



June 2010

Newsletter

Term Dates

Term 3: Monday 19th July – Friday 24th September 2010
Term 4: Monday 11th October – Thursday 16th December 2010

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Term 2 finishes on 2nd July. The Term dates for the remainder of 2010 are listed above. We will finish on Thursday 16th December to coincide with Belmont Primary School at the end of the year.

Staff Dianne and Penny (our Licensee / Manager) attended the Early Childhood Conference in Christchurch in May. You may have noticed we have some lovely new toys and equipment for the children purchased at the Conference.

Dianne and Penny have attended a workshop on Staff Appraisals and Penny has attended a Ministry of Education workshop on re-Licensing the Centre. We hope to be ready to do this early next year.

Parent Meetings Thank you to those people who have indicated their interest in joining a parent committee. We are still considering when to hold these meetings as everyone has indicated they would like to attend a day time meeting. These would be held once a Term. The purpose of these meetings is to comply with the Ministry of Education requirement for the consultation process to include parents input and support fundraising activities. We aim to hold the first meeting next term and we will inform you of the date next term. New parents can speak to Dianne if they are interested in joining the committee or would like more information.

Important Reminders

- **Health.** Just a reminder about keeping your child home when they are unwell. Please do not send them to Pre-school if they have a runny nose, coughing, vomiting /diarrhoea within the last 24 hours or have a high temperature. (see Sickness Policy)
- **Signing In.** Please ensure children are signed in and out of the Centre. Our MOE funding could be compromised if this occurs consistently over a three week period. This procedure is required by the MOE to ensure the booked times reflect the actual attendance times and it is also important your child is "signed in" should the need arise to evacuate the building due to an emergency.
- **Budget.** There has been a lot of speculation regarding the impact of the budget on Early Childhood funding. Our Centre has 100% qualified staff in line with the previous government's 10 year strategic plan to improve educational quality. We will receive funding for up to 80% of qualified staff from next year. The funding changes may require us to review our donation schedule next year.
- **WINZ Subsidies** are available to families who meet the criteria. Forms and further information is available from the Head Teacher/Supervisor. Children over the age of three who are enrolled for the "20 Hours ECE" cannot receive a WINZ subsidy as well as "20 Hours ECE" funding.
- **Donations.** Please be aware that we do not give an invoice for your child's attendance at the Pre-school as we are a not-for-profit Community based Centre and therefore are required by the IRD to request a donation. We appreciate your support and without it the Centre would not be able to offer quality education and care for your children.

Please ensure your donations are up to date by the end of the Term.

Dianne, Gaye and Melanie

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