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THANK YOU

A **HUGE** thank you to:

- Krystal Morresey (Levi's mum) for the donation of a white noise machine



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FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Kia Ora Whanau,

The Board are thrilled to announce that Hayley Penman has accepted the newly created Teacher Assistant role. Hayley has years of experience working with food and she has two young children of her own so we know she will be a perfect fit into our Phoenix Whanau. Please if you see Hayley around introduce yourselves and make her welcome. Hayley is starting Wednesday 29th May. The role will lessen the load of our teachers which will mean more time spent with the young learners.

You will hopefully start to see a few improvements being made around the Centre in the next month. There will be new carpet in the Kiwi Sleep room, including a new lick of paint. Thanks to Trudgeons (Jack and Annabelle's Poppa) for giving us a great deal on the painting! You will also hopefully see very soon a new carpet feature in the Kiwi Room from where the original wall has been removed.

By the time this goes to print Ange and Hayley will have returned from the MyECE Summit/Awards. As I said in the last newsletter the fact we even got invited as potential winners of the Parent Choice Award is so exciting and very fitting for all the hard work that our teachers put into the tamariki at Phoenix. It is really outstanding to be acknowledged by a national organisation who specialises in quality care in the early childhood sector. It is a huge accomplishment and we would love to acknowledge and thank all the hard work and dedication our staff put into the teaching and learning, and love and care that goes with it for our tamariki at Phoenix. We really are very lucky at Phoenix to have the wonderful team of staff we have here.

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, Shelly Robson, Greg Hubbard, Hayley Harrison, Rachel Thomas and Sue Johnstone)

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FROM THE PRESCHOOL MANAGER

Kia ora Whānau

And with that it is June - halfway point of the year already. Please take a look at our Snow Closure Procedure on Educa to familiarise yourself with what could happen in the event of a snow storm – as I write this it is beautiful and sunny outside with a high of 16°C so hard to think snow could ever be on the cards!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Hayley Harrison and Kate Templeton for coordinating our recent Working Bee – it was a great success, thank you very much to all of our whānau that were able to make it along. Generally a Working Bee consists of a spruce up about the place – some gardening, sweeping, removing rubbish and broken equipment, a spring clean indoors, removing or putting up shades sails, turning over the bark so that it remains cushioned for any falls, turning over the sandpit so our littlest tamariki are able to effectively dig the sand. It is a great opportunity to catch up with a really fantastic and enthusiastic group of community-minded people in an informal and unrushed fashion. The teaching team really appreciate your efforts, thank you.

In mid-May we said farewell to Reuben and Charlie Hall as they have moved to a preschool closer to home. Charlie still attends one day a week and Reuben will attend in a casual position if the space is available. To signify the change in attendance the Hall family have gifted Phoenix a *pseudopanax* tree which Charlie and I planted together. We will really miss seeing Charlie and Reuben and their whānau as often as we have but wish them the very best at their new preschool.

Did you know.....

Phoenix has a **parent library in the office** – it contains books information on aspects of parenting including but not limited to toileting, tantrums, grief, activities, cooking, etc. You are welcome to borrow a book and return when finished. **Educa** – as parents/whānau, you can actually create your OWN stories for your children. So, if you did something fun in the holidays or on the weekend, or there is an emerging interest that you would like to capture and let their profile teacher know then Educa is a great vehicle for this. ALSO, one thing you may not know, but us teachers really love to hear your feedback on the stories that we put up. Is the interest or disposition in the story something that you have also noticed at home? Is there something you have been doing at home that we could do here to support this interest or disposition? Your feedback helps to inform our planning for your child so please comment on stories!!! Plus, when your child leaves Phoenix you will receive a CD keepsake of their entire Educa journey so wouldn't it be an amazing record of their childhood if it had our stories and your stories on it. **Aspirations** – we use your goals and aspirations for your child as the basis for your child's individual plan so we would greatly appreciate if you can have a chat with us, drop us an email or add these into your comments on Educa stories.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome Hayley Penman who has been appointed in the role of Teacher Assistant. Hayley comes with a variety of experience that suits the role that we have put in place. Hayley will work from 1130am-130pm each day so if you cross paths with her please introduce yourselves. We really look forward to the difference this will make as our Kaiako are able to devote their time to doing what they do best.

