

PELORUS COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

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*Tena koutou, tena koutou,
Tena koutou katoa*

Welcome to our October newsletter. Due to ERO coming through and reviewing our lovely Preschool at the beginning of October I am late in getting this newsletter out. My apologies!!

We would like to give a warm welcome to Nick Lanigan who will be our new Committee Chairperson. Also a warm welcome to Mia Higgins – we hope you enjoy your time with us.



Birthday Wishes

This month we have an amazing 6 children that are turning five and therefore off

to school. We wish you all the very best.

To George Robbins (5), Mika Boniface (5), Lily Mischeski (5), Saviour Patuwai (3), Mikayla Neiman (4), Dylan Briggs (4), Daytona Crow (2), Colby Monk (5), Lewis Hill (5) and Hannah Mangnall (5) best wishes on your special days. WOW What a busy month!

And we can't forget to wish Happy Birthday to Jean who also had a birthday this month.

Farewell, Haere Ra

We say goodbye to Slade and Nikita Davison and wish you and your family all the best down in Twizel. Goodbye and good luck to Ruby Leverton and her family who have moved to Ashburton. We also say good bye to Denzil Robertson and Brad Repia who has turned five and will be joining Rai Valley Primary School. Best wishes to everyone.

We also say goodbye to members of the PCP Committee, namely our Chairperson Gaye Leverton and Susan Foster who was our Grants person. Thank you for all your hard work and we wish both of you the very best.



Housekeeping

- ★ Hats and Spare clothes to be packed in your children's bags daily.
- ★ A B4 school check –reminder to parents with children who are turning 4. We will be sending out forms for those parents to fill out their part and then return it to Jean or Nikky. The teachers will then complete their part and return the form to Maura Foley the B4 School Co-ordinator.
- ★ **IMMUNISATION RECORDS**
There are still parents that need to update their children's records. This is a Ministry of Education requirement so please bring in your child's Immunisation Certificate.
- ★ Signing in- please remember to sign in the visitors book when you are staying for a while (even if it is a brief visit)! This is for safety purposes in case of an emergency.
- ★ Policies Please remember to read our Policies and note our Earthquake and Fire Procedures.
- ★ Calendars Final Orders

Thursday 15 Oct

★ From Jean...

On the 5, 6, & 7 October we were visited by the Education Review Office (ERO), whose purpose it is to improve educational achievement for all NZ children through its evaluations of early childhood services and schools.

We are very happy to say we had a very positive verbal report from the team before they left. This will be available for you to see once it has been officially documented (approximately 4–6 weeks time).

A huge thank you to our wonderful community, Committee, Teachers and Staff who have all contributed to making our Preschool such an awesome facility.

11–17 Oct Disaster Awareness Week

With Disaster Awareness Week coming up, it's a great time to make sure your family and workplace have an emergency plan in place and all the supplies you need to get through. Visit the civil defence web site for ideas on how to prepare yourself and your family in event of a disaster.

www.civildefence.govt.nz



- Russell Fairburn for building those wonderful planter boxes.
- Scott McPhee for picking up our compost and delivery it for our planter boxes.

THE WONDER OF BABIES

Stuart Guyton, from the Ministry of Education, will be here to share some key ideas in how we can best support exploration alongside others and learn about first toys and ideas for

creating a peaceful, play space at home, using simple, everyday items. This will be held here on the 19 November from 10am–12pm.

Congratulations

- ★ Cornelia on being accepted to study in the new year.
- ★ Jean on her nomination for a National Excellence in Teaching Award.
- ★ Margot on being awarded Full Registration from the NZ Teachers Council
- ★ Sarah, Mark, Skye and Jessie Gatjens on the safe arrival of Ellie born early September.

Fundraising Talk

Thank you to those parents that contributed at the fundraising talk on Wednesday 30th Sept. We got some fantastic fundraising ideas.

We are considering fundraising a few major events per year (such as the Mussel Festival) and several smaller events throughout the year. We would appreciate your input whether it be your time, money or items you could buy for us or lend to us for fundraising events. Please see our Fundraising Newsletter for more information. We will be in contact with you again shortly regarding upcoming fundraising events

Orla Kyle & Sarah Monk