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THANK YOU

A **HUGE** thank you to:

- Emma Ross (Toby's mum) for medical supplies
- Charlie & Reuben Hall for the 'real' doctor's kit
- Lucy McGregor for the prezzy card

Named Sun Hats

If you would like a named sun hut for your child there will be an order form on the sign in desk next week, these will be \$20

FACEBOOK PAGE

"Don't forget to check out our new Facebook page

Phoenix Preschool INC
Ashburton

and leave a recommendation"



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FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Kia Ora Whanau,

What an awesome turnout we had to our speech and language information evening recently at Phoenix. It was brilliant to learn some handy tricks to get our young tamariki engaging in korero and to know what services are available if needed. I know I personally took a lot away from the evening. As a board we were really excited to host the evening, it was an initiative that was made and funded at board level. A huge thanks to Ange and Nicole Cullimore who brought the idea to life. As a community-based preschool, we hope to be able to have more informative evenings free of charge for our whanau in coming months.

Care for Kids is a New Zealand childcare online resource and this month the spotlight was on Ange and Phoenix Preschool.

<https://www.careforkids.co.nz/newsletter/nz/2019/october/2/phoenix-preschool.html>

The write up is amazing, it manages to capture the essence of Phoenix and how we are a centre focused on the children thriving and whanau being encouraged to be part of their young one's preschool journey. It is a really worthwhile read. Well done to Ange who, as always, so humbly and with authenticity is able to promote Phoenix so well on a national level.

We are seeking new board members. Being a community based preschool Phoenix is governed by a group of volunteers, who are predominantly parents of tamariki at Phoenix. Being on the board means you can help ensure the longevity of Phoenix and help steer the direction that Phoenix will head in the future. We meet once a month and have subcommittees that can also meet monthly. There is opportunity for growth as a board member with professional development in governance offered regularly. It is a highly rewarding role, with very supportive and welcoming board members. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in please feel free to chat to Ange, myself or any other board members. You can also email me at any time if you want more information regarding the role.

This month marks a very exciting month for Phoenix as it reaches its 35th birthday. Phoenix was opened in 1984 and is one of the oldest standing preschools in Ashburton. It has been community based since day one and has had plenty of history. Today I am so proud of what Phoenix is and is known for, in our community. We offer the most genuine high-quality teaching and care for our tamariki, we are thriving as a centre and have the most outstanding leadership from our managers, Ange and Hayley, to ensure we are always striving to be the best we can possibly be. So, to celebrate this massive milestone, the board is organising a 35th birthday party. The party will be held on Sunday 20th October from 10am-12noon. All Phoenix children are invited, parents will need to be present and have full responsibility of care for their children. More information will come out via EDUCA closer to the time.

We also have a working bee coming up, more information will also come out via EDUCA closer to the time.

If you have any questions, concerns or queries please email me on

boardchair@phoenixpreschool.co.nz

Cathy Reid

On behalf of the Phoenix Board of Governance

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

FROM THE PRESCHOOL MANAGER

Kia ora Whānau,

We have had four seasons in a day in September! It was crazy hot in the morning and we were putting on sunscreen, then nek minit we were whipping out the winter woollies as it started hosing down....and then our very brief once-in-three-years snowfall. The tamariki were extremely lucky the snow was still on the ground the next day at preschool – although more ice than it was snow. We got out as early as we could and had a play.

This month, myself and Gayle were proud to sign off on Kaiako Jess's teacher registration. The application is currently with the Teacher's Council and as soon as that is returned Jess will graduate from Provisional Certification to Full Certification. Congratulations to Jess, it is a long process of critical self-reflection and growth!!

In September the Board of Governance supported a free Speech and Language Development workshop for our whanau and staff. This was a very informative evening and very well delivered by Ashleigh Neumann. There are some information sheets on the sign-in desk if you would like to take one. There are also some fliers from Canterbury SLT advertising their business and contact details. Ashleigh has expressed that if you have any questions you are welcome to email her, obligation free. One of the amazing things about Ashleigh is she was not here to drum up business, she genuinely wants to share her knowledge so that we can all work together to help our young tamariki.

