

NGA MIHI MAHANGA KIA KOE – WARM GREETINGS TO YOU ALL

Kia Ora

You may have noticed that lately the weather is beginning to change for the better. However it is still quite chilly in the early mornings and late afternoons, so please make sure that your child still has some warm clothing for these times.

MESSAGE FROM LYNDA:

Port Ahuriri and City Children's Centres TEACHING RESOURCE FUND RAISING PROJECT

Have you noticed the display that is appearing in the foyer?

We are currently undertaking an exciting fundraising project to update and replenish our teaching resources in both centres. The project is being facilitated by a very experienced, independent project manager, who will be approaching local businesses in the community for sponsorship and donations.

The teaching teams have spent time identifying resources that they believe would be of benefit to the children. These lists have now been prioritized and are now on display.

We would appreciate your support on this venture, and encourage each of you to take the time to peruse the displays. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please note them down on the form provided and pop in the suggestion box. Likewise, if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask either Michelle Greene or myself.

CHRISTMAS FUNCTIONS:

As businesses and workplaces begin to have their festive celebrations; we feel it is timely to remind parents that **if we suspect that any parent/caregiver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs when they arrive to pick up their child, we will prohibit them from taking their child from the centre.** Therefore to avoid any unnecessary embarrassment, **PLEASE** make arrangements for someone else to collect your child if you are attending a work function. Your children are too precious to put at risk.

A FEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Calendars, diaries and cards

We are doing calendars, dairies and cards, with the choice of either photographs or artwork. These make great gifts for family - especially if they live out of town! Photographs and artwork will be available to view from Monday 4th November. All orders and money are to be in by Friday 15th November.

Children's Christmas Party

We will be having the children's Christmas party on **Friday 13th December**, so please mark this day on your calendars. A small plate of food for shared afternoon tea will be required. This year to support and encourage literacy the centre will be providing books as the children's gifts from Santa instead of parents providing a gift for their child. This is a small gesture to parents to say thank you for supporting our centre. .

CENTRE HAPPENINGS:

Christmas Raffle

We are beginning to organize our Christmas raffle. In previous years we have had prizes kindly donated by parents who own a business in the community, families from the centre and their extended families, as well as other members of the public, so we are hoping that this will continue to happen. We are doing a Christmas hamper and would appreciate donations of non perishable grocery items. This collection will start on Monday 18th November. Raffles will be available from Friday 22nd November. Tickets will be \$2.

Christmas Holidays

It's that time again!! With less than 10 weeks to go, staff are waiting to plan their Christmas holidays. As in previous years, we will be requiring an indication of your child's attendance over the Christmas period. Please take particular note that after 14th November,, days of attendance will be confirmed. Once confirmed, there will be no variations to these. **Any unscheduled absence over this time will incur a \$50 "unscheduled absence" fee, in addition to the regular weekly fee.**

The centre will be closing at **3pm on Tuesday 24th December**. Please make arrangements to have your child/ren picked up by this time.

Lynda Clark & Michelle Greene
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