



**Puketapu Preschool**

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## PUKETAPU PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER September 2019

Dear Parents, Families and Whanau,

Welcome to Drew Currie who has started at Preschool last week. We hope you enjoy your time at Preschool. We look forward to getting to know you and your family. Farewell to Daisy Mackie and Euan Hartley who have moved onto Puketapu School to continue their learning journey.

### **Teacher Vacancy**

A new teacher has been appointed. Sarah Dodd is a hugely experienced early childhood teacher. Sarah will be joining our teaching team on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. We are very excited to have filled this role, we know that you will all make her feel very welcome.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Tanya who has been relieving for us since Rachel left. Tanya's last day will be Thursday this week.

### **Next Preschool Meeting**

The next Preschool Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm here at Preschool. All Welcome. The minutes of the last meeting are on the Preschool Notice Board for all to read.

### **2018 Financial Result**

The Preschool's audited financials for the year ending 31 December 2018 are now available. The preschool produced a deficit for the year of \$88.

Our public financial disclosure can be found on the charities website at <https://register.charities.govt.nz> under charity number CC26723 . If you would like the full financials please email [chairperson@puketapupreschool.co.nz](mailto:chairperson@puketapupreschool.co.nz)

### **School Holidays**

School Holidays will be here before we know it. You have the option of taking a break from Preschool and not being charged during these two weeks. However, for funding reasons breaks will need to be taken in full weeks. ie: Your child can be

- Away for week one
- Away for week two
- Away for both weeks
- Attend as normal

There is also the option of your child attending for extra days during the holidays where spaces permit, please speak to Lyn if you would like extra days. There will be a list on the sign-in desk for you to indicate what your family will be doing. We would appreciate you letting us know ASAP. Thank you.

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## **The Preschool Disco**

The Preschool Disco will be held at 5.30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at the Preschool. Tickets are \$10 each including light dinner for children and parents. Siblings up to ten years are welcome to attend too. Tickets can be paid for in cash or by depositing into the Preschool fundraising account. Please note that this account is a different account suffix to the account that you pay your fees into: 12-3144-0103344-01. If you have any spare paper plates, cups or napkins left over from parties, these would be appreciated for the disco.

## **Washing Machine**

We are looking to install a washing machine at Preschool so our washing can be done on site. Do you have one you no longer need? This would be an amazing donation for us to receive.

## **Funding**

We rely on Ministry of Education Funding to run the Preschool. We are funded in 15 minute increments so if you are constantly 15 minutes late signing your child in this reduces the income that the Preschool receives. To help with this, please sign your child in as soon as you arrive at Preschool.

## **Play ball**

Play ball is coming to Preschool on the 16<sup>th</sup> September in the afternoon. They are offering us two sessions free. It is a sport and movement program designed specifically for Preschoolers. The Coaches get the children moving and enjoying themselves whilst learning new skills.

Many thanks,

Lyn, Virginia, Zoe and the Preschool Committee



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### **Givealittle page for Allana**

Allana is one of our lovely Mums. Please help her if you can. Thank you.

Renal Papillary Cancer - rare, aggressive, non-funded. Allana, just turned 29, single mother of 3, Stage 4 diagnosis.



Allana is an amazing mum to three beautiful girls, Ava aged nine, Kora six, and little Ana who is four. As you can imagine, life as a solo mother keeps her on her toes coupled with working part time for the NZ Police Force. In March 2019 Allana was diagnosed with Papillary Renal Cancer, Stage 2. Major surgery followed to remove her left kidney which a section of the growth had attached itself to.

Unfortunately, her most recent results came as a shock.... the cancer has returned to the same area; however, it is now at Stage 4! To make matters worse, due to the rarity of this cancer it attracts no funding....at all...even though it is an aggressive cancer! Chemotherapy is not effective for this type of cancer and surgery is not an option either.... there is only one avenue with no alternative, a daily tablet called "Sunitinib" at a cost of NZ\$10,760.00 for 28 days. This is cycled at 28 days on, 14 days off. This treatment is purely about containment of the cancer...to prevent it spreading. Affording Allana quality time to spend on her girls.

So, this plea is two sided.... the practical need to cover her medical expenses is the biggest factor.... the family's reserves will last another 12 weeks before being exhausted. Secondary to her medical costs, is the desire to send Allana and the girls on a holiday whilst she has the relative 'health' to do so. A trip to the Gold Coast is being considered.

This is not a request we make lightly; we do understand that everyone has their own personal circumstances to tend to so we truly appreciate any amount you can spare.

The link to the give a little page is on the Preschool Face book page.