



**Puketapu Preschool**

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## PUKETAPU PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 2019

Dear Parents and Whanau

### **Welcome**

We welcome George Symonds, Tegan Allport, Lopez Carney and Beauden Currie who are starting Preschool. Welcome to you all. We hope you enjoy your time here at Preschool.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to Virginia's whanau for the new bird feeder that they have made and installed in the garden.

Thank you also to Scott's grandad for installing our slide. This officially completes the huge transformation of our outdoor play space that has been undertaken over the last few years.

Thank you also to the Smith family who gave us a plant voucher so we could purchase the plants around this area.

### **Accounts**

You should be receiving an account every week on Wednesday from the preschool, even if you have nothing to pay. If you are not receiving an account please let our treasurer, Sunshine, know as you are probably missing out on other important emails as well. [accounts@puketapupreschool.co.nz](mailto:accounts@puketapupreschool.co.nz)

### **Digital Sign-In**

The preschool will be transitioning to a digital sign-in system from next week. This new digital system will remove a lot of manual administration work. It will also allow us to better meet the Ministry of Education's (MOE's) audit requirements by having accurate time stamps on children being signed in and out.

There will be a tablet on the sign-in desk for you to use to sign your child in. You should have received an email with a unique PIN number that you will need to do this. If you have not received your PIN please contact Sunshine at [accounts@puketapupreschool.co.nz](mailto:accounts@puketapupreschool.co.nz).

We receive funding from the MOE based on the time that your child is actually present at preschool (in 15 minute increments). Therefore it's very important that you sign your child in as soon as you arrive so that we don't miss out on any funding.

You will also be asked once a week to sign a form confirming the hours that your child is booked into the preschool, this is an MOE requirement.

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### **Holiday Opening**

The preschool was open for the first time over the school holidays recently. The kids had a great time creating and exploring with Virginia and Tanya. Later in the term we will be asking you to indicate which days you will be wanting to use during the October school holidays.

### **General Meeting**

A quarterly general meeting of the preschool will be held at the preschool at 7:30pm on Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup>. All welcome.

### **Trivia Night**

Our annual trivia night and auction will be running again this year with Mindy Windross and Emma Tuck at the helm. Look out for more about this shortly.

### **A few thinks to note**

- Please could you all save your boxes for the collage area. We go through so many and the children really enjoy creating with them. Thank you.
- We have been talking to the children about healthy food choices for lunch boxes and using less plastic in our lunch boxes, thank you to all parents who are taking this on board, the rubbish in our lunch boxes is reducing, good work!!
- Just a friendly reminder about all the bugs and germs that are around at the moment. If your child is unwell with either a high fever, rash, conjunctivitis, diarrhoea or vomiting, a green nose, persistent cough or they need pain relief, they are required to stay home until they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours. This applies to all teachers as well. The Ministry of Health provides these guidelines to centres to ensure all our children are kept safe and healthy. The 48 hour rule is in place to ensure minimal spreading of germs between both children and staff. Please do not hesitate to ring if you do have concerns in regards to this.

### **Many thanks,**

Lyn, Virginia, Zoe and The Committee