

Port Ahuriri Children's Centre - NEWSLETTER

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Kia Ora,

Another busy year has begun and with it unpredictable weather so please ensure your child has a change of clothes fully named in their bags so they can enjoy water play on the warmer days.

Staffing changes

We are happy to welcome Sarah Churcher and Stella Gilmore to our centre, they will be job sharing in the nursery for the next twelve months as Sarah completes her Diploma in ECE and Stella begins hers. Kylee is now working on the Kindergarten floor as the forth teacher and is to begin her Bachelors of ECE, all of these staff members have very quickly become valuable assets to the teams.

As most families are now aware Michelle Greene has taken a place at City Children's Centre for the next twelve months and in her absence I have taken the role of Assistant Supervisor, I look forward to the challenge that this role will bring.

Early Childhood Education Students

We have been approached by ECE training providers for placements of their students for their practicum period. They will be joining us from mid February and will be working along side the Kindergarten teachers. Both students are in their second year of training, Ann from Open Poly tech and Shannon from New Zealand Childcare Association, we look forward to sharing ideas and interests on current theory and knowledge with them. We also welcome Varnia who is a first year student with EIT, she will be also working in the Kindergarten room as a volunteer.

Safety Reminder

Could all parents please remember to take care when dropping off and picking up their children. All children are small, precious, very quick and not always visible to other drivers and we would certainly hate to see an accident occur right on our door step, so for the sake of your child and others please **slow down** and be **extremely watchful**.

Children's Interests

The Kindergarten children are currently focusing on the weather, with all the thunder, lightening and rain we have been experiencing it has been a valuable learning experience for us all, and fun to watch! The Toddlers have become interested in insects and are often showing us the spiders and bugs they have found in their garden. The nursery children are enjoying water play fun and are into ball games with their teachers. We know these interests are all great learning experiences for your children so please don't hesitate to take the time to talk to your child's teacher about your child's home interests.

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