

PELORUS COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

NEWSLETTER—MARCH 2017



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Welcome to our March newsletter. Autumn is upon us, however, it feels like we've finally got summer! The chilly mornings are a reminder that autumn is here and with daylight saving ending on Sunday 2nd April we will be sure to notice a change of season.

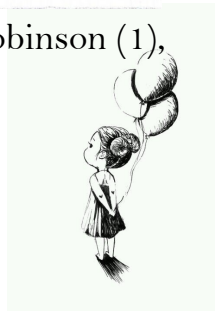
We would like to welcome the following children and their families to our preschool; Jack Thompson, Leela Saunderson and Dani Grenfell to the Pipi room and Jake Thompson and Lauren Ratahi-Joyce to the Paua room. We are certain you will enjoy your time at our preschool. We also welcome back Elgin Ng, after his extended trip overseas—your friends are very happy to have you back at preschool Elgin!

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



For March we would like to wish a very happy birthday to Louie King (3), Hunter Robinson (1), Ray Keenan (5), Rosie Baillie (4), Callan Campbell (5) and Keira Grenfell (5).

We wish you all a very special day.



Congratulations to Jessie for attaining her full teacher registration recently.

VISION & HEARING TESTING

Jacqui Hitchcock is the Vision and Hearing Technician from Public Health/NMDHB based in Blenheim. She will be visiting us on **Thursday 16 March at 9.30am** to carry out testing on a small group of 4 year olds, as part of the B4 School Check process. Parents of children to be tested have been notified. If you have any questions relating to this, please do not hesitate to have a chat with Leigh.

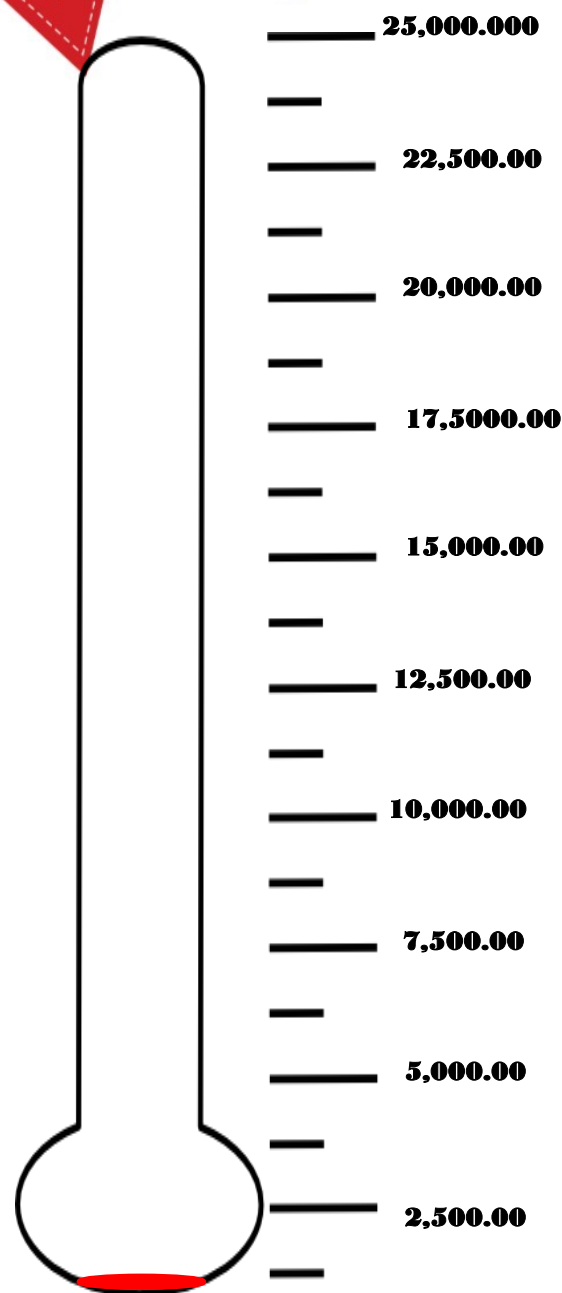


Havelock Theatre Fundraising

Thanks again to those who supported the preschool in this successful fundraising event. We managed to raise \$1,011.01—a great outcome! We thank those parents again who donated time and baking, it sure made a difference to the outcome.

