to the Committee for making the deck possible.

New Under 2's Operating Times



We are thrilled to have the opportunity to offer the community more hours in the Under 2's room.

Monday–Friday 8:30–3:30

Please enquire with Jean or Nikky about enrolling your babies during these times.

Jean

Welcome back for the New Year and we certainly plan to make it another exciting year at the Preschool! We have already made some plans for family/parent nights so watch this space.

We have had a number of parents (4 year olds) making enquiries about “getting their child/children ready for school.” We as teachers, have always and will continue to work closely with our Primary Schools. I can reassure parents that our Programme at the Preschool incorporates on a daily basis the encouragement and building of very necessary skills and dispositions which lay the foundations for formal learning. For example, even simple activities such as playing with blocks helps develop a number of skills such as:

- Stimulation of initiative.
- Expression of feeling.
- The provision for solitary or group play.
- Encourages cognitive development, e.g. assists with concepts such as numbers, size, space, distance, order and balance.
- Early concepts of mathematics, science and even reading are developed.
- Accuracy, reasoning, concentration.
- Hand–eye co–ordination and number of motor skills are learned.

....and this is in just one area of play!

Please feel free to discuss any queries with your teachers. We are hoping to arrange a presentation on the “Values of Play” during Term 2.

Margot

Tena koutou,

We have had a great start of the year with lots of enthusiasm for telling stories about the holidays. We have had lots of different reports about various forms of transport, from vans to motorbikes to boats. What a lot of travelling children and teachers!

Rose

Kia ora and a warm welcome to all of our preschool children their families. It is great to be back and lovely to see the children's happy faces. Sounds like lots of exciting holidays adventures were had by all.

Our focus this term is on transport. Already we are thinking that a ‘bike day’ might provide fun and provide an opportunity to have a talk on road safety.

The vegetable garden looks great. You are welcome to come in and have a look. We picked our first tomato–which didn't take long to be devoured by the children. Very tasty!

Claudia

All of us started the New Year with freshness and power after a long holiday. I hope you all had a relaxing, energizing holiday as well. At last summertime is here now and we can play lots of water play, splashing, jumping and running outside. Some of the children are enjoy playing inside by doing art work, making puzzles, playing board games and building towers... I am really impressed with some of the children and how long they can focus, concentrate and motivate themselves staying inside to finish their work.

At the moment our deck has been renewed and we didn't have the possibility to go outside. Luckily we could use the hall for games and run around. The children coped very well with that situation and enjoyed watching the builders from the windows, recognizing every change day by day.

I look forward to more fun times with your child/children and wish you for the year all the best!

Cornelia

Welcome back everyone!!!

Jean and I would like to welcome all our wonderful children and their families/Whanau.

We hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and great start into the New Year 2010.

We certainly did! It has been great to catch up with family and friends during our 3 weeks Preschool holiday.

We are looking forward to share lots of fun and all the exciting adventures ahead in the coming year with you all.

Jean and I are very excited to let you know that the Under 2's now open Mon–Fri from 8:30–3:30 and that we have already new little friends lined up to join our family.

This month we welcome Max and his family.