

Little Orchard Preschool

Newsletter June 2016



Kia Ora, He mihi mahana kia koutou katoa. Hello warm greetings to you all from our Douglas Street Centre.

We have set a date for our Annual 4-year-old trip to Kelly Tarltons. It is a requirement of Kelly Tarltons that all children who attend overnight must be 4. It will take place on the 12th of November 2016. If your child is eligible for the trip please ensure you have your permission forms returned to the office. We have started fundraising for this trip and have a "parent led" committee. This is a great forum for creating great ideas so please support our 4 year olds.

Welcome to Stevie-Leigh who joins us as a team member in the Pounamu Room.

A huge welcome to our new children and families joining us, Wiremu, Tui, Trizayle, Te Ohaaki, Shianea, Philip, Keeran, Elan, Senon, Peter, Mitchell, Kiana, Keiran, James, Isaiah, Hihue, Avikash, and Aurora.

Good luck and farewell to those children and families moving onto their next exciting adventure, Kaitlyn, Akain, Cameron, Dallas, Danny, Jordan, Devon, Gian, Hazel-Harmony, Kayla, Kyra-Michelle, Lily, Maire-Rangi, Milla, Nathaniel, Nixon, Rarua, Te-Aturangi and Ty.

With the weather getting colder and wetter, the children still have the opportunity to explore the outdoors whenever possible, so please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing, hats, jackets and gumboots, and a change of clothing. Please name your child's belongings.

Kea Room.

The children in Kea Room love to be outside exploring the wonderful activities available for them in their environment. These activities allow them to develop gross motor skills, and also gain such skills as climbing, jumping, balancing and controlling their body. Several of our older children in Kea Room spend time each morning in Kowhai room getting to know the routines, and building relationships with the children and team, so that when it comes time for them to transition, the process is a lot smoother and easier for them.

Jamie, Gillian and Rachel M.



Pounamu Room.

Our younger children in the Pounamu Room continue to meet their individual milestones. Indie-Rose is crawling, Hihue is standing by herself. James, Kyan, Keiran, Aria and Mitchell have learnt to walk, and Peter is standing up on furniture. Children in Pounamu room are supported to reach their milestones at their own pace and encouraged to explore and challenge themselves. They are also building relationships with each other and the team in their room.

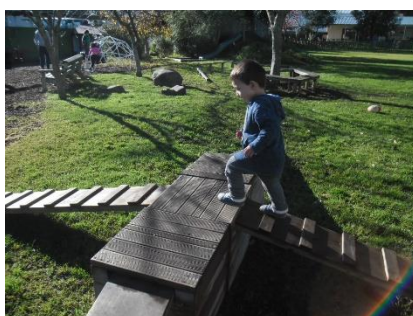
Jamie, Rachelle J, and Stevie-Leigh.



Kowhai Room

The children in the Kowhai Room are still very interested in art and the many forms that it takes. We have painting with different objects such as brushes, sponges, stamps, leaves, cotton buds and cotton balls, as well as messy play and playdough available for the children to create their masterpieces. We are also working on social skills building relationships, turn taking, sharing and expressing ourselves. The children love to be in the outdoor environment which is fantastic for building gross motor skills and gaining control of their bodies as they challenge themselves.

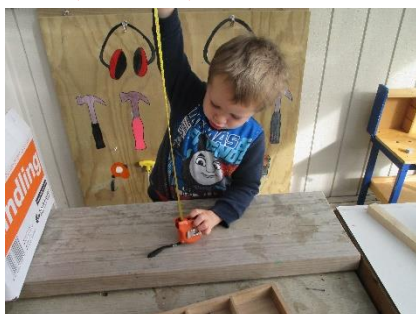
Allie, Mere, Sue and Amber



Patiki Room

In the Patiki Room over the last two months there has been a huge interest and focus on language in all its forms. Children have several favourite books that they insist be read every day and then they retell the story to their friends, one of these stories is "My Daddy ate an apple". We have also been learning about Matariki and what it means to us. Did you know Te Ariki's Dad Adrian is an expert on string games? Carpentry remains popular and some wonderful social interactions happen when the children are building measuring and creating.

Carol, Sharon, Amber and Sue



Pohutukawa Room

In the Pohutukawa Room we have been learning all about Matariki, and have some wonderful learning experiences over the past few months. At the moment we are creating our own wearable art using recycled clothing. We have learnt some new waiata also. We had a visit by Sharon Holt who is an amazing story teller and has written some great books in Te Reo, and promotes Maori stories with captivating sound tracks. We will continue to extend our knowledge on Matariki, the Maori New Year. Whanau, could you please send in a photo for our Whanau wall?

Harriet, Amrita, Melissa and Nicole.



Tui Room

The children in Tui Room have loved experiencing autumn, the leaves all around were collected and made into lovely bouquets for our loved ones and also gave us the opportunity to explore colour, size and weight. Tree climbing is a favourite all year around and is great for helping to develop gross motor skills. In autumn when the leaves fall off the trees you can see a lot better from the top of the tree. Often we would hear the children asking each other “what can you see”? All children like to contribute to the running of the class and take pride in folding the washing, putting it away, loading and unloading the dishwasher and helping to maintain a beautiful environment.

Trish, Natelle and Shani



We have started fundraising with a raffle for petrol vouchers, available from the office. It will be drawn when all the tickets are sold, so please support our 4 year olds and buy a ticket. **You could win \$150 petrol vouchers.**

Reminder that I have an open door policy, if you would like a chat, please feel free to pop in and see me or

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Alternatively, you may wish to put your concerns or queries in our suggestion box; we will follow up all suggestions with you. Thanks Teena. (Centre Leader) 😊

Remember to check out our Little Orchard facebook page where we share our celebrations and achievements