

PELORUS COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

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*Tena koutou, tena koutou,
Tena koutou katoa*



Welcome to our November newsletter. We would like to give a warm welcome to Jack McKay and Ben Robbins who will be joining the Under 2's area and Eden Moss, Tom Clerk and Aria Millen to our Over 2's area.

Birthday Wishes

This month we would like to wish a "Happy Birthday" to Sarah Healy (4), Molly-Jo Munro (2), and Alice Skipper (4) best wishes to you all on your special days.



Farewell, Haere Ra

We say goodbye to Mika Boniface, George Robbins, Lily Mischeski, Colby Monk and Lewis Hill, all who have recently turned five and are now attending our wonderful local Primary Schools in the area. All the best kids we will miss you but hope you enjoy school!

Please continue donating those toothbrushes until end of year.
Thank you



Donations of Toothbrushes

We at the Preschool would like to support Andrea & Tania at the Witherlea Dental Clinic. They are heading to Cambodia in January to donate their time and provide dental care for orphans in Cambodia. A toothbrush is a luxury item for a Cambodian orphan. Let's collect as many as we can for them to give out while they're there. Leave your donated toothbrushes in the box in the foyer please.

Housekeeping

- ★ **Hats and Spare** clothes to be packed in your children's bags daily.
- ★ **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.
- ★ **Family Photos**— please bring in photos of family members, animals from home to place on the "Family Photo Board".
- ★ **3 Week Attendance Rule** The Ministry limits the period of time that they fund continuous absences to three weeks. After three weeks it is the parents responsibility to pay fee's. Please refer to the Fee's Police or speak to Jean or Nikky if you have any questions. Parents and Preschool are able to apply for *special needs exemption* in cases of special needs or health problems.
- ★ **The Frequent Absence Rule** At the end of each month administrator must check frequent absences and if some occur and continues on second month then the administrator must reconfirm an enrolment agreement with parents and/or change child's enrolment agreement with parents signature. Children with special needs or health problems may be absent more frequent than norm. Services may apply for an exemption to the Frequent Absence Rule for these children.

REMINDER 19th November

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.

From Jean...

We have received a draft form of our ERO report which has been checked & signed by our Licensee and returned to Ministry of Education. As soon as the hard copy is received we will put this on the notice board in the foyer for your perusal.

Teacher Updates

Margot has spent a lot of time of late getting the calendars prepared and I am sure you will agree that the artwork is stunning.

Rose has returned from her well deserved holiday and continues to help getting our garden set up and has made a new worm farm with the help of the children. Check them out! It all looks fantastic

Claudia-has introduced some new songs and music to the programme which has been very popular and of great interest, not only to the children & parents but the teachers as well.

Cornelia continues to nurture and care for the "littlies" in the Under 2's and provides a rich, stimulating environment which they obviously enjoy.

join us celebrate the end of year. This is also for children who have recently left to go to school.

PCP Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who donated so much stuff it was GREAT to see so many people contribute to our Garage Sale Stall at the Havelock School Spring Fete/Pet Day on Tuesday 27th October.

The day went really well. We were lucky with the weather. We managed to make approximately \$350.00. Awesome effort to Orla Kyle, Selena Robbins, Angela Mangnall and Sarah Monk. Thank you again for all your hard work and dedication to the Preschool.

Last day of Preschool

Pelorus Community Preschool will be closed for three weeks. The last day of Preschool will be 18th Dec.

At the beginning of December Nikky will place a cleaning duties list that we had last year. It worked really well with most people contributing some time to clean various things in the Preschool. Please remember that we are a community preschool therefore require parent's assistance with these sorts of events, so don't forget to place your name down when list is out. Many hands make light work as the saying goes.

End of Year Disco

December 7th 3:30-6:30 Havelock School Hall



Everyone is invited to come and