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

Arohanui, Ange

WELCOME,
BIRTHDAYS
& HAPPY
SCHOOL
DAYS

WELCOME

BIRTHDAYS

Henry Bennett (4)

Leo Thomas (1)

Lauren Templeton (2)

William Chapman (5)

Lachlan Hurst (3)

HAPPY
SCHOOL
DAYS

William Chapman

GETTING TO KNOW THE STAFF AND BOARD

Rhonda Ross (Pukeko Teacher in training)



Tell us about your family – I have 3 beautiful children – Kaitlyn 18, who is currently doing her engineering apprenticeship in Melbourne. Courtney 10, who loves baking and is currently looking at rehoming a rescue turtle from Christchurch. Blair 9, who loves Cub's and everything to do with Lego. Me of course, born and bred locally. I am currently in my first year of study. In my spare time, I love spending time with my family and friends.

What's your favourite food? Pavlova

Describe your life in a movie title – Super Women

What's your favourite book? Super Mum! By Stacey Broadbent she is currently known as the Movie Mum on Hoops

If you could be any animal what would it be and why? Meerkat, because they are very friendly and stand tall

What's your favourite board game? Family Feud

If you won 20 million dollars, what's the first thing you would buy with it? I would buy the Sea Princess and go on a cruise with all my family and friends

Name one thing you take with you wherever you go? My Phone

What's your favourite song? Help Me Rhonda. Lol not really. Anything ABBA

What is your most favourite thing about Phoenix Preschool? I love coming to work at Phoenix Preschool, because every morning you feel so appreciated, when you walk through the door, all the beautiful tamariki and Kaiako are so very welcoming. Phoenix Preschool is such a beautiful Preschool. I love working here and being a part of the Phoenix Whanau.

PUKEKO ROOM

Kia ora Whānau,

Another month down and wow they seem to be flying by. What a lovely end to Autumn we have had with the tamariki really making the most of the last of the warmish weather. This has seen many tamariki still enjoying the water trough and we ask to please remember a couple of spare changes for your child for when they get wet.

We welcomed to te rūmu Pukeko this month Sadie, Hugo, and Jack from the kiwi room and also extend a warm welcome to Tilly Marshall and whanau who is starting with us. We also sadly say farewell and happy school days to Imogen and Chace who are off to Allenton school and we wish them all the best.

What a wonderful night had by all for our annual Mothers night. The fire station was an amazing experience for the tamariki and mums and has seen a lot of firefighter role play and talk about fire safety come from such an amazing visit. A big thank you to Sharon and Nikki for organising such a fantastic evening.



Kaiako and tamariki also managed to get a walk in to the wonderful bird aviary in the domain. What beautiful colourful birds we were lucky to see. One cockatoo even managed a welcoming hello for us while another cockatoo decided to give us his loudest squawk. We asked the peacock ever so kindly to show us his beautiful feathers but unfortunately this request was declined. The tamariki drew some wonderful pictures of these birds when they returned.

With the addition of some new tools and some wonderful building wood the tamariki with Kaiako Sharon undertook a project where they designed and built a new bird feeder. This required a lot of hard work and muscle as the tamariki collected and sawed sticks before nailing them into a piece of wood. The birds were very appreciative of their new feeder and the tamariki were very proud of their efforts. Feel free to check it out outside in the trees.

We are really looking forward to our pathways to school evening (moving smart) and our upcoming bus trip. Flick Hayley a message to secure your place for the moving smart evening, with a lot of wonderful information shared about how children learn, it also crosses over with the learning we promote with our Pukeko explorer programme. Be on the lookout for the bus trip forms which will be handed out over the coming weeks and get these back to us ASAP. Also remember to check out the lost property as we have quite a bit of clothing currently in there.

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

KIWI ROOM

Brrrr we can certainly feel the change in the weather at the moment. We are still getting outside daily, so warm jackets and hats are very important, as well as a change of clothing. This month we see Lauren transitioning, and we wish her all the best for her new adventures in the Pukeko Room.

