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TENA KOTOU WHANAU

Thank you to all the families that came to farewell Kayla and Carole. It is sad to say goodbye but we wish them both the best of luck in their new adventures.

May also sees us saying farewell to Kathryn as she goes on her maternity leave. Her last day is Friday 19th May, more details to come for her farewell afternoon tea.

We have done interviews for three new teachers: one for the Pukeko room and two for the Kiwi room. We have had some lovely candidates and will be introducing the new teachers over the next week.

Nāku nā

Anna Hatton - Centre Manager

FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

As part of being a small community based centre Phoenix is reliant on volunteers. There's various ways you can be involved as a parent (if you aren't already!) and we'd love to have your help. Everyone leads busy lives so it can be tricky to find time, but it can be very rewarding to volunteer. By doing so you can really make a difference for our children. So what are the options.....

The governance committee oversee the running of and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the centre. We deal with things like strategic planning, financial approvals, employment, grants and centre redevelopment. People on this committee are myself (chair), Tom Kearney (treasurer), Paul Brake, Hayley Gallagher, Nicky McDonnell, Cath Pottinger, Shelley Robson and Sue Johnstone. We are always looking for new recruits so even if you can't join now but are interested please let us know.

The fundraising committee organise various activities throughout the year. This marvellous committee means approx. \$10,000 is fundraised each year - a huge effort! You don't have to be on the governance committee to be involved with fundraising. See Penny Green or Emma Ross to find out what's involved.

The teachers regularly need parent help for outings and without it sometimes walks can't happen. Keep an eye out in the newsletter and noticeboard for upcoming outings, or let the teachers know if you have certain days you could assist.

If you'd be keen to lend a hand with working bees talk to our centre redevelopment committee (Cath, Paul and Diana).

And lastly you (or a grandparent) might have a trade or skill that could help us in the future – be it plumbers, electricians, builders or something different like costume making. Anna and Hayley keep a list of willing helpers so have a chat to them if you can offer your talents.

To those of you that are already helping at Phoenix, a huge THANK-YOU. Without you we wouldn't have such a great centre.

Dale Neill

COMINGS, GOINGS & BIRTHDAYS

WELCOME

Eva Kirwan

BIRTHDAYS

Sophie Bartlett (5)

Chace Kamate (3)

Addyson Blampied (1)

Eva Kirwan (1)

Hudson Leslie (5)

Jackson Hulme (5)

HAPPY SCHOOL DAYS

Sophie Bartlett

Hudson Leslie

Jackson Hulme

PUKEKO ROOM

The shade sails are down, so summer must be over! Our amazing, wonderful autumn is all around us! During April, the Pukeko Room tamariki have been enjoying many Easter, Autumn and ANZAC experiences. These have been in the form of art and craft, baking, walks, leaf gathering, raking and a great Easter Bunny hunt!

Our group focus is still 'Representation'. This has been in the areas of people, places and things. Representation of themselves, their world and people around them, and creating of symbols, letters and numbers. Lots of learning and extending of prior knowledge has been shared among and between the tamariki. Take a look at the planning board and wall displays around the Pukeko Room.

Anna and I have undertaken a transition to school visit to Tinwald School, the last week of term 1, with 2 of our Phoenix boys that will start there in the next few months.

The teachers invite you to bring along, email or we can photo copy, your family photos for our Whanau tree! We would love to have your family picture on our very empty tree!

We have farewelled Carole off to enjoy her well-deserved retirement. 30 years is an amazing milestone and the Pukeko Kaiako and tamariki will miss her enthusiasm and energy on session. All the best for a happy retirement Carole!

Letterland Letters:

Annie Apples' letter Aa: Autumn, ANZAC, April 17-28

Munching Mikes' letter Mm: (Mothers Day!!) May 1 -12

Jumping Jims' letter Jj: May 15-26

Quarrelsome Queens' letter Qq: (Queens Birthday) May 29-Jun 2

Happenings Coming Up in May:

Anzac walk to Ashburton Museum and Cenotaph: First or second week in May, 1.00pm (weather permitting): parent/grandparent/adult help welcome.

Public Library walk: (older children) – Tuesday 16th May 10.00am – helpers needed

Dress in blue day: Kathryn's last day before her up-coming motherhood role – Fri 19th May

Allenton School visit: (date to be confirmed)



Mothers Night: Wednesday 31st May, 5.30pm-7pm - interactive demo and sampling of lunch box fillers!! Healthy, nutritious, easy, simple & cheap; 'Feed your child's mind and enhance their learning and development'. Mum's and Phoenix children are invited to come along Wednesday 31st May, 5.30pm – 7pm. Bex Parry (Nutritional Advisor for the Heart Foundation) will be our special visitor for the night. A light tea of soup and bread will be available between 5.30 – 6pm.

Aroha Nui,

Pukeko Room Teachers: Diana, Ange, Sarah & Sharon

KIWI ROOM



Well where has that month gone?! Some short weeks and school holidays have enabled most of us to have a wee break and rest up before the winter months.

Friday 19th May Kathryn will be going on maternity leave and as excited as we are, for her and her family, we are sad to be seeing her go! We wish her all the very best and we look forward to meeting her baby boy!

The children have been enjoying "5 Green Speckled Frogs" magnetic board rhyme. They are learning the actions and waiting for their turn to "splash" the frogs into the water!

Painting has been a fun sensory activity that builds up the children's skills and confidence with different mediums.

We have been getting out into the sun as often as we can to get our dose of Vitamin D for healthy bones! One day Kathryn and Jo set up lunch outside and the children loved it, so we hope to do it again soon. ☺

Some of the older Kiwis have been exploring The Big Yard and just love it! The older children enjoy them being there and are quite protective of them. Sandpit, swings, climbing, sliding, running, waterplay are just some of the many activities they have been trying and mastering!

PLEASE keep the family photos rolling in for our whānau board, it is looking great, thanks!!

Our planning board is also taking shape, so please feel free to read, comment and share.

Enjoy the colours of autumn.

Ka Kite Ano

Kiwi Room Teachers: Jo and Kathryn



THANK YOU!!

- Many thanks to **Emma Ross** (Ruby & Toby's Mum) for the wooden inside dolls pram

Farewell Carole, enjoy your retirement!

WANTED

We are looking for a donated or cheap twin pram/buggy to allow the Kiwi Room children to join in on our trips around the community including to Rosebank.

Please see Anna if you may know of one?

Many Thanks!



HEALTHY HEART

Some quick and easy nutritious meals:

www.heartfoundation.org.nz/wellbeing/healthy-recipes/spaghetti-carbonara-the-healthy-way

www.heartfoundation.org.nz/wellbeing/healthy-recipes/chicken-fried-rice

MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDER NOW

Wednesday 31st May 2017

5.30pm – 7pm

Mothers Night @ Phoenix

“Struggling for lunch box ideas that are interesting and nutritious? Come along to Mothers Night and get some easy ideas and recipes to fill your children’s lunchbox”

Feed their minds and enhance learning and development, and behavior for your child

Bex Parry, Canterbury Heart Foundation Nutrition advisor, will be our guest for the night

A light tea of soup and bread will be served, with interactive tasting and making of lunchbox fillers

All Mums/Grandmothers & Phoenix tamariki welcome 😊

SUNSMART FACT



Leave wrinkles to the elephants

Your skin is like an elephant – it remembers all the UV exposure you have received throughout your life. All the sunburns, tans and time spent outdoors without sun protection adds up and increases your long-term risk of skin cancer. So it’s a good idea to slip, slop, slap and wrap in summer.



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