This will be put towards Stage 3 of the playground redevelopment.

We are currently forming a sub-committee to take control of the Stage 3 playground redevelopment. We will keep you up to date with progress.



With live music and entertainment, delicious food, fine local beer, wine and seafood taking centre stage, this is set to be a cracker day for the whole family at the Havelock Domain. The festival has always been a great family day out. For Mum and Dad there's plenty going on: cooking demonstrations, market stalls, industry displays, music and the festival's first ever "Beer University". For the kids there's a heap of activities and entertainment including Adam Allsorts the clown, Dragon Uke duo, Laser Tag, a climbing wall, and in the NIWA kids zone there's face painting, mussel shell decorating and loads more.

Bonjour whanau!



What an exciting month we've had with everyone getting into the swing of the new routine of focus times. The children have adapted really well and love being part of their own special little group where they learn alongside others in the same stage of development. As we now have 3 'groups' of children at PCP the way we write the newsletter will be slightly different with a report on each group being included every month. See below for the first lot of reports. We have also started up our 'Daily blurb' book, this is a book we have with photos of the activities we have done every day for the week, it lives on top of the lunchbox shelf – make sure you check it out and see just how busy your little tamariki have been!

Paua Nui

We have had a very busy few weeks learning about each other as we work through our 'All about me' focus. The tamariki have been busy writing their own name labels for their bags, sharing their interests and favourite things with each other – this has included lots of talk about whanau and who we have in our whanau at home, what sort of things we like doing at home with our whanau, the things we can already do and things we want to learn how to do and also areas we want to learn more about at pre-school.

We also include a game in every focus time where the focus is on listening to and following instructions, being involved, working together as a team, perseverance and being competitive while also learning about fair play and winning and losing. The tamariki have really enjoyed getting out and about to the school courts and field to learn how to play Line tag, races and follow the leader. We look forward to learning a few more games in the coming month. We have a few school leavers heading off to Havelock, Rai Valley and Linkwater schools in the next few weeks so we will also be getting out and about as we tag along for some school visits with our buddies... fun times ahead! - Heather & Lisa

Paua Iti

We have been exploring the natural environment through bug hunts, animal books, games and pet visits! We have been focusing on our listening skills and ability to follow instructions through participation and working within the group to collect and observe bugs and insects and learn about the different aspects bugs and animals bring to our learning.

Through our recent bug hunts we have been collecting numerous cicada's and their shells, caterpillars, beetles, worms, stick insects, ants, aphids, and even cockroaches. We have been looking at these and describing the different colours, textures and abilities these insects have, we also discuss our own interactions with insects in our homes and community.

As our interest evolved we have been learning new movements that reflect different 'creatures' to support active movement. This takes a lot of concentration as they co-ordinate their body parts and balance as they move around... the tamariki have been doing really well! Spider/pungawerewere and butterflies/purerehua body shapes have been the favourite so far. Ask them to show you some of their awesome body shapes. Paua iti have also been loving the games, our favourites are "Bears like honey", "Doggy, doggy where's your bone" and "Duck, duck, goose". The tamariki enjoy getting active and learning about listening to instructions within these fun musical games. - Megan & Amber



Pipi

February has been a very busy month in the Pipi Room! We've been lucky enough to have had 6 new tamariki join us, so we've been spending a lot of time getting to know one another, learning new routines and rituals, and working hard to create a safe and welcoming space for all. We've had two major interests, in puzzles and in music, that have been shared by all the tamariki, and so we've done a lot of work around supporting and extending these. We've been fortunate to have had some new instruments and puzzles, and these have kept everyone busy as they've used their curiosity and their perseverance to figure out "what" these are and "how" they work. We've had lots of exploration, experimentation and figuring things out going on – some really awesome learning through play! We've also been having lots of opportunities to practice and develop our fine motor and hand-eye coordination skills, as we've been figuring out and manipulating new puzzles, locks, blocks and heuristic play resources. - Ange & Jessie



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND *Wine* & CHEESE

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2017—7pm

To be held at the premises of Pelorus Community Preschool at 49 Main Road, Havelock.

