

**PORT AHURIRI CHILDREN'S
CENTRE
February 2015**

Welcome back to the children, whanau and staff that were able to take time off over the Christmas, New Year break.

We are pleased to announce that the Toddler Room extension has been approved and we are just awaiting consents to come back from the Napier City Council. All parents will be notified before construction work commences. You will be able to keep an eye on our progress by looking at the display soon to be put up in the foyer.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child's care and education during this period please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teachers or Lynda and Carolyn.

We are currently following up on some of the ideas that we received from the parent feedback questionnaire. We have several ideas in the pipe line one of which is that the Kindergarten room has an excursion to the Aquarium planned later this month to tie in with Sea Week and Water Safety Month.

On that note have you heard our sponsorship slot on the radio for Water Safety Month? We felt it was a great way to promote both of our Centre's while pointing out the necessity to keep your children and yourselves safe in and around the water at this time of the year.

We warmly welcome Jo Armstrong back into our relieving pool after an absence of 8 years while she experienced her Big O E. Nice to see her smile and commitment to children's learning amongst us again.

Vanessa is finally on the mend and we now have her back on the Kindergarten floor for a few hours a day as she rehabilitates from her ankle injury.

If your child has recently had their immunisations updated please remember to bring their Well Child book into the Centre so it can be cited and our records updated. Many thanks,

Lynda, Carolyn & Barb.

Nursery News...

The nursery children are loving being outside and the sandpit and water play are huge interests. We have been integrating the two areas for the children's exploration and they have enjoyed exploring the concept of wet and dry sand and what they can create with it. With all our exploration outside, snails have also become an interest for some of our older children, leading to snail hunts and careful observation of what they do and how they do it...we even witnessed a toilet stop from one snail much to the children excitement. Welcome to James W, James T, Tyson, Breyen and their families to the Nursery.

Renee W, Tania, Jenny, Jacinta & Renee C.

Toddler News ...

Our current interests are water in the warm summer days, along with transportation which has evolved from the truck and fire truck interest, it has now moved on to include motor bikes and diggers. We are still really enjoying climbing and jumping and are mastering challenging climbing set ups outside.

We would like to welcome, George, Thomas, and Nathan and their families who are new to the centre and also Maggie from the nursery.

Megan & Anne.

Kindy News...

We would like to welcome Nicole and Bonnie to our kindergarten whanau. Nicole has joined us from the nursery; Bonnie and Nicole have both begun their three year journey towards becoming teachers and will be part of the Kindy room teaching team.

Water activities have remained our current focus during the past month or two. Check out our focus wall in the kindy room. This is now leading nicely into our 'water safety week' and will be closely followed by our 'sea week'.... Keep your eyes peeled for some upcoming excitement!!

Don't forget to check out your child's art folder.... There have been some amazing art creations happening lately. Painting with marbles, balloons, tiny brushes, sponges, our hands, cotton buds....you name it we've been trying it!!

We take this opportunity to say farewell and good luck to Samantha, Holly and Finn who have all started their school journey and we would also like to warmly welcome Jordan and Kayden and their families.

Carolyn, Elizabeth, Sarah, Vanessa & Diane