



City Children's Centre - NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2010

NGA MIHI MAHANGA KIA KOE - WARM GREETINGS TO YOU ALL

Kia Ora

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back. We hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday time with your families.

As we are now into the heat of summer, we would like to draw your attention to our Sun-smart Policy. At the centre, we encourage all children to wear sun hats and regularly apply sunscreen. We do have a few spare hats, but we find that the children are more likely to wear their own (NAMED) hat from home. Also, as mentioned in our policy, we prefer children to wear tops which cover and protect their shoulders – this means NO SINGLET TOPS OR MUSCLE TEES!!

General reminders:

- ☺ Over the last few years, we have found that the gates, both in the foyer and entrance, are quite expensive to get fixed, therefore we are strongly urging parents/caregivers to discourage their children from climbing on these. Aside from the expense of getting hinges replaced, we would hate to see a child either get over the gate and into the car park, or fall and injure themselves. We will be reminding children that the gates are not for climbing and we would appreciate parents and caregivers enforcing this as well.
- ☺ With the hot days we have been having a lot of water play. Please make sure that your child has spare clothes in their bags.
- ☺ During the past year we have managed to collect a rather large selection of un-named and un-claimed clothing. This is on display in the foyer area so PLEASE check that none of this belongs to your child.

Children's Christmas Party:

Once again we had a fantastic party with Santa arriving to deliver a sack of gifts. Congratulations to the kindergarten children for their rousing concert prior to Santa's arrival. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and other family members who joined us for our celebration. We extend our appreciation to all the families and people in the community who supported our Christmas raffle by donating prizes and buying tickets. Congratulations to all those who won a prize. The total amount raised during this raffle was \$1,456.00 which will be used for up-dating the children's resources.

Staffing:

In early December we said good bye to Tom, who left to gain some experience in a different centre, while completing his studies. We wish him all the best for his final year. You may have noticed some new faces in the centre over the last few weeks. We would like to say that we are starting this year with a full compliment of consistent teaching staff in each room. There have been some changes in the teaching teams for the year, and we are confident that these changes will continue to benefit of the care and education of all the children in the centre. These changes will come into effect as of Monday 25th January. The staffing plan is as follows:

NURSERY	TODDLER ROOM	KINDERGARTEN
Michelle (mon-fri)	Cath (mon-fri)	Lynda (mon-fri)
Vanessa (mon,tues)	Raewyn (mon,tues)	Julez (mon-fri)
Megan (mon, wed-fri)	Tess (wed-fri)	Stephanie (wed-fri)
Oxana (tues-fri)	Louise (mon-fri)	Rochelle (mon,wed)
Julie (wed-fri)	Christine (mon-wed)	

We also have Rhonda, Helen, Val, Margaret, Rosie, Sally, Aimee and Vicki, who are wonderful support in all areas when needed.

Nursery playground:

The re-construction of the nursery playground was completed during December. The new sandpit, decking and matting are looking great. It was definitely a challenge while the construction was taking place, but now all the staff and children in the nursery are very pleased with the end result. It was great when the temporary wall, which was dividing the playground, was removed. The sandpit and the new play space are fantastic and having the extra playground is allowing for more equipment to be set up in the outdoor environment in a safe and challenging way.

Flooding:

As most of you are aware, in the past, during torrential rain the nursery has flooded, with the latest being in November 2009. Over the years the Trust has been trying to find a reasonable and financially viable way of resolving this problem. The Trust has worked long and hard to find a solution and repairs will be undertaken during the year in order to eliminate future flooding. We will endeavor to keep the disruptions throughout the centre to a minimum and families will be notified as these repairs take place.

From the Office:

- ☞ To enable correct recording of children's arrival and departure times, could all parents please make sure that their writing, on the sign in/out sheets is legible.

Lastly, congratulations to Jo and Darin on the birth of their baby, Cody. We wish them all the best with their new arrival.

Lynda Clark, Michelle Greene and Cath Digby
Supervisor Assistant Supervisors