

Port Ahuriri Children's Centre

December 2011



- With Christmas fast approaching we would like to remind you to return your raffle tickets A.S.A.P, also in the foyer there is now a box for non perishable donations towards our Christmas Raffle. The Christmas raffle will be drawn during the children's Christmas party, thank you for all your help in making this fundraiser a great success. All profits will go back into purchasing resources for your child/children's enjoyment.
- The children's Christmas party is on Friday the 16th of December starting at 2.30pm and we ask that parents please bring a plate of food to add to the festive occasion. All children attending the centre will receive a book as a gift from Santa provided by the centre. If you are bringing other siblings and wish them to receive a book from Santa please provide a wrapped book clearly marked with the child's name to be placed in Santa's sack. Please note: siblings gifts will be given out last.
- Jenny commenced maternity leave on Friday 2nd December. We would to thank parents and children for their kind gifts and donations towards Jenny's baby shower party. I know she greatly appreciated it. Also a big thank you to Elizabeth for organizing the part for the staff and children. We wish Jenny and Sean all the best for the safe arrival of their new baby. Parents - we will keep you posted of Jen's baby's birth.
- We warmly welcome Katrina (ECE qualified teacher) and Carol (1st year student) to the centre. Nursery Staffing – Sarah full time, Katrina 3 days per week, Vanessa 4 days per week, Tess 3 days per week.
- MESSAGE FROM BARB. Next years newsletter will be presented in a new format with an opportunity for parents to advertise their business on the back. If you are interested in this promotion, please contact Barb in the office.
- Wishing you a very merry Christmas from the staff at Port Ahuriri Children's Centre

Infants News...

With the sun shining, our Nursery garden is thriving. The children have displayed a keen interest in the flowers and vegetables. Watering the gardens is an activity that is met with much delight but we are not sure whether it is the act of helping the gardens grow or watering themselves that catches their interest the most. With water play being a favourite, the latter is probably the one. Please remember to put plenty of spare clothes in their bags.

*Sarah, Vanessa, Tess,
Katrina & Thea*

Toddlers News...

The toddler room have been very busy. There has been a big interest in trailers for awhile now and we have had a lot of fun driving our bikes and cars with trailers attached. The toddler room was kindly donated a swing set which has quickly become a favourite amongst the children. We are currently experiencing a shortage in our spare clothes, if you have any centre clothes at home can these please be returned. Any donations of old children's clothing will also be greatly appreciated. Thank you from the toddler staff.

*Megan, Anne, Vania, Carol &
Shirley*

Kindy News

The Kindergarten children have been following an interest since the rugby world cup of flags and the world map. We know where many countries are and also, populations and greetings. With the gardens flowering beautifully we have been studying and drawing bumble bees. We have also had many visitors to our room with a frog, crayfish, hedgehog and two black cocooned caterpillars. And because it's that time of the year we have also been counting down to Christmas with 19 days to go so we have started to make our own 12 days of Christmas.

*Carolyn, Elizabeth,
Deena, Diane & Leonie*