



# Little Orchard Preschool – McGarvey Rd

## December 2016 Newsletter

Kia ora o te Whanau.

Christmas is looming fast, how are you all going with your plans? Have you finished your shopping? Sadly this week we farewell two of our wonderful teachers Tamara Wright from our Kereru Room and Roswin Wieland from our Pukeko Room, who are going on parental leave. Tamara will be returning in 2017 and sadly Roswin is moving to Christchurch. We wish Roswin well in her new venture and both Tamara and Roswin the very best in the upcoming births of their new baby boys.

Due to these lovely ladies leaving us, there are some team changes; Charlotte is moving over to the Kereru Room as Acting Room Leader, Mitch will be Acting Room Leader in the Pukeko Room until Melissa returns in the New Year into her role as Room Leader. Melissa is currently easing herself back into work by working two days a week in the Pukeko Room. We welcome Ashley Stanbridge back into the Pukeko Room. We would like to also welcome Nikki Miller-Robson to the team in the Pukeko Room. Nikki has many years teaching experience and we are looking forward to her sharing her ideas and knowledge with us.



**Charlotte**



**Mitch**



**Ashley**



**Nikki**

We would also really like to extend a warm welcome to all our new children; Ngarino, Catherine, Breeze, Tyler, Lachlan, Hunter, Jax, Leikyn, Brynn, Rylee, Cooper-Oaklee, Violette, Kenneth, Martha and their families. We have had a lot of children go to school, although the team always find it sad to say goodbye. We are at the same time excited about the next learning journey that awaits these children. We are very proud of our five year olds, they never cease to amaze us with their creativity, resourcefulness and how ready they are for their next learning journey. So on that note we would like to wish Dylan, Emily, Ayla, Keira, Paige, Prisaidon, Titan, Arlyn, all the best for their next learning adventure. Don't be strangers, please pop in to see us as we love to hear how you are doing.



## Important Dates to Remember

Christmas Parade is on 3<sup>rd</sup> of December if you would like your child/ren to be on the float please let Trina at the office know.



Our end of year children's Christmas party is on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am**. We will be having a short concert followed by a shared lunch. This is going to be lots of fun and we look forward to seeing as many of you here as possible.

### Ruru Room

The Ruru children have been learning about Paptūānuku – Mother Earth. They have been learning to appreciate and look after the gifts of Paptūānuku. The children have been involved in planting vegetable plots, and have been responsible for watering them and keeping them free from weeds. They have also planted up little seedling pots and nurtured them daily. Planting seeds and watching them grow, helps children to learn about the growth process, the environment and the food they eat. Throughout this focus the children have experienced a relationship with the natural environment and gained respect and a developing sense of responsibility for the well-being of both the living and the non-living environment.



### Kereru Room

Some of the vegetables that we planted earlier in the year are ready to be eaten. The children in the Kereru room have enjoyed picking the peas, which are super juicy and sweet. Celery, lettuce and silver beet have also been harvested and enjoyed by the children in all rooms. We are eagerly awaiting our tomatoes, strawberries and cucumbers 😊





## Pukeko Room

The Tamariki have been enjoying working with our tools lately. With the support of their teachers they were able to create some awesome nail boards. This involved painting and hammering the nails in. These boards help develop fine motor skills and concentration and are an enjoyable activity for some quiet time. The tamariki love utilizing their fantastic creations.



## Kiwi Room

This month we have been achieving milestones. Our two young babies are now rolling from their backs to their tummies then back to their backs again; we think they are very clever. Two of our other children are learning to walk and another two are very close, this is very exciting for us. These are important milestones for our young children as they are starting to gain confidence in and control of their bodies.

Our older children are all busy climbing and balancing, enjoying our water play especially now that it is a lot warmer outside, taking part in lots of art activities and have been enjoying drawing pictures on our two people shaped black boards. This is important for our children as they are beginning to discover and develop different ways to be creative and expressive.



## General Housekeeping

- Please remember to sign your child or children in when you arrive and when you leave for the day. All our sign in sheets are located at the office or in the Pukeko Room ☺
- With the weather being warmer, we will be doing a lot more water play and we ask that your child/ren are sent with plenty of spare named clothing. Likewise, if your child/ren are swimming please send togs and towel in a bag this helps us keep track of all the clothing.



- From time to time contact details may change, we ask that you please update your contact information with Trina, our Office Administrator; particularly emergency contact numbers, so that we can keep in touch with you.
- Since enrolling your child with us, you may discover your child has an allergy. Can you please ensure your child's documentation is updated with Trina and we can ensure all our team are aware of the changes?
- Likewise, if you have changed your views regarding social media and you would like to ensure your child does not appear on our website, Facebook page or on any advertising, please speak to Trina about updating your details.



**Just a reminder that we close on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December at 5.30pm for the Christmas Holiday Break and will re-open on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm. Please let us know if your child or children are going to be away during the primary school holiday period over December and January.**

**Also, reminding you all that all accounts are billed in December to the end of the year. This is to ensure you have a nil balance by the end of the year as required. If you have any queries, please see Trina 😊**

We have an open door policy here at Little Orchard Preschool. If you have any concerns or just want to pop in for a chat, please come and see me. Otherwise you can call me or email me on:

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**Rhonda Rosemergy  
Acting Centre Leader**

**He aha te mea nui o te ao**

*What is the most important thing in the world?*

**He tangata, he tangata, he tangata**

*It is the people, it is the people, it is the people*