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TENA KOTOU WHANAU

Firstly congratulations to Kathryn and Sam on the birth of Alaric. It is a special time and from the photos Kathryn is loving it.

June sees us starting our professional development with our Education Services Manager, Lynley Hands. The teachers had their first session around our team contract and philosophy. Our next session is around our strategic plan for Phoenix. Over the next month or two we will be asking for ideas and suggestions on what we can do to improve the Phoenix experience. These can be small or big things. Remember the outdoor redevelopment started as an idea on the strategic plan. We value your input and support as we share the learning journey of early childhood together.

If your child is turning three in the next 6 months and you would like to pick up extra hours with their 20 free ECE hours please see Hayley or myself. There are limited spaces on some days so please book to avoid disappointment.

Nāku nā

Anna Hatton – Centre Manager

FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

This month we said goodbye to Hayley who has given her resignation from the committee. Thank you Hayley for all your efforts as a committee member and for staying on after the AGM until the new committee got settled in. We look forward to still having your valuable contribution to Phoenix as our wonderful office administrator.

Along with professional development for the teachers, Lynley has also been working with the board on similar training sessions. At our last meeting the responsibilities of governance vs. management were discussed. Next we will also be looking at the strategic plan alongside the teachers. To shape this plan and to best meet the needs of our families, now and in the future, we need to hear from you. All feedback is valuable so if you see room for improvement or have a great idea for something new please talk to Anna, Ange or a committee member.

Each year the centre receives a grant from the Mid and South Canterbury Trust. This year this is being used for a set of wet weather overalls for our tamariki. Look out for these arriving soon! It is hoped this will allow the teachers and children to explore outside more often. Children still need to bring their own jackets, hats and boots at this stage.

A big thanks to all our families who supported the SIMS fundraiser and the team of sorters that efficiently packed all the orders.

Dale, Tom, Nicky, Sue, Cath, Paul, Shelly & Kate

WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS & GOODBYES

WELCOME

Charlotte (Lottie) Hurst

Archie Argyle

Octavia Backhouse-Smith

BIRTHDAYS

Spencer Hampton (4)

Joshua Lock (4)

Caitlyn Neill (4)

Millie Hubbard (1)

Mia Ravenscroft (2)

Freddy Grieve (2)

Fusi Samisoni (4)

Harrison Green (5)

Millar Todd (5)

Harrison Nevin-Smith (4)

HAPPY SCHOOL DAYS

Harrison Green

Millar Todd

PUKEKO ROOM

Kia ora Whānau,

We are past the shortest day, looking forward to the days getting longer!!! We are still yet to hit the hardest of winter though so please ensure warm clothes, warm jackets and hats, gumboots AND a warm change of clothes are supplied each day.

Our curriculum focus of "Representation" continues to evolve with doctors and nurses, family play (particularly mums, dads, siblings, extended family, and dogs), the firefighting and police drama continues to be a strong theme. Senior Constable Mark Dryland popped in for an impromptu visit which was great for the children in action. A little birdie whispers that he may be back for a visit again soon! I have a lovely ambulance officer on the lookout for some props to extend our doctor play – thank you Chantel Heaven!!

If you have any particular interest, or job that you do which you would like to share with the tamariki – please let us know, it would be fantastic to have you on session showing us all your tricks of the trade. We are always on the lookout for junk play, large boxes etc to extend our creativity too – thank you to Olivia Raukete for all the cardboard rolls, we have had lots of interesting crafts from rockets to tall towers and broken arm casts.

We have had some amazing creations with our new magnetic tiles, and now the focus has moved outside to our new lower level box and parallel bars. Ask your tamariki to show you the amazing tricks they can do!

Many thanks to all the families that were able to donate a part of their own garden harvest towards our matariki soup. Over the week we had several families take advantage of our feast, stopping in when time allowed to join us for lunch. The children did a fantastic job of helping to cut up all the vegies – and enjoyed a cup of soup, and a piece of fresh bread at the end of the day.

Many thanks to the whānau that have brought in their family photo to add to our whānau tree – keep these coming in, as the tamariki take such pride in showing off these photos to their friends. If you feel a bit stuck for a photograph, come on down and we will take one for you!!

You may have noticed that we have a new teacher on our team – Kaiako Jill Sivier. Jill has stepped in for the next 3-4 months while Jo has her shoulder surgery. Please take the time to introduce yourself – Jill is our resident comedienne, and the children have warmed to her sense of humor!!

In June we welcomed Henry Bennett to the Pukeko Room as he turned 2. Mia Ravenscroft and Freddy Grieve have both began their transition programmes – spending more and more time with us. In July we say a fond farewell to Millar Todd and Harrison Green as they turn 5 and begin their new learning journey at school – we wish them the very best of luck and hope they come back to visit us often.