AGENDA

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, Matters arising, Governance & Chairperson Report, Financial Report, Senior Teacher Report, Election of Board Members, Appointment of Auditor, Farewell of exiting Board Members.

Come along and support our AGM, meet with other parents, Teachers and Board Members, enjoy a glass of wine and a cheese platter.

WINZ Childcare Subsidy

Childcare subsidy is offered by WINZ and is a payment that helps families with the cost of pre-school childcare. This subsidy is not **offered** by the preschool unlike the 20 hours ECE, and is the **full responsibility of the parent**. We hold forms on behalf of WINZ, however, all forms are available on the WINZ website. We would be happy to arrange a parent evening with WINZ to further inform parents.

Who can get it

You may get a Childcare Subsidy if:

- *you're the main carer of a dependent child*
- *you're a NZ citizen or permanent resident*
- *your family is on a low or middle income*

The child must be:

under five years old (or under six years old if you get a Child Disability Allowance for them)
attending an approved early childhood programme for three or more hours per week

Hours paid for

A Childcare Subsidy is normally paid for up to nine hours of childcare a week if you're not working, studying or training.

You may be able to get up to 50 hours a week if you're in one of these situations:

- *working, studying or on an approved training course*
- *involved in an activity that Work and Income has asked you to do*
a shift worker who works nights
- *seriously ill or disabled*
- *caring for a child in hospital or for a child you get the Disability Allowance for.*

In most cases you can't get the Childcare Subsidy for more than nine hours a week if the child's other parent or caregiver can care for them.

Families getting 20 hours ECE can't get the Childcare Subsidy for the same hours.

How much can you get

This depends on the size of your family, your income and how many hours a week your child goes to the childcare provider. Childcare assistance starts from the date the care starts (or from the date you apply if you apply after it starts). All subsidies are paid directly to the childcare provider.

If you get childcare payments for your child there are things you need to tell us so we can continue to pay your childcare and make sure we're paying the correct rate.

Changes in your circumstances

If you're receiving childcare for your child and there's been a change in your circumstances, such as your income or your partner's income, a child comes into or out of your care, or your childcare arrangements, you need to let us know straight away.

What you need to tell us about:

- *your income or your partners income changes*
the number of hours you or your partner work, train or study each week changes
- *your child stops attending childcare*
- *your child moves to another childcare provider*
- *there's a change to the number of hours your child attends childcare*
- *your relationship status changes, eg you become single or are now in a relationship*
- *you have another child*
- *a child is no longer in your care*
- *you child starts or stops receiving 20 hours ECE*
- *you want to have another child in childcare*

Confirm your childcare every year (0-4 years)

If you want to keep getting a Childcare Subsidy for your child you need to confirm that with us every 52 weeks by completing a Childcare Subsidy review form. This also applies if your child is 0-6 years old and you're receiving a Child Disability Allowance.

Stop childcare

Tell us straight away if you're no longer eligible to get childcare payments.

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY RATES 4 APRIL 2016

No of children in the family	Family's weekly income before tax	Subsidy (per hour) per child
1	Less than \$800.00	\$5.00
	\$800.00 to \$1199.99	\$4.00
	\$1200.00 to \$1299.99	\$2.79
	\$1300.00 to \$1399.99	\$1.55
	\$1400.00+	No Subsidy
2	Less than \$920.00	\$5.00
	\$920.00 to \$1379.99	\$4.00
	\$1380.00 to \$1489.99	\$2.79
	\$1490.00 to \$1599.99	\$1.55
	\$1600.00+	No Subsidy
3 or more	Less than \$1030.00	\$5.00
	\$1030.00 to \$1539.99	\$4.00
	\$1540.00 to \$1669.99	\$2.79
	\$1670.00 to \$1799.99	\$1.55
	\$1800.00+	No Subsidy

ENQUIRIES 0800 774 004

Go to this website:

<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/on-a-benefit/childcare/index.html>