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THANK YOU

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- Macrocraft for the sawdust for our sensory play
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and leave a recommendation"

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FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Kia Ora Whanau

A huge thank you to all the families who took the time to complete this year's whanau survey. The response was brilliant with really positive and reassuring results and comments. We also got some awesome ideas of where to head next. The information we have been given will help to shape the strategic direction for Phoenix in the next 1-3 years. Congratulations to Jess Bennett who won the \$50 Chicago Joe's voucher.

To add another piece to the strategic planning puzzle, we held a planning hui on Monday 22nd. There was an even representation of staff, whanau and board. The hui was led by Julia from the Department of Internal Affairs. It was an extremely positive, future focused meeting. A huge thank you to all those who attended.

Another massive thank you goes to Hayley Harrison from the board. Hayley, Charli, Willow and Poppy all worked tirelessly over a weekend in July to painstakingly paint the Kiwi sleeproom and fixed and painted the arch into the Kiwi Room area. It looks so good and a lot of effort went into the project! Thank you Harrison Family.

We had ERO visit last month. ERO is the Ministry of Education review office. They visit centres regularly to ensure the education is of a high standard. I was able to be at the preliminary report reading and although I can't say much until the report is finalized and published, I can say that we are very happy with the findings that were presented. A formal report will be sent out to whanau in around 6 weeks time. A huge thank you to Ange who put a lot of work into providing reports and information asked for by ERO.

Finally, I'd like to welcome Helen Morris to the Phoenix teaching staff. Helen comes to us from a local preschool. She has relieved in our centre and is known to the tamariki. Helen is very experienced and we are excited to have her join our Phoenix whanau. Please make Helen feel welcome and introduce yourself if you see her at drop off or pick up times.

If you have any questions, concerns or queries please email me on boardchair@phoenixpreschool.co.nz

Kind Regards,
Cathy Reid

On behalf of the Phoenix Board of Governance

(Kylie Grieve, Kate Templeton, Tom Kearney, Kate Parkin, Greg Hubbard, Hayley Harrison, Rachel Thomas and Sue Johnstone)

SUNSMART FACT



Clouds don't stop UV

Up to 80% of UV radiation can still get through on a cloudy day.



FROM THE PRESCHOOL MANAGER

Kia ora Whānau,

July has been a truly hectic month as the Phoenix team prepared for our ERO visit on the 15/16 July. Maraea & Alan were the ERO team that joined us for the two days and they were a really great team to support us through this experience – my first ERO review! They picked up the vibes of what Phoenix is all about and celebrated all our milestones and where we are at now. We look forward to receiving their preliminary draft report in a few weeks.

Last week we welcomed Kaiako Helen Morris aboard our Phoenix team. With a juggle around of Kaiako hours and our busy days we have been able to offer Helen a fixed term position in the Pukeko Room. Helen has been on our relieving team for quite a few years, she is qualified and registered and comes with a tremendous amount of experience. If you haven't introduced yourself yet, please take the time to meet Helen.

In the Pukeko Room there have been a few changes to key teachers – I do apologise for this, it comes on the back of changing teacher hours, and Helen coming on board. The Pukeko team have moved to having teachers working with specific age groups – our 4/5yo team is Diana and Nicole, our 3yo team is Nikki and Helen, and our 2yo team is Sharon, Sarah, Jess and myself. Please know that we are all here for all tamariki and whanau every day, this only means that we are able to target our individual planning towards the age groups. If you have any questions, please come and have a chat with me.

You will be noticing that Phoenix is quite a busy place – our Pukeko roll is officially full and we have a waiting list every day of the week. We do have a couple of spaces in the Kiwi Room at the moment, but these are also filling up fast. Please – if you have any changes to make to your bookings, let us know as far in advance as possible as we may not have the ability to do this. If you have any intention of your 5year old staying on past their birthday, please let Hayley know asap (even if your child is only 3!!). Our system automatically removes children when they turn 5 which makes it look like we have spaces for our waitlist children, we need to override this manually once we know your plans. Please also keep in mind that schools are transitioning to two intakes per term so this may affect your child's entrance date.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī, that's all for now

Arohanui, Ange

WELCOME,
BIRTHDAYS
& HAPPY
SCHOOL
DAYS

WELCOME

Rowan Nicolson

Alfie List

Emmie List

Margot List

Elsie Hurley

BIRTHDAYS

Hudson Hormann (3)

Hazel Kenny (2)

Quinn Argyle (2)

Thomas Vessey (4)

Harper Clark (5)

Freya Parkin (2)

Emmie List (5)

HAPPY
SCHOOL
DAYS

GETTING TO KNOW THE STAFF AND BOARD

Helen Morris (Pukeko Room Teacher)



Tell us about your family – I have one daughter named Kylie, a son in law named Hayden and two Grandchildren named Declan and Sienna

What's your favourite food? Thai

Describe your life in a movie title – The Ten Commandments

What's your favourite book? The Holy Bible

If you could be any animal what would it be and why? A Sloth, could take life slow and never have to rush

What's your favourite board game? Scrabble

If you won 20 million dollars, what's the first thing you would buy with it? A new cell phone

Name one thing you take with you wherever you go? Cell phone

What's your favourite song? Emmanuel

What is your most favourite thing about Phoenix Preschool? Tamariki

SUNSMART FACT



Protect your eyes

UV rays from the sun can damage your eyes. Wearing a hat with a brim will help protect your eyesight. If wearing sunglasses choose close-fitting, wrap-around styles.



