



**Puketapu Preschool**

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## PUKETAPU PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019

Dear Parents and Whanau

Happy New Year and welcome back to all our Preschool Families, we hope that you have all had a lovely holiday and are all ready for another great year of learning and fun at Preschool.

### Farewell

At the end of last year we said farewell to Meela Allport, Jonty Beetham and Aria Mackenzie. We wish you all happy school days!

### Public Forum

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm at Puketapu School Hall

By now you will have all seen the flyer advertising and inviting you to attend the Public Forum on Monday evening. The forum will include information and discussion on the proposed operational models currently being considered by the Preschool Executive Committee. Please come along, listen and ask questions. It is important that all of our families participate in this consultation meeting about the future of our preschool community.

### Term dates

Term 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> February – 12<sup>th</sup> April

### Staffing

#### Joanna Norris

Sadly, it will be Jo's last day at Preschool on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Jo has been with us for just over a year and has become a very special part of our teaching team and Preschool. She is an amazing teacher and we are all really going to miss her smiley face and her gentle approach with the children. Jo is looking for a job that is closer to home and she is looking forward to spending more time with her family. Goodluck Jo and thank you for all the time and effort you have put into teaching the children at Preschool.

#### Virginia Wilson

We are pleased to welcome Virginia to our teaching team. She will be relieving at Preschool after Jo finishes. Her first day at Preschool will be 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Please make Virginia feel welcome.

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Virginia's bio:

*"Hi my name is Virginia and I am the mother of 3 children. I have been involved in Early Childhood education for nearly 30 years now. I have been part of the Puketapu Community for nearly 10 years and love the rural strong community spirit of this area.*

*I strongly believe that the pre-school years are a partnership between the teachers, parents and community to ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach for the stars and meet their own full potential. I am excited to be able to have this opportunity to work alongside a wonderful professional team in a community based centre that is dedicated to supporting the tamariki to become competent, confident learners".*

### Things to note

- **Toys from home**

Please keep home toys for home, except on news day. Thanks so much.

- **Mat-time**

Our end of the day mat time is a special time for the children and the teachers. Please can you respect this time by keeping nice and quiet! Thank you.

- **Art and Profile books**

We have moved the art box and the profile books to the end of preschool by the couch for your convenience. Please empty your child's art from time to time. We file the children's art each day so you will find their precious art in the art box the following day (to save you hunting around at the end of the day.) Please feel free to use the couch to look at your child's profile books with your child, they are very proud of them.

- **Sickness and Holidays**

If your child is going to be away on holiday or if they are sick, please could you let us know by phoning 845 0937 and leaving a message or by emailing [headteacher@puketapupreschool.co.nz](mailto:headteacher@puketapupreschool.co.nz) Thank you.

See you all at the Public Forum on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm

Many thanks,

Lyn, Rachel, Jo, Zoe and The Committee