

Parent Newsletter/Panui

June/Hune 2016

Talofa lava, Kia Ora, Hello & Bonjour...and welcome to our new families/whānau

Matariki Celebrations at Crèche

Matariki signals the coming of the Māori New Year. It is a time for whānau to come together to celebrate where we come from, the year that has passed, and the year to come.



Children will be involved in a number of activities to celebrate Matariki over the month of June.

“Once in a Full Moon” Puppet Show – 22 June

This year we have invited the String Bean Puppet company to come to the Crèche for a special Matariki puppet show. The show is booked for the **Wednesday 22nd June at 11.00 am** at the Crèche.



String Bean Puppets is a Wellington puppet company dedicated to sharing the wonder and magic of puppetry. Anna Bailey is a travelling puppeteer and as well as performing locally in a variety of settings she has travelled extensively overseas to Street Theatre Festivals, Puppet festivals, Children’s Theatre Festivals and Fringe Festivals.

N.B If your child does not usually attend Crèche on a Wednesday you are welcome to bring them along, but you will need to ensure they are accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

Crèche Whānau Matariki/ Cultural Dinner – 1 July

All families/whānau are invited to come and share a meal together to celebrate the Māori new year on Friday 1st July. Please bring some food to share, and something to drink.

Immunisation records update

The Crèche is required to keep an up to date record of all enrolled children’s immunisation status. This is so that should there be an outbreak of an infectious and notifiable disease in our region, e.g. measles, unimmunised children can be kept safe by being excluded from attendance for the required period of time.

Please bring the latest record of your child’s immunisation status into the Crèche so that we can copy it for our files and update our records.

Crèche Facebook Page

Thank you to all those parents who have completed their permission form for the use of photos. Our face book page is up and running. Spread the word!

New flyer for the Crèche

The Crèche has produced a new flyer. The committee would like this to be distributed widely around the community. If you are able to assist please take some flyers from the sign-in table. Suggestions for distribution:

- Local noticeboards – supermarkets, swimming pools, gyms, community centres, medical centres etc.
- Letterbox drops - when you are out running or walking the dog
- Your workplace notice board.

Committee Business

Farewell to Conon!

Sadly our current chairperson, Conon Kilmer, has given notice that the June committee meeting will be his final meeting. Conon has served on the committee for 18 months and has been our chairperson since the 2015 AGM. We have been very fortunate that Conon has stayed on this year, despite the fact that Liam has gone off to school. Conon has provided important continuity for the Crèche during a period of change. Thanks Conon and all the best for the future for you and your family!

A new chairperson will need to be elected at our Annual General Meeting in October. In the meantime, the committee will co-opt one of its members as a temporary chairperson.

Our current committee members are:

Chairperson:	Vacant
General committee:	Leolie Rentsch
	Julie Reeves
	Julia King
	Jo Marshall
	Renee Carter
Senior Teacher	Jannie Nehemia
Manager	Helen Baxter
Financial Administrator	Kathleen Reece

Next Committee Meeting

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for the 14th of June.

Ako Teaching & Learning

As part of the Crèche's ongoing assessment, evaluation and planning process, teachers have posted new photos of all the children on the "notice, recognize and respond" wall where parents can write what their child's interests are. This helps with the planning of our programme.



From our observations the teachers are going to be focussing on literacy, numeracy and colour recognition over the next few weeks.

Self Review

Ongoing review is important to all ECE services. Review is the deliberate and ongoing process of finding out how well our practice enhances children's learning and development. It allows us to see which aspects of our practice are working well and what we could do better. As a result, we can make decisions about what to do to improve and ultimately, children's learning benefits.

This year the teachers and committee have agreed to carry out a review of our induction/settling-in processes. This was chosen because we are aware that it is a very important part of the Crèche's programme. For many of our children the Crèche is their first experience of being away from home and family/whānau for significant periods of time. It is therefore important that we do this well.



Over the next few months the teachers will be following new families during the settling process, and talking with them

about how it is going and how it might be improved. Our Parent Survey this year may also contain some questions for all parents about the process.

Later in the year we will reflect on what we have learnt and may make some changes to our induction and settling-in policies and processes.

Crèche Parking

Please note, when parking at the Crèche please do not use the "Disability" car parks (unless you have a Disability Card), and do not use the three Community Centre staff car parks in the far north/west corner. If there are no available parks in the area next to the Crèche, please use the outer car park or the street.

No nuts !

Please remember that the Crèche has a "no nuts" policy. Children should not bring whole nuts of any kind to Crèche. This is to protect children with serious allergies. Peanut butter in sandwiches is OK



Fees: Terms and conditions

One of the Crèche documents reviewed this year so far was the **Fees: Terms and Conditions**. This provides information to new families about fees and donations. The reviewed document clarifies a number of issues around payment of fees. A copy of the new document is attached to this newsletter.

Tax rebates for donations

The Crèche is a charitable organisation. This means that parents can claim a tax rebate for donations made at the end of each financial year. Should you require a receipt for the financial year ending 31 March 2016 – please email Kathleen Reece, our Finance Administrator: skreece@xtra.co.nz

Notice period

Please be aware that three weeks notice is required if you intend to withdraw your child from Crèche. Fees due must be paid up on, or before, the last day that your child attends.

If no notice is given, fees will be charged for sessions your child was booked to attend for the three weeks following the child's last day.

Casual session fees:

- \$21.50 for those who are not eligible to attest to 20 Hours ECE
- \$8.00 for those who are eligible to attest to 20 Hours ECE.

Housekeeping and reminders!

Update your contact details

If you have had any changes to your contact details please let us know, including **Emergency Contact People's details**.

Naming your child's lunchbox

Please remember to name your child's lunch box and drink bottle.

Donation of a box of tissues is always appreciated, especially approaching the winter months!

CRECHE EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER – 0211 381 295.

Please ensure you have this number in your phone as this is the Crèche emergency phone number that is used in the event of an emergency.

Our emergency procedures are on the parent notice board, as well as our Tsunami procedures.

Kia Kaha - Jannie, Tira, Isabel, Helen & the Advisory Committee

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