



PLAYHOUSE NEWSLETTER

February 2018

Dear Families/Whānau

Welcome to 2018 at Playhouse ☺ We have had a great start to the year, welcoming lots of new families and enjoying lots of fun in the sun (and the rain too!)

WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS

A huge 'Welcome to the Playhouse whānau' to Amy, Brock, Cora, Ezekiel, Grace, Jamie, Kyra, Luca, Quinn, Rishaan, Ruby, Rufus, Xander, Zach and their families ☺ It has been lovely getting to know you all!

We recently bid farewell to our good friends Winter and Toby S who have both turned the big number 5 and headed off to exciting new adventures at school. We wish them many happy school days!

DAILY REMINDERS

Drink Bottle – Please bring a clean drink bottle each day

Hat – Please remember to bring a hat each day (no hat, no outside play)

Spare Clothes – Messy play and water play are always favourites so please make sure there are plenty of changes of clothes in bags ☺



SCHOOL DAYS

Just a reminder to all those families who are on 'School Day' hours that these are strictly from 8:30am -3:30pm. We have recently noticed a number of 'school day' children in the centre either side of these hours so please ensure that you stick to these times eg: not arriving in the centre before 8:30, and leaving at 3:30 (not just arriving to collect at that time). Our out of hour fees of \$10.00 per 10 minutes or part thereof will apply outside these times.

PIPI ROOM - BABY BOTTLES

Please make sure all your child's milk bottles and teats are thoroughly washed and cleaned at home each night. The warm weather and milk residue is not a great combination and we have even noticed some mouldy bottles and teats arriving in bags recently ☹



ROAD WORKS

The council are currently replacing all the damaged footpaths and driveways on La Rosa Street. This is going to cause us some car parking problems while they get past our area as all our road parking and our staff driveway will be unavailable for a few weeks ☹ We thank you in advance for your patience as it may take a little longer than usual to access a parking spot during this time



PICNIC AT PLAYHOUSE

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6:00-7:30pm Friday 16th March

Want to get to know other centre families?

Grab a blanket, pack an easy picnic dinner for your family to enjoy and join the Playhouse team for a relaxed garden get-together!

Dessert provided :)

CENTRE NEWS

A HUGE welcome to our awesome new teachers Melanie and Pandora!

Melanie joined the Pipi room team in January and is settling well into Pipi room life 😊 Her super cute son Jamie also joins her 3 days a week 😊

Pandora joined the Paua room team in mid-Feb and has fast become a firm favourite! Her gorgeous boys Quinn and Xander have also joined us and are settling in well and making lots of new friends 😊

Also a huge 'Welcome Back' to Alana who has returned from maternity leave and is settling back in with all her friends in the Paua room! Her beautiful baby girl, Cora, has also joined the Playhouse whānau and is making lots of new friends in the Pipi room 😊

CONGRATULATIONS!!

We are very excited to announce that there is a new addition to the Playhouse whanau on the way 😊

Huge congratulations to our lovely Pipi room teacher Sam and her partner Graeme on the news that another little Brookes babe will be joining the family in August. Amelia is also very excited that she will be joining the 'big sister club'! We are all looking forward to new baby snuggles...we can never get enough! 😊

ERO

We had Dot and Beth from ERO (Education Review Office) visit us on 12th and 13th of February for our scheduled centre review and received lots of lovely feedback. A huge thank you to all the parents who took the time to share their Playhouse experiences with them. We are looking forward to receiving our official report in the next few weeks



PIPI ROOM NEWS



Kiaora Whanau!

We cannot believe that it is already the end of February. The year has flown by and we have been very lucky to welcome some new friends in to the Pipi room. We welcome Ezekiel, Brock, Cora, Jamie and Amy to the Playhouse whanau.

We have also welcomed teacher Melanie in to the Pipi team and the Pipi tamariki have enjoyed getting to know her.

It has been a scorcher of a summer and to cool down, the Pipi tamariki have been enjoying lots of water play. The sand/water area has become very popular and the little ones love transporting the water from the water pump to the sand pit.

Music and movement has been a favourite amongst all the Pipi tamariki. We have been exploring new waiata, instruments (Melanie is a pro on the ukulele), dancing with the parachute/scarves and reading our favourite te reo pukapuka.

We hope to catch up with all our wonderful whanau at the picnic night on the 16th of March.

From Fa, Sam and Melanie
The Pipi team.

PAUA ROOM NEWS

Kia Ora Paua Room Whānau,

Welcome back to 2018! It is hard to believe we are already in February! It is great to have you all back after the Christmas break, and we have loved seeing all of your holiday photos.

We would like to welcome our new tamariki Kyra, Luca, Quinn, Rashaan, Xander, Zach, Rufus, Ruby, and Marlowe. We have enjoyed getting to know you and your whānau, and look forward to sharing your learning journeys. We are also very excited to welcome Pandora to our Paua teaching team, and Alana who has returned from maternity leave, bringing with her our beautiful Cora who has joined the pipi room.

With the weather being so hot over the past few weeks, tamariki have been spending their days with lots of water play and outdoor activities. The tamariki love getting out in their togs and cooling down under the sprinkler, or playing in the water run. We are lucky to have a lovely new mud kitchen in our sand pit area which has become a firm favourite.

Kaiako have also been working hard alongside our tamariki over the summer holidays, planting some lovely flowers in the flower box beside the playhouse. The tamariki have loved being a part of this process, and shared their learning experience through our wall display. We hope you have had a chance to have a look at this, and if not we encourage you to do so.

Another area of interest for tamariki at the moment is sensory play. There have been many fun experiences where tamariki have been able to explore their senses. These include making play dough, gloop, using shaving foam, and many more. We look forward to researching new ideas which will extend on this area of learning.

Reminders: Please remember to bring your child's togs, and at least 3 changes of clothes. With lot's of water play, we find we go through many changes throughout the day.

Please name your child's belongings. It is hard to remember what belongs to who (clothes, drink bottles, comforters etc) and naming items would really help.

Thank you for your assistance with this 😊

As always, if you have any concerns or things you would like to share with us, please feel free to speak to any of the Paua kaiako.

From your Paua Room team - Tessa, Danjelle, Molly, Pandora, Alana and Alisi.



From all the Playhouse team 😊

Tiff, Tessa, Molly, Sam, Fa, Danjelle, Alana, Alisi, Pandora, Melanie, Tash and Greg