Our Letterland Letter:

3 – 14 July: Hh Harry Hatman

17 – 28 July: Tt Talking Tess

Upcoming Events in July:

Library Walk – (older children) TBC

Rosebank Visit – Tuesday 4 July – parent help would be much appreciated. We look forward to a return visit from the Rosebank residents.

Arohanui, **The Pukeko Kaiako** – Diana, Ange, Sarah, Sharon & Jill

KIWI ROOM



This month has been all about settling in and building relationships for tamariki and Kaiako. July sees three new children starting Archie, Charlotte and Octavia in the Kiwi room. We also have Freddy and Mia transitioning into the Pukeko room.

Life in the Kiwi room is bubbling with energy. With the early mornings being quite frosty Maggie set up a sand play activity for the children in our sheltered outdoor space. This was a firm favorite as you can see from the photo. The children having been loving music sessions which has given our older tamariki the opportunity to role model for the younger children. With the addition of two 6 month old children to the room this month it has brought out the gentle caring of our older tamariki. Alli, in particular loves having time with the babies and the babies love her.

We try to get outside with the children at some part of the day, weather dependent. Please can you ensure that your child has a warm jacket, hat as well as spare warm clothes in their bag.

We appreciate you taking the time to put nappies in the containers in the bathroom and labelled food on the tray for the fridge. Between 8-9am all the children are being dropped off and these small things help us focus on settling your child in for the day.

We are looking forward to more adventures in July as we experiment with new activities inside and outside for the tamariki to explore. This may include a move around within the indoor space as we try new things. We will be posting our adventures up on Educa so keep an eye out.

The Kiwi Kaiako - Nicola, Gayle & Maggie

THANK YOU

A **HUGE** thank you to:

- To all the families that contributed vegetables to our matariki soup!
- Paul Chapman (Holly's Dad) for removing a heater for us and sorting our lighting in the garage
- Richard Neil (Caitlyn's Dad) for moving the handle on the kiwi room door

Your help is much appreciated

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all the Phoenix families and friends who participated in our local Sims Bakery fundraiser. Your support is extraordinary, and it was another successful event. This year we made a profit in the vicinity of \$1,700.00!!

These funds will be used later this year to assist towards the redevelopment of the under 2s playground. We would like to say a very big thank you to Sims Bakery, we really appreciate your support and assistance in allowing our Preschool to undertake such a successful fundraising project, thank you so much.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who purchased bakery goodies, and thank you to the wonderful helpers on the day of sorting. 1800 pinwheels is certainly a lot of pinwheels for Sims to make for just one of the items in our order!

Coming up

- July - Class photo
- August - Family photos
- **Saturday 23 September - Hypnotic show - to be held at the MSA**

The Fundraising Team

Board of Governance

Chairperson: Dale Neill
Treasurer: Tom Kearney
Secretary: Nicky McDonnell

College Representative: Sue Johnstone

Board Members: Cath Pottinger
Paul Brake
Shelly Robson
Kate Parkin

SUNSMART FACT



Being cool doesn't help

Sunburn can occur on cooler days. There is no relationship between air temperature and the strength of UV radiation from the sun. Be prepared. Slip, slop, slap and wrap, and stay in the shade when you can.



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Te Kāhui Matepukupuku
o Aotearoa

HEALTHY HEART



Slow cooker beef curry with kūmara and spinach

Time to prepare: 20 minutes 6 Servings

Set the slow cooker in the morning and come home to this warming family meal full of flavour.

Ingredients

- 750 grams beef, diced (gravy, chuck or blade steak work well)
- 2 tablespoons curry paste, such as Rogan Josh or Korma curry paste
- 1 1/2 cups low-salt beef stock (or 1 stock cube and 1 cup water)
- 1/2 cup low-fat coconut milk
- 400 grams orange-fleshed kūmara or pumpkin, diced
- 1/2 packet frozen spinach

Method

1. Turn slow cooker onto LOW to pre-warm while you prepare the ingredients.
2. Add meat and kūmara or pumpkin to the slow cooker.
3. In a bowl stir together curry paste, beef stock and coconut milk. Pour into the slow cooker, stir to mix and cover with the lid.
4. Cook on LOW for 6-7 hours or on HIGH for 3½ to 4 hours without lifting the lid.
5. Once the cooking time is finished, check the beef for tenderness and cook for longer if required (you can turn the slow cooker onto HIGH to hurry it along).
6. Before serving stir in the spinach leaves, cover and cook a further few minutes until the spinach has wilted.
7. Serve with boiled or steamed rice.