

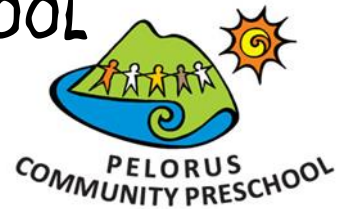
PELORUS COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

NEWSLETTER—OCTOBER 2017



Tena koutou, tena koutou,

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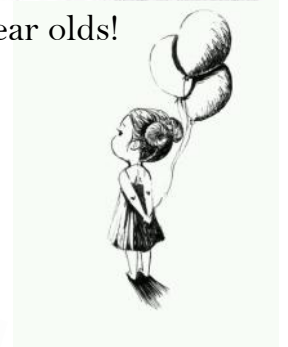
Welcome to our October newsletter. This month we welcome Ruby Roche and her family to the Paua room. We are sure you will enjoy your time at our preschool. Can Parents please ensure a change of clothes is packed in your child's bag. As the weather gets warmer the children will be involved with more water play and a change of clothes is very helpful.

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



For October we would like to wish a very happy birthday to a bunch of 5 year olds!

Stella-Grace Johnson (5), Anne-Maire Illsley-Slape (5), Paige Todd (5) and Sophie Thompson (5).



We wish you all a very special day.



sunhats a must!
october-march

Particular care is taken between October and April (between 10am and 4pm) when UV levels reach their peak. We will enforce a 'No hat, No outside' rule for all staff and children who attend Pelorus Community Preschool during these months. If a child refuses to wear a sun smart hat whilst outside they are to remain inside in the shade. Sun hats and protective clothing are to be supplied for each child by the parent/caregiver/whānau. Parents are expected to apply sunscreen to their child prior to starting their preschool session. For full time children sunscreen will be applied after lunch by a staff member who will sign the sunscreen form. Parents are welcome to supply their own sunscreen for their child if they do not wish for them to have the PCP supplied sunscreen used on their child. Parents are asked for permission for the staff to apply sunscreen on their child on the enrolment form. The preschool will make use of natural and artificial shade areas available for activities during the time the sun's rays are most harmful. Children must cover their shoulders and always wear a t-shirt. T-shirts must be worn under shoe string strap dresses.



fundraising

'fʌndˌreɪzɪŋ/

noun

1. the seeking of financial support for a charity, cause, or other enterprise.

“a new development direct in charge of fundraising”

adjective

1. seeking to generate financial support for a charity, cause, or other enterprise.

“a fundraising campaign”

The process of gathering voluntary contributions of time, money or other resources. It typically refers to efforts to gather money for non-profit organisations.

The fundraising account sits at \$25,609.71

Stage 3 Playground Redevelopment

The Pipi playground is having a little revamp with tiger turf to be installed where the existing black mats are. In the Paua playground the deck area above the sandpit will be built and the top end tidied up ready for planting.

UPCOMING EVENTS. . .

..it's all happening in November!!

KAITUNA RIDGES RAMBLE

25 NOVEMBER 2017

We need a volunteer to take on the food stall and various other areas. We need people to register and we haven't forgotten the kids—check out the Ratbag's Ramble—an orienteering map finding course.

HAVLEOCK BONFIRE NIGHT

AT NEWTON'S FARM

FRIDAY 3 NOV (POSTPONEMENT DATE SUN 5 NOV)

