



Dear Families/Whanau

Here we are again at the end of another year...Wow! Where did the time go?? We have had so much fun and lots of exciting goings on here this year and are looking forward to another great year with you all in 2017 xx

### WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS

A HUGE welcome to Leonard and Rei who have joined the Playhouse family recently ☺

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Matjaž and his family who are making an exciting move to the Hawkes Bay and to Brax who is turning the big number 5 and will be heading off to new adventures at school in 2017 - we will miss you all very much!!

### BIRTHDAYS



### CHRISTMAS PARTY

A huge thank you to all the families that joined us for our centre Christmas party ☺  
It was another great event and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!!

Also thank you for respecting the no school aged children rule - we feel it made a huge difference and have had lots of comments from parents who felt the same, as it allowed the littlies to freely explore and enjoy their party. This will now become the norm at our Christmas parties ☺



### CENTRE NEWS

Some of you may have noticed that our sandpit pergola has had a makeover - it now has an awesome sun and rain proof roof on it and has been painted a lovely charcoal grey - which means lots more outdoor fun ☺

Please make sure your payments are all up to date for the end of the year - accounts will be a little erratic over the holiday period but will be back to normal from 9<sup>th</sup> January

We have said goodbye to our reliever Cina as her children are moving to schools closer to home in Ranui so she will be finding a position that works for her out that way in the new year. Thanks for all your help over the past year Cina! We will miss you but wish you all the best for the future ☺

# **\*\*Holiday Hours\*\***

**Friday 23rd December -  
Centre closes at 4.00pm**

**Mon 26th, Tues 27th Dec & Mon 2nd, Tues 3rd Jan -  
CLOSED FOR STATUTORY HOLIDAYS**

**Wed 28th -Fri 30th Dec and Wed 4th - Fri 6th Jan -  
Centre open reduced hours of 8.00am-4.30pm**

**Normal hours resume from Monday 9th January 2017**

## **HOLIDAY PERIOD ATTENDANCE**

The rolls for the holiday period are now locked and loaded - please be aware that if you did not state that your child would be attending their usual days between 28<sup>th</sup> December and 6<sup>th</sup> January the teachers will not be able to accept them on these days as staffing has not been allocated.



**Christmas magic is silent.  
You don't hear it –  
You feel it.  
You know it.  
You believe it.**

**Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year from all the  
Playhouse team ☺**

**Greg, Tiff, Ruth, Sandra, Molly, Sam, Danjelle, Fa, Diana, Alana, Tash, Cina, Alisi, Kirsty, Ciara and Cassie**





# KIWI ROOM NEWS



Kia Ora Kiwi whanau!

We are still in disbelief that it is December! This year has gone way too fast and we have shared some special moments with you and your children. We just want to take this moment to thank you all for sharing your wee ones with us. It is such a pleasure to watch them grow and develop such wonderful personalities. We hope to see you all at the Christmas party, Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December and celebrate the end of year with you. The Kiwi children have been so excited to help decorate the room and loved putting the decorations on the tree, and even more fun...taking them off! We have enjoyed practising our singing skills for the concert and our best dance moves.

We farewelled Oran, Kate and Sienna to the Pukeko room last month and they are doing beautifully upstairs. Lachie and Matilda have settled in to the Kiwi room and have adjusted to the new environment like little pros! We have loved watching them smile, make new relationships and explore the environment around them. Our Kiwi tamariki have been very helpful and caring towards their needs.

We have been indulging in LOTS of water play this month and with that comes wet clothes! As we try and dry them outside, it becomes very confusing for us if the clothes are not named. We ask that you please provide at least 3 sets of clothes (WEATHER APPROPRIATE) and named. Thank you.

We would love to see some photos of the fun you get up to over the Christmas/new year break. Please bring them in to one of the Kiwi teachers or email them via Tiff.

We hope you have a well-rested, fun and safe holiday!

Arohanui

Sam, Diana and Fa





# PUKEKO ROOM NEWS

Kia Ora!

The year seems to have flown by and Christmas and the impending holidays have crept up on us. The tamariki are already involved in Christmas experiences and activities lending a very festive feel to the Pukeko Room. The children have loved being involved in putting up and decorating the Christmas tree. They have also showed their unique creativity through the various art provocations that we have had on our tables. You will see many examples throughout our room.

We would like to welcome Alana as our new teacher in the Pukeko Room. Many of you will know Alana as a student teacher who has relieved for us and she has joined our team, now that she has completed her studies. We also welcome Kirsty as a reliever in our room. Kirsty is a qualified and registered teacher.

A strong area of interest for our tamariki this month has been construction, which has meant that our Lego and mobilo have been very well utilised. The children have been involved in sustained projects building castles, aeroplanes, trucks and trains. It has been wonderful to see the children's creativity and imagination extending and also the deepening of relationships as they work with their friends. The settled and warmer weather has also meant that trips to La Rosa Gardens have become more regular with the children enjoying the walk in the community and challenging themselves on the bigger playground.

We have welcomed five new tamariki, three from the Kiwi Room - Kate, Sienna and Oran and Rei and Leonard who have recently joined the Playhouse family. They are all settling in beautifully, with help from their older friends who love nurturing and taking care of them.

We would like to thank all of our families for your support throughout the year. We wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and lots of festive fun for the holiday season.

