

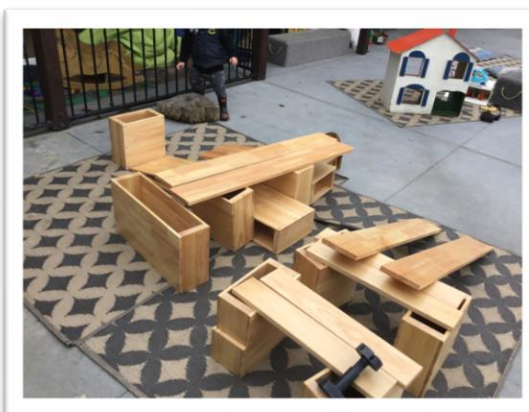
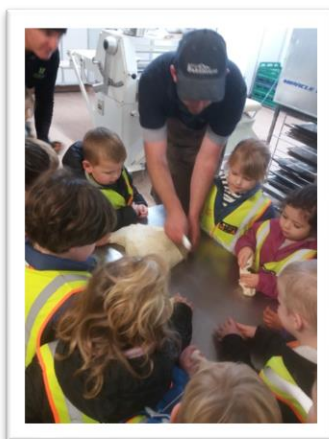
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THANK YOU

A **HUGE** thank you to:

- Menzshed for fixing our sandpit toys and cane pram
- Poppy & Willow's family donated 2 Frozen & 2 Toy Story Ouchy bags – this was a thank you for all the support, care and messages from our Phoenix Whanau while Poppy was in hospital
- Nikki's Dad for fixing all our ride on equipment



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"Don't forget to check out our
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Phoenix Preschool INC
Ashburton

and leave a recommendation"

FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Kia Ora Whanau,

You may have noticed on the whanau noticeboard that we now have two pie charts with the income and expenditures of Phoenix Preschool. This is a way of showing parents how we, as a business, gather income and where the money is spent. We plan to update the pie chart every quarter at this stage. The idea is that whanau will be able to see the whereabouts of spending.

We are still waiting for our final report from ERO. We are looking forward to sharing the report with whanau. ERO is the Ministry of Education review office. They visit centres regularly to ensure the education is of a high standard. ERO's main objective is to review what is working well and where improvements can be made. We expect to have the report in the next 2 weeks, so please keep an eye out in your inbox.

We would like to thank Tom Kearney who, at our last meeting, stepped down from his role on the board. Tom has been a huge asset to the Phoenix community and the role he has played on the board has been monumental. Tom has been on the board for many years now and was our longest serving member. Tom worked tirelessly on the finance committee to ensure Phoenix became the sustainable, well managed business it is today. He has brought so many skills and a depth of understanding to the board. We thank you very much Tom for your huge commitment to the Board and we are very sad to see you go.

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)

SUNSMART FACT



Cover-up 10 until 4

Protect yourself from the sun between 10am and 4pm during school terms one and four.



FROM THE PRESCHOOL MANAGER

Kia ora Whānau,

The months are ticking away as we cross off the last day of August and head on into September – I am waiting for those longer and warmer days!

In July you will remember our ERO visit with Maraea and Alan. The preliminary report has been accepted and the confirmed review will be online within the next week. It was an absolutely glowing report – something to be truly proud of. Phoenix is well placed to promote positive learning outcomes for children. Some feedback in the report:

"A strong feature of the preschool curriculum is the positive, responsive relationships that staff build with children, parents and whanau. Children and adults are quickly made to feel welcome, respected and valued and to become familiar with all aspects of preschool life and learning."

"Teachers work collaboratively to ensure children are well supported and challenged across all aspects of the daily programme."

We have been given some direction for two areas to further evolve which we will work through over the next year.

I attended the Ethel and Bethel Bingo night on Saturday and it truly was a night of entertainment – Bethel phoning from the bathroom with no loo roll and advised by Ethel to do downward dog under the hand dryer was one of the memorable jokes of many from the evening. A huge thank you to the Fundraising Committee for coordinating the event and all the sponsorship/donations. Our preschool is so lucky to have such a passionate and driven committee to help us fundraise for our resources and equipment.

In September the Governance Board have supported offering a FREE workshop to our whānau and staff on Speech and Language Development. Please save the date: **Thursday 26 September 630pm at Phoenix**. This is an opportunity for us all to learn about how tamariki develop speech and language and how we can better encourage and support them. The SLT referral system is snowed under and by sharing this knowledge together we are hoping to be preventative rather than reactive.

Just 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.

Our Kiwi Room is filling up fast with only a couple of days left available this year!! If you know of anyone that was hoping to join our Kiwi Room, please tell them to get in touch asap or pop in for a visit.

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

WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS & HAPPY SCHOOL DAYS

WELCOME

Archie Copland

Charlie Sherratt

Jonty O'Connor

BIRTHDAYS

Lucy McGregor (5)

George Waddell (5)

Tilly Marshall (3)

Max Parkin (5)

HAPPY SCHOOL DAYS

George Waddell

Lucy McGregor

Max Parkin

GETTING TO KNOW THE STAFF AND BOARD

Hayley Penman (Teacher's Assistant)



Tell us about your family – I have two boys, Leon 6 and Arthur 3. We love going on adventures exploring the outdoors and going to new places.

What's your favourite food? Lasagna and pizza

Describe your life in a movie title – Speed - Just gotta keep going so the bus doesn't explode 😂

What's your favourite book? The Stephanie Plum series by Janet Evanovich

If you could be any animal what would it be and why? A cat - They get to do what they like and nap in the sun half of the day

What's your favourite board game? Poleconomy

If you won 20 million dollars, what's the first thing you would buy with it? A house for me and the boys

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

What's your favourite song? Probably something from the 80s

What is your most favourite thing about Phoenix Preschool? All the wonderful children. And my awesome teammates

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.



