

PELORUS COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

NEWSLETTER—APRIL 2017



*Tena koutou, tena koutou,
Tena koutou katoa*



Welcome to our April newsletter. Autumn has definitely arrived with much cooler weather and rain. Easter is upon us next week, with preschool being closed on Friday 14 April—*Good Friday* and Monday 17 April—*Easter Monday*.

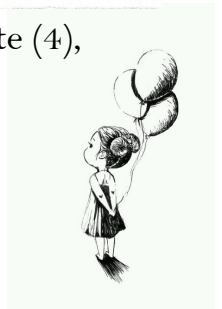
We would like to welcome the following children and their families to our preschool; Taina Kingi and Thomas Steele to the Pipi room and Levi Gilbert, Nirvana Karena, Gianna Chin, Paige Todd & Scarlett Morrison to the Paua room. We are certain you will enjoy your time at our preschool.

h a p p y b i r t h d a y !



For April we would like to wish a very happy birthday to Ben Johnsen (3), Tessa Foote (4), Jack Thompson (2), Riley Hayter (3) and Olivia Hayter (5).

We wish you all a very special day.



Parents please bring your children to preschool on time.

We would like to remind parents that your child's enrolled hours at preschool are what they are expected to attend. The Ministry of Education funding requires that a child's attendance must match their enrolment agreement for at least half (ie. 50 percent or more) of each calendar month.

1. when a child is absent **on the same enrolled day or days of the week** for more than half of these days in a calendar month or
2. when a child **attends for fewer days per week** than they are enrolled to attend, in more than half of the weeks in a calendar month or
3. when a child attends **fewer hours** than they are enrolled to attend, on a daily basis, on more than half of their enrolled days in a calendar month.

Should your child's attendance not match their enrolment for 3 consecutive months, you will automatically lose your 20 hours ECE funding and be charged the full fee for your enrolment. For those not receiving 20 hours ECE, we have the right to charge you for lost funding in addition to your hourly fee.

Nǐ hǎo whanau!



We're into April already... where did March go! I have officially left the building after having a great send off on our dress-up day, thank-you so much to those who made it along to my 'last day' afternoon tea and gave my baby little gifts – what a lovely surprise and so thoughtful. I will be back at preschool in September and leave Miss Brown and Leigh in your capable hands to look after!

Amber Parker has come on board as well so make sure you all say hello and make her feel very welcome – the children call her Amber P. I will of course see you in between now and September when I pop in to visit with my new little monkey... fun times ahead! – Heather

We have had a busy month of learning and focus times have been very busy with your little tamariki enjoying lots of fun games and activities associated with each focus ...

Paua Nui

The paua nui group have been busy getting out and about in the Havelock school van visiting our local schools. First we went out to Linkwater school with Ray then we headed off to Rai Valley school for a visit with Callan. Our next hikoi will be with Honey Mae once she starts her school visits at Canvastown school. This is a great way to support the children with their transition to school and we all have an awesome time as we get out in our local community.

Over the last month or so we have been buddy reading with the new entrants children from Havelock school, every second week we alternate from preschool to school. Miss Brown.

Paua Iti

As we have more and more tamariki join our wonderful little pre-school our Paua Iti group continues to grow, making our group a nui (big) group of 24 tamariki. With this increase of numbers we have decided to split into rua (two) groups – the Paua Iti 1 group with Miss Megan and the Paua Iti 2 group with Miss Amber. Over the last month we have had an abundance of creepy crawlies being brought in which has made for some very interesting whariki (mat) times, and has stemmed lots of interest into our garden area as well as creating fun insect/animal movements which leads onto our next focus. Moving on into this month (April) the Paua Iti 1 groups' main focus will be Waiata puoro kanikani (music and movement) where we plan to learn lots of new waiata and keep active, and the Paua Iti 2 groups' focus will be Mahi Māra (gardening) where they plan to do lots of exploring and creative fun. Megan and Amber.

Pipi

Kia ora koutou! Poutūterangi (March) has been another busy month in the Pipi Room. We've had some new friends join us this month as well, so we've been spending lots of time forming caring and friendly relationships, and learning new routines and rituals.

Our 'older' tamariki are always very interested in their 'new' friends, and we just love watching the changing dynamics in the room, and seeing how caring and helpful everyone is to our newbies. Our interest in puzzles has continued, and ngā tamariki are just loving anything that requires them to really use their fine motor skills – this has extended to include scissors, using tweezers, and the crowd favourite – sorting shapes.

Outside, we are seeing lots of physical exploration and play – our tamariki are really growing in their body control and confidence, and we just love seeing how they set their own challenges and drive their own learning and development in this area.

Over the past few weeks, we've been noticing a strong new interest in transport, vehicles, and movement – both inside and out. Bikes, trains, diggers, cars, and loaders are all very popular at the moment, and it's so neat to see how this interest is scaffolding and supporting new relationships and friendships among ngā tamariki, at the same time as it provokes their curiosity and their exploration.

Phew, busy or what! Bring on Paengawhāwhā (April) – there's lots more learning to come! – Jessie & Ange.

