



RANGI RURU *Pre-school*



NEWSLETTER APRIL 2010

Kia ora koutou,

It is hard to believe that Term 1 has finished and we are already into April. We hope everyone had a lovely Easter Break and enjoyed the holidays. For those families that went away, we hope you had a relaxing and restful time.

Preschool News

On the 11th March the preschool children were invited to go and farewell Prime Minister John Key after his visit to Rangi Ruru Girls' School. We took several children over to meet him and while we were waiting one of Mr. Key's security team gave the children some jelly beans to eat; this was very exciting for the children and when Mr. Key had finished he came and spoke to the children. Sam was very adventurous and asked him if he had a giraffe! Mr. Key told Sam that he didn't! It was a wonderful experience for the children and something they will never forget in a while; I know the teachers certainly won't. These pictures say it all!



Eating our Jelly Beans



Meeting the Prime Minister

Parent Questionnaire

We have sent to you a survey for parents to complete on the preschool, due back Friday 23rd April. We would appreciate your feedback on the items covered in the survey; operating hours, ECE 20 hours, programme and curriculum and any other ideas or areas you would like to comment on. The completed questionnaire can be returned to the locked box at preschool.

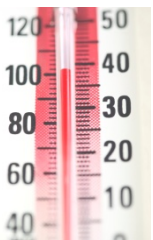
Art room

We have redevelopments happening in our art room with new shelving and cupboards being completed to provide more storage space and to provide room to display the children's creative artwork. Over the next few weeks the art room may be unusable as the changes take place; we are very excited to see the final outcome and are sure the children will enjoy the space too.

Drop off times

We are still having children being dropped off in the mornings before their booked-in session times. Please remember that we have a ratio of teachers to children that we need to adhere to for Ministry of Education requirements. If you wish to change your child's starting time this must be firstly arranged with Jacki, as places are limited.

Sickness



If a child has a fever, rash or conjunctivitis they must not return to the centre for 24 hours. For diarrhoea or vomiting, the child must stay home until symptoms have settled for 48 hours. We would ask that you phone us if your child is not well enough to attend their booked session.

Larry and Lola

Our roster is out for Term 2. Anybody who wishes to take our birds home for the weekends and who don't have cats, please write your name down. Thank you to our families who took them home during Term 1; they definitely enjoy the company.

Important Dates This Term:

7th June – Queen's Birthday
25th June – Parents Advisory Meeting
2nd July – End of Term Two



Message from Alison Stevenson – Licensee

We are pleased to have approval to commence some further alterations in the pre-school, with a much-needed re-vamp of the art room; creating improved storage and work spaces for both the teachers and the children. Special care needs to be taken in re-designing spaces in a building such as the Rangi Ruru Pre-school, particularly as it is not a purpose-built centre.

It is encouraging to have a number of parents involved with the parents' advisory committee this year; the contribution of parents through this forum is important to us. Families also have an opportunity to share views through the survey that was mailed to you at the end of the term, and I look forward to your input.

The Rangi Ruru Board of Governors recently held its annual meeting and several new members were elected to the Board. You may be interested to know that my regular reporting to the Board on matters pertaining to the pre-school is managed through a monthly meeting and a written report via Julie Moor, the Principal. A small management committee meets at least once per term to monitor operational and planning matters.

We are considering scheduling an Open Day for the centre in the near future; particularly as roll numbers in the afternoons are currently lower. Further information (publicity material) will be available once a date is confirmed. If you know of anyone who may be considering enrolling their child, please talk with Jacki who can provide further information.

Kind regards

Alison Stevenson