**Cancer
Society**

Te Kāhui Matepukupuku
o Aotearoa

Kylie Grieve (Board Vice Chair)



Tell us about your family – I am married to Todd and mum to Freddy (4) and Sadie (2) who both attend Phoenix. We live on a lifestyle block on the way to Methven. I work part time at Mode Boutique and also coach Gymnastics on a Thursday afternoon. In my spare time I love spending time with family and friends, attending F45, going camping and doing a spot of shopping

What's your favourite food? Mexican (Mexicanos in Christchurch)

Describe your life in a movie title – Life of the Party

What's your favourite book? The House Across the Street by Lesley Pearce

If you could be any animal what would it be and why? Butterfly because they are so beautiful and like the warmer climate

What's your favourite board game? What do you Meme or Game of Life

If you won 20 million dollars, what's the first thing you would buy with it? Go on holiday with Todd and the Kids

Name one thing you take with you wherever you go? Phone/Wallet

What's your favourite song? Beautiful People by Ed Sheeran and Khalid

What is your most favourite thing about Phoenix Preschool? Our family loves Phoenix Preschool because the centre is family and community based. Our children feel safe and happy in the care of our wonderful teaching team

PUKEKO ROOM

Kia Ora whanau, another month done and dusted. We welcome Quinn, Hazel and Freya to the Pukeko Room.

With this beautiful weather that we have been having the Pukeko room has been able to get out and about into the community.

The Pukeko Explorer went for an outing to Harvey's Bakehouse the have been exploring the story of The Little Red Hen. The tamariki were able to reenact the story, make puppets, practice sequencing of the storyline, utilising their memory and imagination. At, The Bakehouse, Matt Harvey, had bread dough mixing in the mixer. The children were the able to have a piece of dough to knead. When the dough was kneaded it went into a steam oven to "proof". When the dough was ready, Matt baked it and then brought it in to preschool for the tamariki to eat.

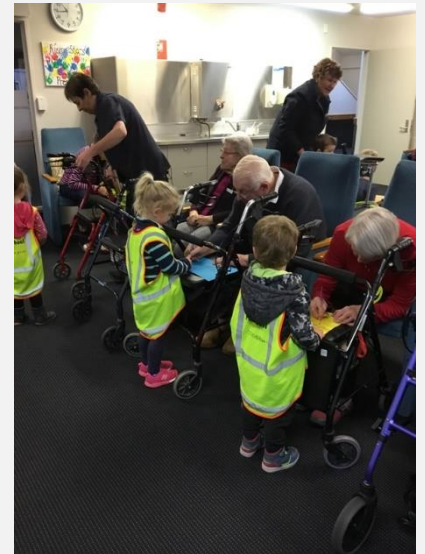
The children have also been for a walk to the domain to see the birds at the aviaries. The tamariki enjoyed looking at the different birds and the big white cockatoo said Hello to us as he hid behind the aviary door. The tamariki were very excited to see the budgies flying and hanging off the fence and the beautiful peacock with his rainbow-like feathers.

Including Rosebank where the children went to visit the residents. Where the children asked if they could draw pictures with them. Once the tamariki had finished drawing with the residents they sung some songs before heading back to phoenix.

We also enjoyed a trip to Allenton school where we got to watch the school children do Kapa Haka. The Allenton Kapa Haka group sung us some wonderful waiata, E toru nga mea, Hallelujah, and more, then the tamariki taught us the waiata, Toharo Nui (big whale). Next the Phoenix Preschool tamariki sung Tirama, tirma nga whetu (twinkle little star).

We have been enjoying listening to the children practicing what they have learnt from the Kapa Haka performers.

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



KIWI ROOM

Kia Ora! This month we welcome Archie, Elsie and Margot to the Phoenix whānau! We bid farewell to Freya, Quinn and Hazel as they start a new journey next door. With that we also have Arlo, Lachlan and George who will start their transition visits. We wish them all the best exploring and having fun adventures in the Pukeko room!

We also have Helen on placement in the Kiwi room. Helen is in her final year of study and is on her last placement. The tamariki have enjoyed getting to know Helen and have loved playing and learning with her!

With the weather starting to warm up, the tamariki have been able to spend more time outside. From learning how to crawl, walk and trying out the equipment on offer outdoors, the tamariki have challenged themselves with their physical development. This will be helping them develop control over their body, balance, body coordination, strength as well as exploring the world and environment around them more.

The tamariki have enjoyed messy and sensory play opportunities this month. Painting has been a favourite. They have all enjoyed being able to use their body and all their senses to express themselves in the paint. The tamariki have also loved pretending to make it snow with the paper we shredded.

Arohanui Gayle, Kate, Jess & TeAwhina



FUNDRAISING

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and came along to our bingo night. A great night was had by all and a great amount of money was raised for our Tamariki. A big thank you to the committee who put in countless hours to organise and make the event successful!

So far this year we have purchased a 6-seater pram, new shelving for the Pukeko room as well as some big blocks. Without everyone's contributions we would never be able to raise the amount we have so far. Coming up for the rest of the year we have our Halloween disco in October, Totally Kiwi oils in November and making Christmas wreaths later in the year.

We welcome new committee members anytime, if you would like to come and check out what we do our next meeting is 17th September 7.30pm at Braided Rivers.

Thanks for all your support - The Fundraising Committee

Our Preferred Electrician

