

PELORUS COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

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*Tena koutou, tena koutou,
Tena koutou katoa*

Welcome to our December newsletter. Scary to think we only have two weeks left of preschool.

We would like to give a warm welcome to Paige Fairbairn to the Under 2's room. I am sure Cornelia has some wonderful activities in store for you.

Birthday Wishes

This month we would like to wish a "Happy Birthday" to Mia Higgins (1) Lukas Schroder (4), and Skye Gatjens (2) best wishes to you all on your special days.



Christmas Party

We look forward to celebrating the end of year with everyone on the 9th of December. Please bring a plate to share. We have also organised Santa to come and visit the children that evening, so please bring and leave at Preschool a wrapped present labelled with your child's name on it. Please keep the cost to a maximum of \$5. We realize that this may place a burden on your budget at this time of year-please see Jean if this is the case.



ERO Report

For anyone interested in reading the report, please ask Nikky for it in the office. There is a letter from the Review Office to the Parents and Community of Pelorus Community Preschool. This is available for your perusal on the notice board in the foyer of the Preschool.



Housekeeping

- ★ **Hats and Spare** clothes to be packed in your children's bags daily.
- ★ **Fruit, cheese and crackers Needed**
Please remember to bring in fruit daily for the morning platter. We also appreciate cheese and crackers on occasion from all the families as we supply this for morning and afternoon teas.
- ★ **Family Photos**- please bring in photos of family members, animals from home to place on the "Family Photo Board".
- ★ **Lost Property**-
Please check the property box in bathroom area. The pile seems to be growing.
- ★ **Sunscreen**- Please put sunscreen on your children before dropping them off. We will reapply during the day.

REMINDER 19th November

THE WONDER OF BABIES

Stuart Guyton, from the Ministry of Education, came to our Preschool on the 19 November. It was great to see so many turn up this event. Parents seemed to enjoy Stuart's talk. We hope you took some helpful info home with you.

Teacher Updates

From Jean...

"I can't believe that it is the end of the year already; where has it gone? Looking back, we can see that it has been another busy, productive and very exciting year. Just watching those smiley little faces arriving in the morning or afternoon; full of vim and vigour cannot help but give a great big buzz to the teachers. A very exciting end to the year would have to be receiving a great Education Review Report (our first one). I have to acknowledge all the extremely hard work put in by your teachers, permanent and relieving, the committee past and present and all the staff. I can assure you that without their commitment and dedication our Preschool would not be the awesome place it is. Last, but certainly not least, thank you so much to our wonderful parents/whanau as well as our community for all their very valued support and contributions to our Preschool .

Margot "Hello- We have had a busy time here lately. There has been lots of interest in physical activity, both inside and outside. A lot of the children have been practising gymnastics on the monkey bars and this has become a part of their outside routine. There have been discos happening inside with athletic type dancing. Ball skills are being developed as there is a renewed interest in this activity, throwing, kicking and catching. Physical activity and its achievements are an important part of a child's development as it helps with brain and muscular development.

Another activity where a lot of energy has been expended has been water play in and out of the sand pit. The children have excelled at this. They have jumped in puddles and gone down a slippery slide. They have run under rainbows made from an arched hose and they have."

Rose "Kia Ora koutou

It has been a busy month in the garden. We have a big selection of vegetables growing at

present. Before we know it, we will be enjoying produce that we have grown. We have beetroot, carrots, spring onions, beans, tomato, radish, lettuce and even hot spinach growing. We also have sunflowers, pumpkin, scarlet runner beans, and flowers in our other gardens. We even have a scaloppini growing as well, sounds interesting! Our tomatoes have doubled in size over the last week and are beginning to flower. A number of children have raised their own corn seedlings and are eager to take them home to plant. Corn for the New Year perhaps! I'd like to say thank you to everyone who has given us plants for the garden, and to those that have given their time keep it looking so healthy.

As you will have read in the previous newsletter we have restarted our worm farm. On most days the children will have taken the lid off so they can have a closer look at these fascinating little creatures."

Cornelia "I am feeling so very privileged to be able to be part of these special friends. When I look back when our children started Preschool in March this year and what miracles have happened in that short amount of time it leaves Jean and me with a big smile on our faces and a little tear in my eye. Look what is happening! We have watched the development of language, special friendships, taking turns, sharing, taking responsibility for own learning and self help skills. Working with babies and toddlers is a very rewarding and wonderful experience. Babies are certainly not passive little beings and by providing a safe, secure, nurturing, rich environment we can literally watch them 'blossom' in all areas of development

Claudia "Christmas Christmas Christmas Christmas is here soon!! At the Preschool we read Christmas stories, practice Christmas songs, create and decorate our own Christmas tree, prepare different Christmas presents and cards and enjoy the smell of nice baking. So you see, we are very busy and have lots of fun by doing it. All of us are very excited about the magic time and look so forward to the celebration of Christmas and New Year. Who knows, may be Santa Claus?!"