In October Phoenix will be celebrating 35years!! Save the date for the **Sunday 20 October from 10am-12pm** to come and join in the celebrations. Just prior to this on **Saturday 12 October** we will be having a Working Bee – many hands make light work and we really appreciate any skills you are able to add. It is also a really great way of meeting other people and having a chin-wag over a fork. The agenda will be turning over the bark, turning over the sand, tidying the gardens, water blasting the building, cleaning shelves and chairs etc. I really appreciate anything you are able to do, even if only for an hour.

Again, another reminder that Phoenix has an extensive waiting list for every day of the week. If you are hoping for any changes to bookings, please email Hayley as far in advance as possible. If it is your family values and beliefs to have your child stay at preschool past their 5th birthday – we actively support this, but we need to know as far in advance as possible. If you are changing your booking, extending your hours etc – you must sign for this BEFORE or ON the day of this booking. This is a Ministry of Education requirement.

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

Arohanui, Ange

WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS & HAPPY SCHOOL DAYS

WELCOME

Indie Clark

Archie Hubbard

Isabelle Schnackenberg

BIRTHDAYS

Arlo Hickey (2)

Lachlan Morrison (2)

Levi Hickey (4)

Molly Reid (4)

George Vessey (2)

Theo Johnson (4)

Nico Lilley-Cook (3)

Archie Hubbard (1)

Elsie Hurley (1)

HAPPY SCHOOL DAYS

Emmie List

Harper Clark

GETTING TO KNOW THE STAFF AND BOARD

Kate Parkin (Board Committee Member)



Tell us about your family - I'm married to Ryan who is a beekeeper, I am a teacher and am just doing the odd bit of relieving. We have Max and Freya. We have a few acres of land complete with chickens, Bruce (yes, a hen!) Dixie Chick & Margaret (Max was in charge of names!) I also have 2 donkeys, Bendigo & Harry. I play netball, and as a family we love to get out hiking when we can, boating, fishing, and generally have a crack at most things.

What's your favourite food? I love all food...but Wontons (from Mingwah) are right up there! Also, I love a good pav.

Describe your life in a movie title – Instructions not included (never seen it but the title sounds appropriate to parenting)

What's your favourite book? So many...The Persimmon Tree springs to mind.

If you could be any animal what would it be and why? A cat, who wouldn't want their agility, Grace and not to mention lazing about in the sun!

What's your favourite board game? Hmm..we're playing a fair bit of Minion Trouble at the mo.

If you won 20 million dollars, what's the first thing you would buy with it? A long holiday!

Name one thing you take with you wherever you go - My phone

What's your favourite song? Like food, I love most music, but the kids and I love a good sing and dance to Vibes by Six60 at the mo.

What is your most favourite thing about Phoenix Preschool? Hmm, there's a few, great community, wonderful happy teachers and lovely outdoor play area!

PUKEKO ROOM

The spring weather is certainly keeping us on our toes! Sunhats and sun block one minute, then gumboots and rain coats the next. Spring does add to the washing pile, but please remember to put in a change of clothes. It still pays to have a jacket packed as well as that sun safe hat. Sun hats and sun block is applied from now on, although we have spare hats, but for hygiene reasons it's best to bring your own. No Hat ... No Play (outside) your support and perseverance with hat wearing at home would be appreciated too.

We have said farewell 4 of our older tamariki off to school in September. George Waddell to Mayfield School, Charlie Hall to Rakai School, Lucy McGregor to Allenton School and Max Parkin off to St Joseph's School. We wish them all the best on the next part of their learning journey.

Our "World Cup Fathers & Grandfathers Night" was well supported, with a takeaway tea and a very competitive game of touch rugby on the College field! Thanks Jess, Helen and Rhonda for organising this, and thanks to those families that attended.

Phoenix Pirate Day on 20th Sept, actually turned into Pirate week for many! Lots of treasure maps and digging was done, along with pirate masks made, stories and pirate shanties! So much fun and games, imagination extension, as we sailed the seven seas!

Daylight saving was the first day of the school holidays, so we turned the day into a pyjama party! Kaiako thought that with an hour short to get dressed that morning, we might as well all come in out PJ's! It was great fun with the Hungry Caterpillar movie shown, a teddy bears picnic and "rest time" with pillows and blankets in the 'dark' and lots of bedtime stories.

