



Little Orchard Preschool

October 2016 Newsletter

Kia ora o te Whanau.

We would really like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new children; Anja, Finn, Ethan, Tyler, Neyon, Timatanga, Cole, Leo, Indie-Rose, Brynn, Dylan, Nixon, Anaiah, Azaleah and Remy and all of their families. Isn't it lovely to see the sun again after all of the rain that we have had. Despite the rain, we have all been very busy here celebrating the Olympics and also welcoming Spring.

Ruru Room

The Ruru children followed the Rio Olympic Games 2016. They learnt about the history of the Olympic Games and followed the New Zealand team as they competed in their individual events.

They then held their own Olympic games participating in long jump, shot put, running, hurdles and basketball. All children received for their sportsmanship with a medal and a certificate of which they were very proud.



Kereru Room

The Kereru Room also enjoyed celebrating the Olympics but more recently have been enjoying using the new Montessori materials to enhance their learning opportunities, such as the Pink Tower and Red Rods. Montessori resources have an inbuilt control of error which means that if done wrong the children learn to correct themselves. This helps the children to develop problem solving skills as well as learning to take turns, communication and perseverance. The children have also enjoyed preparing and planting a spring garden and are really enjoying taking care of their plants.





Pukeko Room

The children thoroughly enjoyed hosting their own Olympic Games. They especially loved competing with their friends and receiving a medal for their efforts.

The children also really enjoyed caring for our centre lambs and have recently planted a vegetable garden. Watch this space!!



Kiwi Room

The Kiwi Room have been focusing on farm animals, children have taken part in activities that have involved developing their language and knowledge of animals using singing, rhymes, stories repeating of words and sentences. Matching games, matching animals to animal noises, recognition of animals in books and making sounds and baking. We also celebrated the Olympics making up a course for children to take part in.



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 very wet, we would like to remind you that our children need spare clothes so they can continue to learn and explore. We have some great puddles here on wet days and also love mud play. Can you please send your child to preschool with several changes of clothes.



- If your child has conjunctivitis, we would like to remind you of our Child Health Policy which states the child needs to be absent for 48 hours after first treatment or until their eyes are clear of infection. Likewise if your child has had a tummy bug they must be absent for 48 hours after their last episode of illness. This is so that we can contain infection and stop it from spreading.

- 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 23rd of December at 5.30pm for the Christmas Holiday Break and will re-open on Monday the 9th 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.

We have an open door policy here at Little Orchard Preschool, if you are concerned about anything at any time or just want to pop in for a chat please do. Otherwise you can call me or email me on:

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He taonga rongonui te aroha kit e tangata

"Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure"