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Little Orchard Preschool– McGarvey Rd Newsletter

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Kia ora whanau,

What an amazing start to the year, welcome to all of our returning whanau and nau mai, haere mai to our new whanau. Thank you for choosing and continuing to choose to be a part of our centre.

What have we been up to?

This weather has been up and down but it has inspired our play and created lots of time for swimming, water play, mud play, seasonal baking and snacking and general outside shenanigans.

With the days remaining warm and humid please remember to pack your child's named togs and towel, as well as at least 2 changes of clothes to allow for messy play and getting wet as we cool down throughout the day.

Special visitors and adventures: We have been regular visitors to the awesome Apanui School playground over the school holidays and since school is back we are resettling into our senior class adventures out and about in our community. This year we are visiting Golden Pond Rest home, Hospice Whakatane, our gardens at the Kopeopeo Community Garden, the Little Orchard Room at Te Koputu/Whakatane Library as well as frequenting our local parks and events. Do you know of any events that we could attend in our community? Please let us know.



Summer fun at McGarvey Road

Upcoming events:

- **March 3rd**—Ruru Room heading to Port Ohope to participate in Sea Week
- **March 4th**—Our Annual Whanau Fun Night. An awesome evening which includes Hangi, BBQ and entertainment— no cooking for you and you get to meet and socialize with other parents while your children are entertained...score!
- **March 9th**—Open Day at River Edge Miniature Railway for both centres.
- **April 4th**—1st Committee meeting for Our Annual 4 year old excursion.

Are you tech savvy and have some time to help us create and publish a bi-monthly Little Orchard Preschool wide newsletter?

If this sounds like a project that would appeal to you please email Monique@lops.co.nz for further information.

- Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for up to date information and photo's of our centres.



Doug the Digger

We were lucky to have Doug the Digger in centre—Mr Mac and Barbara came into our centre and our children got to learn all about safety around large machinery with a special story time and then they sat in the digger, beeped the horn and moved the bucket around to finish jobs. Some of us even got to climb into the big truck that transports the digger.

What a cool way to learn about large machinery, safety while working and how to use machines to help complete jobs.

If you or anyone you know has a cool machine that they could bring in to share with the children we would love the opportunity to have them visit.

Hours and timetables:

We have very limited spaces on our roll at present, if you need to extend your child's hours or make a change to their days we require 1 week's notice so we can adjust our rosters accordingly.

We will always try to accommodate your needs but as we have strict licencing numbers sometimes it may not be possible to make the change you require. We can however put you on a waiting list and then make the change when the space or time becomes available.

Spare clothing:

Please remember to pack your child at least 2 changes of clothing in your child's bag each day.

We have lots of messy play and water play each day and need these clothes so your child can participate fully.

Toilet Training:

If your child is toilet training please remember to pack extra pairs of underwear each day. This ensures your child can remain in underwear rather than being back in a nappy.

Lunchboxes:

Your child is super busy at preschool and needs a lot of food to keep their little body going throughout the day.

We have the following kai times at preschool:

Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a late snack after 3pm.

Please ensure that your child has enough food for their day— we can heat up left overs and canned food if this is a preference for you.

If you need any lunchbox idea's please see you child's Room Leader.



Stork report:

Congratulations to Sarah, Matty, Ava and Macy on the arrival of their baby boy Joel.

Also Rayne and family welcomed a baby boy named Reno.

And Zaion and his whanau had an early arrival of baby Kingi.

Team changes:

We have had a few changes in our team and have a few more on the horizon.

Sarah has gone on maternity leave and will return in 2017.

Vanessa is recovering well from her illness but is yet to return to work, Tamara has stepped into the Kereru Room as Acting Room Leader.

Jen and Melissa will be heading off to welcome their new babies to the world in March and April respectively. We wish them all the best on their parenting journeys.

Ana will be relocating to Nelson and will be greatly missed by everyone in the Little Orchard whanau.

We have welcomed some new and some returning faces to our team:

Nicole is our new reliever and is a trained Primary School Teacher. Timatanga is also back on deck as a fully trained ECE reliever. Stevie Leigh is back in centre as a reliever also, and it's great to see her smiley face back on the team. We also welcome Ashley on board as our newest reliever.

Jenna is back from Maternity Leave and Kelci has stepped into a relieving role as well.

Stevi, Becs and Chelsie are now permanent teachers at Little Orchard Preschool.



Sand pit fun

That is all for now from us at McGarvey Road.

Remember to check out the planning boards in your child's room to see what they are going to be doing or have already experienced lately. Have a look through your child's profile and feel free to contribute to their learning and development via their profile or a whanau voice form.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to either see your child's Room Leader or you can pop into the Office, give me a call on 308 7777 or email me on jo@lops.co.nz

Our Team for 2016:

Jo—Centre Leader

Sharon— Room Leader Ruru Room

Tamara—Acting Room Leader Kereru Room

Melissa—Room Leader for Kiwi and Pukeko Rooms

Ruru Room Team: Andrea, Jordan and Louise.

Kereru Room Team: Sam and Chelsie

Pukeko Room Team: Charlotte, Cindy, Ana, Rebecca,

Kiwi Room Team: Stevi and Leanne.

Relievers: Kelci, Tash, Stevie Leigh, Nicole and Timatanga.

Trina—Office Administrator

Jenna—Kitchen Technician

Little Orchard Preschool Core Values:

Whanau/Family

Where connections grow.

Respect

To treat things like they are yours and to treat other people how you want to be treated.

Adventure

To inspire and feed the soul.

Passion

To create magical experiences.

Fun, Encourage, Nurture