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Te Kāhui Matepukupuku
o Aotearoa

Tom Kearney (Board Member)



Tell us about your family – Married to Jaimee children Molly, Fred and Otis

What's your favourite food? Ice cream and fried Chicken

Describe your life in a movie title – Sleepless in Seattle

What's your favourite book? Anything by Lee child

If you could be any animal what would it be and why? Cat, looks like a pretty easy life

What's your favourite board game? Trivial pursuit

If you won 20 million dollars, what's the first thing you would buy with it? Wanaka Bach

Name one thing you take with you wherever you go? Sadly, my phone

What's your favourite song? Thunder road

What is your most favourite thing about Phoenix Preschool? The fact the teachers, parents and children all have a role in running it

NATIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD MANAGEMENT FORUM 2019

These links have wonderful articles written about Phoenix Preschool – take a look

<https://www.childforum.com/conference-forum-reports/1693-early-childhood-management-forum-2019.html>

<https://www.childforum.com/news-early-childhood-education-latest/1748-phoenix-preschool-ashburton.html>

PUKEKO ROOM

Kia ora Pukeko ngā whanau, another month done and dusted. From te rūma Kiwi, we have seen Hazel, Quinn and Freya, visiting us as they begin the transition process. We also welcome a new whānau – the List whānau, with Emmie and Alfie joining our area. We are all looking forward to getting to know them better as we support their explorations here and they gain familiarity with the kaiako, tamariki, routines and our regular events. We are also thrilled to have Helen join our teaching team – Kia Ora Helen!

Pyjama Day, was a popular request and saw tamariki and kaiako enjoying the opportunity to come and spend the day in their pj's and enjoy a movie or two.

The arrival of a little red digger out the front of preschool caused great excitement. The tamariki watched as it spread mulch around and under the heritage tree. Lots of excited squeals, laughter and comments labelling what was happening buzzed around us. As if that wasn't enough – the dump truck arrived with another load of mulch and the tamariki had a close-up view of it being unloaded! Making the most of these spontaneous moments enables some tamariki to view something new and exciting up close; adds a new dimension to a current interest; provides an opportunity to revisit and refine working theories; hypothesis and share individual observations, understanding and knowledge with other interested parties.



We have also been on outings out in the community in the holidays. Excursions to the domain saw adventures as they kept their eyes open for trolls under the bridge, tamariki went on exhilarating dragon flights over and between the trees, engaged in dinosaur battles and experienced the freedom of climbing trees and running through wide, open spaces! Enhancing the tamariki's kaitiakitanga - caring and guardianship of the environment – saw us taking a large group out into the carpark during the holidays. We were disappointed to find such a large amount of rubbish – a big thumbs down.

We have been enjoying frequent concerts from our older tamariki. This involves lots of behind the scenes mahi tahi, tickets, costumes, microphones, stage set up etc, before the performer's even hit the stage. Popular musical items include 'Dancing Queen,' 'Mama Mia,' 'Can't Stop This Feelin,' 'Let it Go,' and 'Shotgun.' We've also enjoyed a variety of different dance styles as well, - ballet, hip hop, and some very creative expressionist dance forms from solo performers as well as collaboratively.

I wonder if you've been enjoying your own shows at home?

Arohanui, The Pukeko Team – Sharon, Nicole, Nikki, Ange, Diana, Rhonda, Sarah and Helen

KIWI ROOM

There has been a lot happening in the Kiwi Room over the past month. We have welcomed Bear, Rowan and Margot into our Phoenix whānau. We are also supporting Hazel, Quinn and Freya as they transition to the Pukeko room. This has been very exciting for the tamariki and has opened up quite a lot of social interactions between the younger and the older tamariki both between the rooms and within the Kiwi room with our new infants. These social interactions help to support learning about empathy, playing alongside each other, and being able to learn from the older tamariki as well.

With our mild winter we have taken all the opportunities we can to be outside in nature and getting out and about into the community going for walks. The tamariki really enjoy this and the opportunity to see lots of different things while strolling around.

Language development is a big with the tamariki and they are enjoying this through, conversations, songs and reading books.

With summer coming and spaces in the Kiwi room filling up fast if you need extra days or hours or know anyone looking for an amazing preschool and team for their infant or toddler now would be the time to get in touch with Hayley.

Arohanui Jess, Gayle, Kate, TeAwhina



TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

SCHOOL READINESS TIP THIS MONTH:

Self care skills - Self care skills are a vital tool for children to have, of any age. This is especially important for those transitioning to school though so that they can put jackets on and zip them up, get belongings out of bags as needed, put belongings away, and put on and take off items of clothes such as jerseys. Always try and encourage and empower tamariki to have a go first and give them a chance to work through any frustration they might have in not succeeding the first time. It might take longer but their independence and the big smile on their face when they succeed is worth it.

A simple trick for putting on jackets that children as young as two can do is to lie it on the floor, get the tamariki to stand by the hood, put their arms straight in and flip it over their heads.

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