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Tena koutou, tena koutou,
Tena koutou katoa

Welcome to our March newsletter. Last Month we have had some very hot days. Lets hope it may still continue even though it is officially autumn. We would like to give a warm welcome to Finley McMahon, Lafai King, Damien Thame, Olivia Johnson, Ruby May Illsley-Slape, Myrah Mii, Hannah Bain, Putahi and Waiora Hawira to our Preschool. We hope you enjoy your time here. We would also like to welcome back two children that have previously attended, Daytona Crow and Hannah Higginson. It is great to see you both back!

Birthday Wishes

For February birthdays, we would like to wish a "Happy Birthday" to **Alyssa Neiman (4), Sam Lanigan (4), Anika McPhee (4), Lafai King (3), Toby Godsiff (4), Ashelyn Horton-Smith (4), and Putahi Hawira (4).** We hope you all have a special day.

For March birthdays, **Ayden Foster (5)**, **Yulana Monk (4)**, **Waiora Hawira (3)**, **Lachlan Walker (5)**, **Jessie Gatjens (4)**, **Tayla Munro (5)**, and **Paige Fairbairns (1)**, we wish all of you a very happy birthday.

Farewell, Haere Ra

This month we say good bye to Ayden Foster, who will be joining Canvastown School. Also Lachlan Walker and Tayla Munro bid us farewell as they both join Havelock School. We wish all of you very special children the best in your next chapter of your lives.

Unfortunately we say goodbye to Cornelia Herbert who has been an outstanding member our team. The Under 2's will sorely you will succeed in whatever direction you go. And you never know we may see you back with us☺!

Parent Help

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

Parent help gives mums, dads and family a wonderful chance to catch a glimpse of how children participate in the various daily activities when they are at the Preschool. What a wonderful opportunity it can be to be with your child and friends and see how they interact and have fun during their short time at Preschool.

It is also a great opportunity to get to know the teachers and staff as well as other members of our community.

As we all know this is a community run Preschool and it is important that our community is actively involved in it, so that we can maintain the friendly and warm atmosphere which to date, has given the Preschool the reputation it has in our community. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful parents/whanau and children. We truly appreciate your support and have enjoyed the diversity of our community.

We understand that work and family commitments can make this difficult for some families at times. Please contact Jean or Nikky if you have a preferred day to help or are unable to contribute in this way. This will help us accommodate your individual situations as best as possible.

AGM Reminder

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

or an existing committee member. This is also an invitation for parents to come and find how our Preschool is doing overall, so everyone is welcome to attend.

Also if you are interested in attending our monthly Committee meetings you are welcome to. The next meeting is.... at the preschool.

Easter Fun Day at Pinedale Motor Camp

Come and join in the fun with an Easter Egg Hunt and sausage sizzle.

Saturday 3rd April 11am

Entry to the Easter Egg Hunt $5-free eggs for every entrant. For more information and booking contact Pinedale Motor Camp on 03 574 2349

Jean

Kia ora /Welcome to all our Preschool families. Since the start of the year we have had a significant number of new enrolments and I would like to personally welcome all our new families and say what a privilege it is for us to be part of your child's learning journey. If you have any concerns or anything you are unsure of, please feel very free to talk to myself or one of the teachers. We will endeavour to help you as best as we can and would really like to encourage close connections with home.

In keeping with our focus in the Over 2's with regard to transportation, we were very privileged to be invited over by Andrea at St John next door, so that we could find out more about the ambulance service in our area. What a fantastic time we had. Not only did Andrea give us a little bit of background information, but we were allowed to climb in and see the ambulance first hand and find out what all the equipment is used for. A lovely surprise for us was that Andrea had organised for Andrew Wilson (Milky) to bring the Police Car up and he also gave us a wee talk and demonstration on the role of a Policeman. Again, we were allowed to climb in the police car and check it out!! Between the ambulance and the police car and sirens and flashing lights, it was just a very exciting day. On Friday of next week, we have the Fire Service coming to tell the children about their service and the role they play. It is all very exciting I can assure you!

Margot

Tena koutou,

Kia ora from our busy preschool. To let you know how busy we are I interviewed two of our children. This is what one said, "Just play! Um and with the felysboards, puzzles, in the sandpit, in the dress-ups, with the dollies, Millie and sometimes my teachers. Someimes I write and count. 1,2,3,4 goldfish, I want to feed them!" and that was just for the morning.

The next child sat down and she looked at me and smiled. "I get busy! I play and I play with Alice and Sarah and Margot and Lukas. I do painting, lots sometimes. I do play with Connor and myself. We do hairdressers and we eat at the table, I play and build in the sandpit. I do monkey bars (aptly names). Um and that's it!!

A reminder about Children's Day

Sunday 7 March 10 am-2 pm

At Brayshaw Park

The theme is praise and encouragement. Children can create outfits from recycled materials, and there are a number of activities and performances planned for the day

Rose

Kia ora to all of our existing preschool families and Whanau and a big hello and warm welcome to the families and children that have only recently enrolled at the Preschool.

Our garden continues to flourish and is producing well. Like the children I get a real buzz at being able to harvest something that we have grown ourselves, and it's even more rewarding when we are able to share this with friends. If you haven't already had a look at our awesome garden you might like to take a stroll with your child and perhaps, as we all do have a nibble on a carrot, bean or tomato along the way. If you cast your mind back you will remember that we have already harvested a variety of salad, vegetables, hot spinach, radishes and scaloppini. Not a bad summer effort. Now, with the end of February fast approaching I've noticed that we are already getting some cool dewy mornings. Perhaps this is a reminder that we will have to start thinking about possibilities of winter vegetable garden. Not something that I've ever tried before! So just remember that all advice on this subject will be gladly accepted.

Claudia

This month the children showed some interest in transport vehicles, so we are focusing on this theme. The garden is still a big part of the Preschool. The vegetables in the garden are growing well and we already could pick and try quite a lot of it. Yummmmm!!

New children arrived here at our Preschool and I welcome them with a big smile. It's great to have you all here!

havelock Mussel festival '10

A reminder to everyone to get your tickets for the Mussel Festival. It should be a great day out with your children. There will be a child-friendly area dedicated to helping entertain your child. Mark it on your calendar - Saturday 20th March.

We are still looking for a few more volunteers for the afternoon. Please contact Selena Robbins or Sarah Monk if you can help out.