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Tena koutou, tena koutou,
Tena koutou katoa

Welcome to our April newsletter. Cool mornings have definitely started. Let's hope that the warm days continue. This month we would like to welcome Eli Fahey, Bella Fahey, Lani Wise, Bryce Stuart and Eva MoalaFotu to our Preschool. We hope you all enjoy your time here.

Birthday Wishes

For April birthdays, we would like to wish a "Happy Birthday" to **Shianne Bailey-Gatchell (5), Luka Pasco (3), and Anneliese van Dijk (4).** We hope you all have a special day.

Farewell, Haere Ra

This month we say good bye to Daytona Crow and Shianne Bailey-Gatchell, Shianne will be joining Havelock Primary School. We wish you the very best in your next chapter of your live.

Parent Help

We would like to thank everyone for your time contributing to our parent help roster. It is greatly appreciated.

AGM Update

We had our 2010 AGM on 15th March. We say farewell to Angela Mangnall, who was our awesome treasurer for the last three years. Thank you for all your time and effort you put in to making this Preschool start out and continue to be on the right financial track. We now welcome Sarah Illsley to be our new treasurer. We hope you enjoy your time with us on the Committee.

Havelock Mussel Festival...

We would like to thank everyone involved in helping us out with the Mussel Festival Fundraiser for the PCP. Our stall at the Mussel Festival was a great success. The bacon and mussel kebabs were an absolute hit and won second place in the 'food creation' section, and then sold out later in the afternoon. A huge thanks has to go to Sanford's who provided the mussels to us for free, Pestells who provided the bacon to us at a great price and Fonterra who provided us with the flavoured milk for free. We would like to thank Annie for helping in the planning and ideas stages and her husband Brian for supplying the ice and large bin for the drinks etc. Thanks to Simone Zillwood who helped to make all the kebabs. Also helping with our stall from ideas through to the end of the actual day itself was Linda Booth (one of our PCP children's grandparents). She deserves a major thanks for giving up so much of her time to help us out, not only with planning, prep of the kebabs, making the fruit salad, setting up on the day and also being there at the stall for the majority of the day too. To all those parents, staff, committee and grandparents that put their names on the list to help on the day – thank-you – it made the planning just that much easier for us and to those that just turned up on the day and helped out, a big thanks too – is always great to have extra help. Finally thanks to all those who visited our stall at the festival and bought something. You have helped us to raise a total of just over $1000 which was a great achievement for something that this team was very new at, and will be of direct benefit to the children at the preschool.

Selena Robbins and Sarah Monk

Jean

Kia Ora/Greetings to our families and community. On behalf of the teachers and staff I would like to thank everyone who was able to make it to our fish and chip evening last night, followed by the Easter egg hunt. Easter bunny seems to be working overtime this year! I hope that some of our new families were able to meet some of our other Preschool families and we look forward to another family evening in the not too distant future!

A little recap on what is going on at Preschool! Angela and I recently attended a Ministry of Education meeting with regard to relicensing our Preschool under the criteria for the new 2008 Regulations! We are a new Preschool and were aware of most of the 2008 criteria before we opened under the old 1998 Regulations. We therefore feel that we are in a good position to make a smooth transition, and plan applying to do so in the very near future.

I am sure you have all noticed how busy the teachers have been over the last few weeks. The smells from the kitchen have been luring our families into Preschool. I happened to overhear a parent saying "It's just like home," and could not help but feel that must be the ultimate compliment to our Preschool.

We had a visit from Mr Lewis who is in charge of the Fire service education for the community and he will return two weeks after Easter to follow up on his talk. I must say this was very timely because of what happened a few days after, to many of our Canvastown families. We had a huge renewed interest in fires and prevention strategies after this, and after some of our Canvastown families told us what

happened. You have been very much in our minds.

The Under 2 Room continues to grow, with tots and toddlers on the waiting list and due to start in the near future. Hayley and Nicole have been doing a wonderful job....lots of fun and laughter and keeping up with the exploration tricks of the 'littlies'. It is just a treat to see such happy contented 'little people'. We are in the process of finalising our selection for applicants for the advertisement for teachers and teachers in training and will let you know the outcome in the near future.

On behalf of us all, have a Happy and safe Easter.

Also...

Many special thanks for the donation of outside furniture. We are always astounded by the generosity of the community to our Preschool and look forward to Robin's morning tea visit in the near future.

Lots of congratulations to Fraser Hill and Sam Lanigan on their winning entries at the recent Rai Valley Show.

Margot

Kia ora and welcome to my blurb. We have been noticing that the mornings are a little cooler and the birds are coming down from the bush. A parent and I were listening to a bellbird the other morning and we have had the odd tui visiting. We are hoping for a fine evening for the fish and chip night as we can use our wonderful new table that was very kindly donated by the woodsman-Robin. If you haven't seen it yet come and have a look, it is amazing! The children are into many activities at present, including puzzles and writing. We truly have amazing children at our Preschool with brilliant literacy skills!

Rose

Kia ora Welcome to all.

During the past couple of weeks the children have been busy in the kitchen making tomato sauce, green tomato chutney and bread. What a success, the sauce was delicious and we received many positive comments about how tasty it was.

With the summer season drawing to end we have noticed that it's taking ages for the tomatoes to ripen. With this in mind we decided that it would be best if we picked the remaining crop and use these to make green tomato chutney.

Luckily there were lots of helpers. Thanks to Yulana, Shianne, Griffin, Millie, Skye and Mikayla who spent a considerable amount of time helping to prepare the ingredients needed. Also thanks to Nathan and Saviour for picking the tomatoes. The aroma wafting through the centre was a mix of spicy, sweet, vinegar, tomato and onion. Very nice...If you like very sweet chunky chutney then this is the one for you to try at home. Both recipes are easily found in the Edmonds Cook Book.