

# March 2013



Kia ora, Konichiwa, Talofa and Hello to everyone,

## WELCOME



We would like to welcome Micah Dunn, Brock Valli-Crown and Chloe Sellers to our morning sessions and Harvey Cooper, Aiza-Lyna Lolohea, Connor Mason, Locky McDonald and Charlotte McCashin to our afternoon sessions. We are sure that you will enjoy your time here with us.

## GOODBYE



Sadly we will soon be saying goodbye to Jack Hay and Amiria Lynch who will both be turning five and beginning their journey through school. Thank you to their families for all the help and support they have given during their child's time at Kindergarten.



## NEW CELL PHONE Add us to your contacts! **027 521 4224**

We have a new cell phone that Lynette will be keeping beside her unless we are taking it with us on an excursion. This should make it easier for you to contact us and visa versa. Please feel free to txt or call us with absences etc!

## PROGRAMME *What learning's happening for your child?*

Planning is well underway for our 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations with children learning some 'old' songs to sing as well as new words to their favourite party song of "We Will Rock you." Please refer to the attached information notice to see what is happening on the day.

- Supporting and extending children's fundamental skills (eg jumping, hopping, balancing) to help children's readiness for more formal learning at school, particularly reading and writing. Lee Corlett, in his monthly sessions, helps guide and inspire the children and us as well. Team games every Tuesday and daily challenge courses allow children to practice and consolidate their skills. We are impressed by how many children's skills have improved over the past four weeks, particularly with hopping and crossing the midline activities.
- Developing familiarity with routines, regular events and relationships is another focus of our programme with so many new children at both sessions.

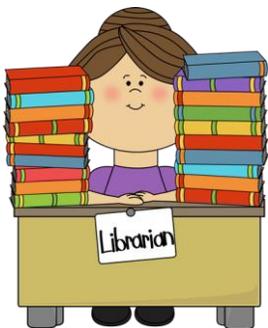
- Due to having many younger children in our afternoon session we are working on developing their independence and self care skills. At the same time we are fostering 'tuakana teina' relationships, where the older children support the younger ones.
- Our integration of Te Reo in our programme is increasing all the time and we are proud of the courage and confidence that our children are showing by getting up and saying their mihimihi. A beautiful piece of pounamu (green stone) has been gifted to us from one of our families, Rychis Dawn and Adriana Weepu. Adriana found the pounamu when she was seven years old, in her river, the Arahura, on the West coast. This will be used now as our 'talking stone' when children stand and say their mihimihi and will be a taonga (treasure) of our centre.
- Children's interest in gardening had a boost last week when Bunnings kindly came and did a vegetable garden make-over with the children and also donated a leaf blower to us. Check out our gardens-they look amazing and we look forward to cooking what we harvest from it in a few months. Already this term children have enjoyed picking, eating and cooking the apples, plums and pears from our trees and have just started harvesting our grapes.



### Reminders - Nits

*Nits are about so please check your child's hair on a regular basis and remind them to wear only their hat, which needs to be clearly named.*

### LIBRARIAN



Megan Gibbons has kindly volunteered to be our am librarian but it would be great to have someone to help her too, especially as her daughter will be starting school in May, so we will need someone to take over the role. See Lynette or a teacher if you can help out. It doesn't take much time at the end of a Thursday morning.

Another librarian is also needed for the afternoon session.

## TRIKE-A-THON



Thanks for supporting the trike-a-thon. It was a great family evening and the children did so well showing perseverance and determination as they scooted or pedalled their way around the course.

We would really appreciate all the sponsorship money to be in by the end of the week.

## BENGE & CO GREENGROCERS



We have a partnership with Benge & Co Greengrocers where if any of our families or friends spends more than \$15 on fruit or vegetables, we get 5% cash back. We use these funds to buy equipment and ingredients for our cooking programme. There is a container by the sign in sheets for you to put any receipts in.

## DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Kindergarten 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration  
End of term one

### **Term dates for 2013**

Term One	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan – 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Term Two	8 <sup>th</sup> May – 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Term Three	29 <sup>th</sup> July – 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Term Four	14 <sup>th</sup> October – 20 <sup>th</sup> December

Thanks, Sue, Kay, Toshi, Karen, Bruce & Lynette

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **STOKE SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB 2013**



We are aiming to get the breakfast club underway for the remainder of the year starting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We need kind volunteers for this to go ahead. Lynette Nalder has offered to facilitate this year and if you feel you could come along for an hour once a week from 8am to 9am to help prepare, serve and clean up for the children **please** phone Lynette on 547 2103 or ph/text 027 473 4406 asap to nominate your chosen day. Lynette has Grandchildren at Stoke School so perhaps there may be other Grandparents who feel they could help also.



## **Stoke Kindergarten's celebration of 60 years Friday March 22nd.**

### **Morning Tea.**

Morning and afternoon parents are invited to a special morning tea from 10.30 to 11.30. We will be joined by some Kensington Court residents, some ex Kindergarten pupils from Stoke and Enner Glynn School, and a few of the older children from Stoke Kohanga reo and Kiwi Treasures.

Our children will welcome them and sing a few of the songs they have been practicing. That will be followed by cutting the cake (made by Krystel Lynch), and then morning tea. We will provide a healthy morning tea for all the children and we would appreciate if those parents coming could help out by bringing a plate of food to share for the adults bearing in mind that we have a healthy food policy, plus we have found over the years that food such as sandwiches, muffins, asparagus rolls etc are usually the most popular as opposed to lots of sweet food. We will put a list out for you to put your name down if you are coming and if you can help out with food.

After morning tea we will have the blessing of a special boulder, engraved to commemorate sixty years, followed by our ex Kindergarten parent Kath Bee who will entertain the children with a music session.

### **Drinks and nibbles**

From 5.30 to 7.30 we will celebrate with ex kindergarten parents, pupils (adults), and teachers with a few drinks and nibbles and lots of reminiscing about the old days. Krystel is kindly making another cake for the occasion. You are all welcome to join us for this event too. It is \$10 a head.

Please let us know and pay by the end of this week for catering purposes.

If anyone could provide some flowers for the tables, please let us know.

Thanks

Sue, Kay, Toshi and Karen