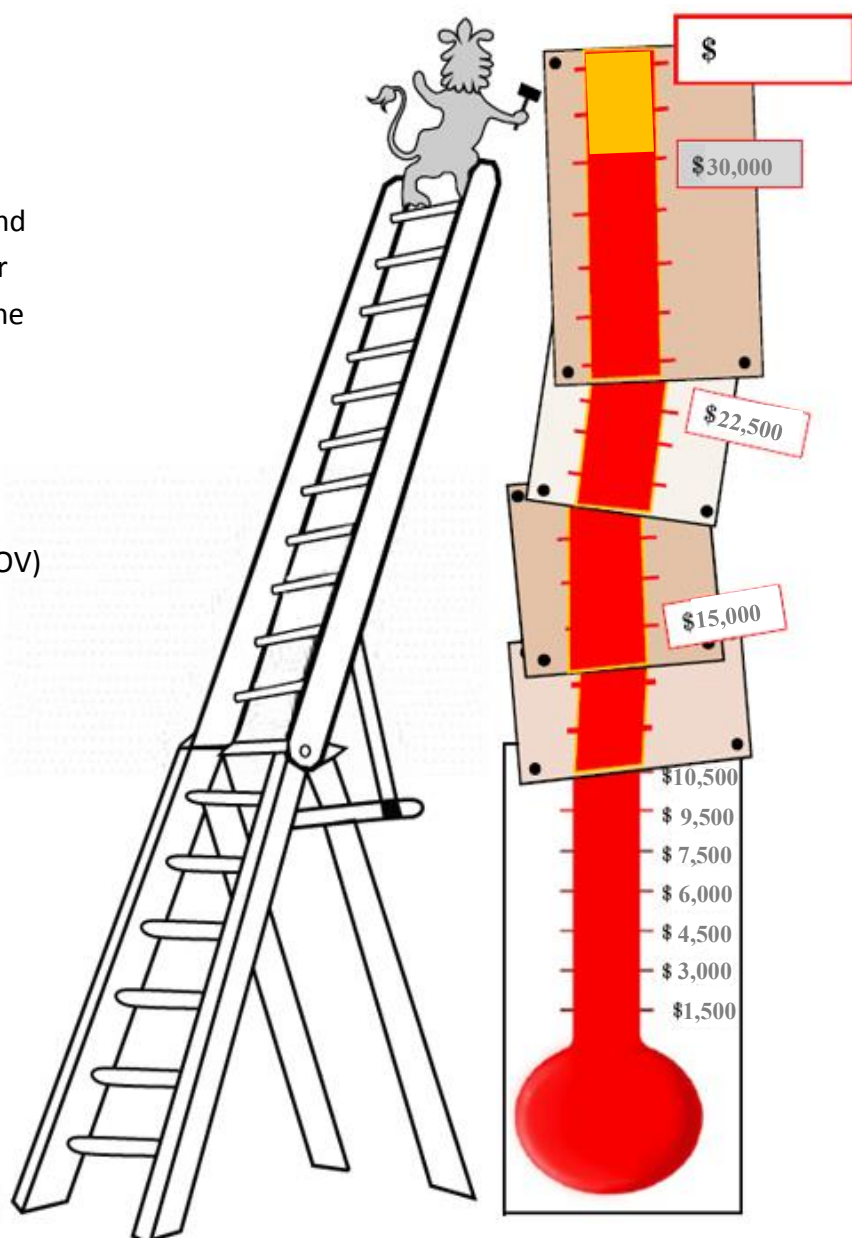
We will be holding our “pulled pork” food stall and will need helpers to assist the staff with serving.

PELORUS MAILBOAT COOKIES

NOVEMBER TO MARCH

We require bakers to bake cookies one Tuesday per month. Recipes and cookie dimensions are already set, we just need you to bake and seal them! See foyer for more info.

Please talk to Leigh if you can help with any of the above.



farewell Miss megan

Kia ora Everyone

It is with mixed emotions that I have handed in my resignation at PCP. Although I have loved working alongside both the awesome staff and all of the wonderful tamariki, I have been given the opportunity to work closer to home which allows me to spend more time with my own family. I just wanted to say a huge thank you to Heather and the board for giving me the opportunity to work in such a great close knit community where I have felt both welcomed and supported throughout my time here and I feel very lucky to have been able to make some great relationships with some pretty cool people! I will finish my 4 week placement and return to PCP for just one more week (25th - 29th September) before starting my next wee chapter at Te Kupenga Preschool.



introducing... Josh



Tena Koutou o nga Kaiako o te Kohungahunga te Hoiere.
Ko Joshua Marangai McKay toku ingoa o te iwi Ngati Kuia tenei.

I am very excited to be joining the PCP whanau as I am really passionate about teaching and the Pelorus region. I have been working at a centre in Blenheim for the last couple of years but really wanted to be out in the Pelorus Community. I have a Bachelor of Education and am currently working towards being a Certificated Early Childhood Teacher. I have a very positive outlook on life and loads of energy and passion in my job.

As an early childhood teacher, I endeavour to support children holistically as competent and confident learners and communicators, healthy in mind, body, spirit, secure in their sense of belonging and in the knowledge that they will make a valued contribution to society – Te Whariki (Ministry of Education 1996). I have a strong belief in te reo me ona tikanga Māori which motivates my commitment to a bi-cultural curriculum and learning environment.

I believe that whānau play the major role in the life of the child and intrinsic in connecting relations across the sectors of education and community. I believe in providing a safe but challenging environment where children can explore the world and all it has to offer. Not only do I challenge children but I like to play alongside them and have fun. I have a love for the outdoors, sports, arts and I love to share my passion through my work.

