

Port Ahuriri and City Children's Centre Supervisors Report June 2010

PORT AHURIRI CHILDREN'S CENTRE. – (Licenced for 50 children)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
49	47	45	47	47	94%

Registered Teacher Average:

February - May (Actual) = 86%

June-September (Provisional) = 87%

Staffing

Congratulations to Sarah and Kylee on completing their practicum's. Sarah enjoyed her time working with the City staff members while Kylee continued her valuable role as one of the Kindergarten teachers at Port Centre. I'm sure both gained new and valuable teaching practices to use in the future.

Mural in the kindergarten playground

Sally and her associate have begun the mural on the block fence in the kindergarten playground, once completed it's going to look fantastic, the scene is one of a natural New Zealand native bush. The teachers want to mosaic N.Z. birds and reptiles to place among the fauna to complete the scene.

Planter box in the kindergarten playground

Wayne has completed and placed the new planter box along the kindergarten fence, once the mural has been finished the staff hope to plant ferns and small shrubs to enhance the mural. This will all come out of the grant from the Department of Corrections.

Fundraising.

We have decided to go ahead with the T-shirt fundraising and both centre's now have these on display and for sale although sales are rather static at present.

Under two playground

All documentation is with the Council now and it doesn't appear that there will be any further hold ups.

Finally on behalf of the management / admin team and staff, I congratulate Deb, Phil and Philly on the safe arrival of baby Isabella.

CITY CHILDREN'S CENTRE - (Licenced for 45 children)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
43	43	43	40	39	94%

Registered Teacher Average:

February - May (Actual) = 68%

June-September (Provisional) = 76%

Staffing

It was good to have Sarah at City who has now completed her practicum placement. She was an asset to the centre whilst here. The other students who were on placement have returned, so we are back to a full complement of staff. It is good to have them back on board.

Fundraising

We have a number of fundraising ventures planned for the remainder of the year. We are looking at have a movie session for a premier movie, the calendar company are doing diaries this year as well, we thought this a good idea for parents to purchase as well as calendars. Because our 52 week raffle went so well we are considering holding another one next year.

The fundraising monies we had in our bank account were used to purchase three curtains for the over two area. This has been a major bonus for the area as we have had some really inclement weather lately and the curtains have allowed the children a larger area to play in, teachers have been able to do messy play without the worry of causing a mess on the floor and the children have an area to go to that is quieter than the main room. When the curtains were shown to the parents, they were excited to see what their money had brought and they said that they are a fantastic investment. The only problem we have is, they do not go far enough around the veranda and the wind tends to rip in at the end causing a bit of a wind tunnel effect. With the purchase of another two or three more, this problem would be solved and we would have an area that is protected from sun, rain and wind.

Professional development

Julez and Anne P will be flying down to Blenheim to attend the NZCA Conference. The focus this year is leadership. Not just leadership for managerial positions but also for the whole room/team. There will be discussions about the implications of the new budget, quality for under 2's and others. One of the keynote speakers is Dr Brigid Carroll, who is the Principal Researcher and lead facilitator at the New Zealand Leadership Institute. Her abstract – Leading Change / Changing Leadership: Redefining the relationship between change and leadership, should be very enlightening. Another workshop, Out from under the shell – communication between team members and with parents, will be of particular interest to the centre, promoting parent / teachers communications.

Maintenance at both centres

Programmed Maintenance Services has finished their maintenance work at City which consisted of wash downs and touch ups. They are due to start at Port shortly.

Quick notes

- First aid validations have almost been completed.
- Teacher registration has been increased. It has doubled to \$240. This will be increasing about October so any registrations after this will be at the higher price.

Enrolments

To be discussed verbally.

Lynda, Carolyn, Michelle, and Julez.