Anthea, from Eco Education visited and talked with the tamariki about rubbish and recycling. She also had a look at our worm farm and offer advise around our very large worm population! We will be sorting the worm food and vermicast shortly.

We have made a start on our vegetable patch, over at the College Horticulture block. Any donations of seeds, plants or seedlings will be much appreciated. Many thanks.

Events Coming Up:

October: (date to be confirmed) Walk to the Ashburton Art Gallery to Te Reo exhibit

November 8th: Johnathon, Children's' Librarian, will be visiting Phoenix for Storytime.

October 17th: National Roll Out Earthquake drill day.

October 23rd: Phoenix Class photos.

October 28th: Labour Day – Phoenix closed

Nov 1: "Black Out Friday Dress Up Day" Supporting the All Blacks in the World Cup Final.

Regards Ange, Diana, Nicole, Sarah, Sharon, Nikki, Jess, & Helen

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

SUNSMART FACT



Caps don't cut it!

Caps do not provide enough sun protection to your cheeks, nose, ears and neck. These are all common places for skin cancer. Bucket or wide-brimmed hats are best.



KIWI ROOM

Wow, I cannot believe we are in spring! How exciting! With this we require proper sunsmart to keep our little tamariki safe from those UV rays. We ask all families to provide a wide brim hat for their tamariki whilst they are here with the option of leaving it here in our basket over Summer.

This month, we have got Arlo, Lachlan and George V transitioning into the Pukeko Room, we wish them the best of luck on their new adventures and we will continue to sneak a few cuddles on the way through. We also farewell Rowan off to his new Preschool in Methven. We welcome to the room, Jonty, Isabelle, Archie and Charlie who have joined us and are settling in well. Please if you see their whanau make them feel welcome into our Phoenix Community.

With the weather warming up we will begin having more and more water play, please remember a change of clothes in your little one's bag.

In the Kiwi Room we have been supporting a lot of social competence, such as turn taking, building our verbal communication skills, interacting positively with our peers, learning empathy for other and sharing our exciting interests with each other. This can be seen through our together times reading books, sharing board stories and during activities that the tamariki play with together.

As always please feel free to approach us with anything you may wish to discuss, your thoughts are important to us and we love your input.

Arohanui Gayle, Kate & TeAwhina



TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

TIP OF THE MONTH:

What a very informative evening that Phoenix facilitated around Speech and Language, Ashleigh Neumann, a Speech Language Therapist, spoke to around 20 interested staff and parents, about language acquisition, red flags and what supports language and communication.

The most important thing for language acquisition, is INPUT. What you put in ... you get out. So, all those conversations, singing, stories and other amazing adult to infant-child interactions, will equal language development and understanding, including facial expressions for emotional development. There is a trend for children to access more screen time, which Ashleigh said can correlate to an increase of referrals. Only human face to face interactions support brain and language development.

The brain develops the most in the first 1000 days (3years old) so those important interactions of reading to your child, singing with them, talking and exploring the world, will enhance and language and comprehension. That input, at an early age, will support your child, and prepare them for a success at school and beyond.

On the sign in desk, we have a copy of the notes from the Speech Language evening, if you would like to pick up a copy, or they can be emailed to you. Ashleigh was also prepared to answer questions or concerns, about your child's speech, language or communication. She can be emailed on canterburysl@outlook.com

GREAT READS

ERO Report

<https://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/phoenix-preschool-22-08-2019/>

Care for Kids Spotlight on Phoenix Preschool



<https://www.careforkids.co.nz/newsletter/nz/2019/october/2/phoenix-preschool.html>



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CALLING ALL PHOENIX CHILDREN AND SIBLINGS

**DRESS BRIGHT ~ IF YOU LIKE... on OCTOBER 23RD 2019, 5:30 - 7pm
Allenton Rugby Club Rooms**

BYO Dinner & Kids DRINK BOTTLE

**GOLD COIN ENTRY INCLUDES GLOW STICK (more can be purchased),
Popsicle, Music & more!**

PARENT SUPERVISION MUST BE PROVIDED AT ALL TIMES PLEASE

Phoenix Preschool 35th Birthday Party



Save the Date
20th October 10am-12noon
More details to follow