I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.



We will be getting our 2 baby bunnies at preschool in a few weeks time. EXCITING!!



Miss Amber has 4 baby bunnies (6 weeks old) for sale.

\$45 each—please see Leigh if you are interested.



Malo e lelei whānau!

Well - I've been back for a month already, where did that time go! It's been really great seeing everyone again and getting familiar with the new tamariki and whānau. I have missed you all!! The children have welcomed both Isabella and I with open arms and always ask where she is if I leave her at home with grandma ... it's nice to feel so loved! I'd like to say a massive thank-you to Miss Brown, Leigh and the team for doing such an awesome job while I was on maternity leave...it's just like I never left!

Over the last month we have had a few changes in our Playground environment. We have had a few working Bee's with some amazing work being done by some very dedicated and hard working preschool parents, thanks in particular to Kahlia Hutchison and Vicky Thompson for co-ordinating these days and 'making it happen' we really do appreciate it very much! You will have noticed our sandpit has been moved over and refilled with new softer sand – YAY! And we also have a new garden area with a little bridge for the children to explore on. Our outdoor environment is still a work in progress and the next stage will be getting new tiger turf in the Pipi play area and developing the mound above the sandpit, which should be completed before summer! So watch this space, it is all very exciting!

Another change we've had which is pretty sad is that Miss Megan is leaving us. We will miss her dearly as she is such an awesome, fun loving and energetic teacher with so much passion and enthusiasm, but we know she needs to put her family needs first and be a bit closer to home. We wish her all the best in her next teaching position. This is a sad change for the preschool but also very exciting as we gain another very passionate, fun and eager teacher into our preschool whānau. We are thrilled to welcome Josh McKay to the teaching team and can't wait for everyone to meet him. He will start with us on Monday – so make sure you say hi and make him feel very welcome.

You will have noticed Miss Amber is not around at the moment - she is currently completing her final placement for the year as part of her studies and is teaching out in Seddon for 5 weeks. She will be back on Tuesday 24th October. Miss Amber P has also finished her time with PCP as she was covering my maternity leave, we will still see her around on the odd occasion as she is still on our relievers list.

With all the changes happening we will also be reviewing and revising some of our whānau groups as we have a new teacher and a few new children. Focus time has been a bit sporadic this month with Miss Megan and Amber away so we have spent a lot of time working together as a big group which has been fun! Our focus groups will also be reviewed and children moved up as space allows. We will contact everyone via Storypark with the new whānau groups and teachers in the coming days. These will also be put up in the preschool for those of you who are not using Storypark.

Don't forget its Miss Megan's last day today – so pop along to preschool for a special farewell afternoon tea if you have the time. I hope everyone has an awesome weekend and we'll see you all next week!

*Malo au pito
Heather Robson
Senior Teacher*



**Havelock School Pet Day & Spring Festival—Wednesday 18 October
(postponement Thursday 19 October)**



We will be entering the pet rock & sand painting/art competition. We will be creating these works of art over the coming weeks before we hand them in for judging on Tuesday 17 October. We have a few pamphlets with more information regarding this event in the foyer.



Taiopenga Multi-cultural Festival—Wednesday 25 October—Blenheim

We are attending with our Kapa Haka group made up of some of the older children. We're just in the process of getting our uniforms made—watch that space! Come along and support our tamariki as they shine on stage!



Havelock Bonfire Night—Friday 3 November (postponement Sun 5 November)

Great community event that's fun for all the family, food stalls, games, fireworks display and bonfire. The staff will be running our "pulled pork" food stall as we did last year and will need a few volunteers to help on the stall.



TEACHER ONLY DAY—Friday 17 November—Preschool closed

The teaching staff will be attending a Natural Phenomena Conference in Whangarei from Friday to Sunday.



Children's Christmas Concert—Tuesday 28 November

The children will be performing their annual Christmas concert. A family event, further details at a later date.



Last day of preschool for 2017—Thursday 21 December

The year is zooming by! Preschool will re-open on Thursday 11 January 2018. As each year comes to a close, we ask for parents to help with end of year cleaning jobs. We will put a cleaning list up in the foyer closer to the time.

Policy review... Complaints Procedure, Fees, Sun Safety

Don't forget to have a read through the policies we are currently reviewing, they are in the foyer of PCP as well as on Storypark. Please share your feedback with us either in person, on Storypark or on the form below the policies in the foyer. Whānau input and ideas are always sought and we really do value your feedback. These policies will be passed in October at the Board Meeting.