We have had lots of busy things happening in the Kiwi Room lately. We have been on adventures to the domain on a couple of quieter days, where we have visited the aviary (with the very loud cockatoo!). We have ran through the leaves and it was so exciting watching the tractor mow the lawns.

We have also been exploring a lot of sensory activities and have been working on our turn taking skills with the tamariki. We have splashed in warm bubbly water, explored gloop and slime. We did some chalk artwork (though somehow our chalk ended up with teeth marks in it 😊) and have been exploring the different sounds of our environment. The tamariki are getting fantastic at listening to the birds singing in the trees.

The tamariki have all been challenging themselves with different physical challenges, from learning to crawl, pulling themselves up, walking, or mastering obstacles courses, it is so exciting for us to be able to share your tamariki learning journeys.

The tamariki are loving our new cozy nook that we have recently purchased, and we have had arrive a new range of song books. I cannot wait to share these and teach the tamariki some new songs.

As always please feel free to discuss anything querying you about your tamariki development or needs.

Gayle, Kate, Jess and TeAwhina



TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

We have farewelled Chace and Imogen off to Allenton School, where we know they will do well.

Imogen's new entrant teacher, Mrs McKendry, was able to call at Phoenix and visit Imogen, prior to her transition visits. As Allenton School do start up classes, we were only able to visit Room 14, where Chace started at the beginning of term 2. The visit was very beneficial for Imogen and her new teacher, we were able to introduce them, and Imogen was excited to share her Phoenix learning journey book. We appreciate Judith McKendry, making an effort to form connections and support the tamariki and Kaiako.

SCHOOL READINESS TIP THIS MONTH:

Get along to the "Pathways to School" evening (if you can) on Wednesday 19th June 2019, 6.30pm at the Domain Pavilion, Walnut Ave. So far, we have a variety of EC teachers, NE & Junior school teachers and Parents that have enrolled to attend. It's going to be a very informative evening for all. Frances van Dillen will be a great presenter. I have received this insight into her experience

"I have experience in both the ECE and Primary sector, and also as a Reading Recovery Teacher so I have many experiences and thoughts about the links and learning between ECE and school. The presentation is full of factual knowledge and ideas to make the connection stronger. I am also a parent to two wonderful human beings, and I will weave parent experiences into the delivery as well. "Frances van Dillen, Moving Smart Organisation"

Diana



Phoenix Fundraising Committee Update

Hellers Bacon – yummy bacon at a great price

The funds raised are an essential part of us procuring new toys and equipment so we ask all families to please help as much as you can...share your order form around workplaces, groups, social media.

The Entertainment Book

We are fundraising with the entertainment book this year and as always it is filled with amazing deals for restaurants, bars, movies, kids & family activities and so much more! Order the NEW 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Membership now!

CCC Pop Up Shop ½ price clothing

Fundraising with a percentage of sales for Phoenix, Saturday June 22 - details to come

SAVE THIS DATE!!! Saturday August 6th for Ethel and Bethel Bingo

As this is our main fundraiser for 2019 the Fundraising Committee would like to ask that each family sell two tickets to the event (or more of course) to help us fill the clubrooms and make this night a success.

If your family is unable to sell any tickets, please let Hayley in the office know so someone else can.

More details to come.

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Attendance Sheets

You are signing a Ministry of Education document used for auditing purposes when you sign in and sign out. This document is also used for the purpose of emergency evacuations and is a legal record for our centre license.

If you come early you **MUST** stay with your child until their booked time as this may put us out of ratio if you leave early, then accurately record the time you leave from the clock above the sign in desk. If you are running late for pick up, you **MUST** first phone us to let us know and check we have space available and accurately record the time you leave from the clock above the sign in desk. We need you to accurately sign your child in and out – this means you **MUST** put the exact time down.

Please also note that if you are early to drop off and leave before your booked time or late to pickup YOU WILL be charged a \$10 fee as noted above the sign-in desk and in our Fee Schedule as we will could be outside our ratios and operating illegally.