

PELORUS COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

NEWSLETTER—NOVEMBER 2017



Tena koutou, tena koutou,

Tena koutou katoa



Welcome to our November newsletter. This month we welcome Dylan, Indie & Ryder King-Mather from afar in the Sounds. They join the Paua room. We are sure you will enjoy your time at our preschool.

A reminder that sunhats are a must from October-March and we enforce a “no hat, no outside rule” for all staff and children at preschool. Parents are also expected to apply sunscreen to their child prior to attending preschool. As the weather gets warmer the children will be more involved in water play and a change of clothes is very helpful, as is a bag to put the wet clothes into.

h a p p y b i r t h d a y !



For November we would like to wish a very happy birthday to Willow Watt (5), Hunter Kingi (4), Leela Saunderson (2), Elgin Ng (5) and Thomas-Jack Illsley-Slape (3).



We wish you all a very special day.

• YOU'RE INVITED TO A •

MERRY LITTLE Christmas PARTY & CONCERT

TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER FROM 4.30pm @ Havelock School Turf

PCP warmly invite all our whanau to a Christmas celebration. It will be a fun filled evening with lots of singing, socialising and laughter ... there will even be a special guest in a red suit! This is the perfect chance for our whanau to come together, relax, get to know each other a little better and celebrate a great year at PCP.

What to bring: A picnic kai (we will have a BBQ onsite with Sausages for everyone as well), something to sit on and a fun festive attitude!

fundraising 'fʌndˌreɪzɪŋ pengumpulan dana insamlingar

The fundraising account sits at \$21,182.84.

Stage 3 Playground Redevelopment

The Pipi playground is looking nice and refreshed with the new turf. Thanks to Lyell and team at Southern Turf for another great job. The Paua playground is still a work in progress, and from 16 –20 November we have a builder coming in to build the deck area above the sandpit and building the seating around the sandpit. Once this has been done, we will be able to plant the area out to make it a much more appealing space.

thanks

PAK n SAVE

To Andrea Boock at Pak n Save Blenheim, for the very generous donation of pork for our “pulled pork & apple slaw rolls” at the Havelock Bonfire Night. A locally owned supermarket continually supporting local organisations! You rock!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

..it's all happening in November!!

HAVLEOCK BONFIRE NIGHT

AT NEWTON'S FARM

FRIDAY 3 NOV (POSTPONEMENT DATE SUN 5 NOV)

We will be holding our “pulled pork” food stall and will need helpers to assist the staff with serving.

KAITUNA RIDGES RAMBLE

25 NOVEMBER 2017

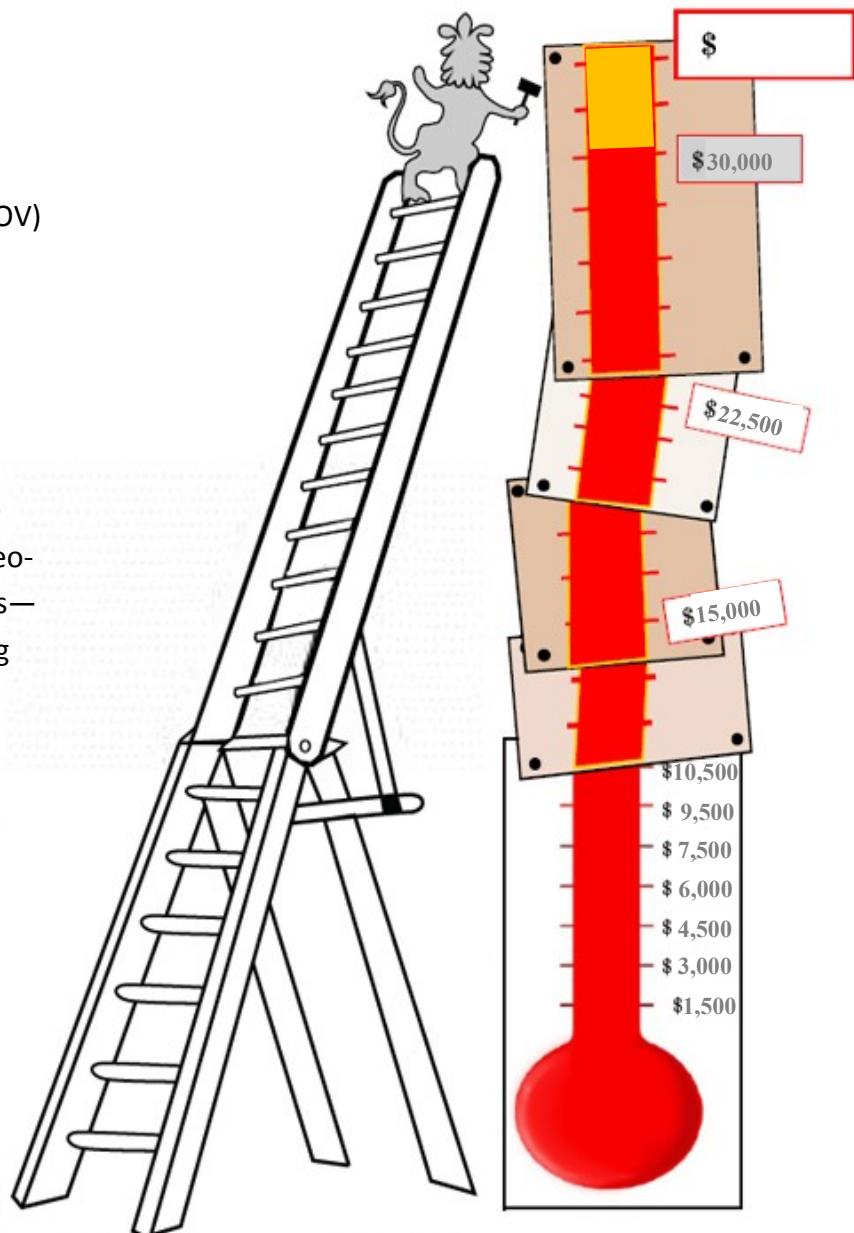
We **URGENTLY** need a volunteer to take on the food stall and various other areas. We need people to register and we haven't forgotten the kids—check out the Ratbag's Ramble—an orienteering map finding course.

PELORUS MAILBOAT COOKIES

NOVEMBER TO MARCH

We require bakers to bake cookies one Tuesday per month. Recipes and cookie dimensions are already set, we just need you to bake and seal them! See foyer for more info.

Please talk to Leigh if you can help with any of the above.





Bonjour!! Ni hao ma and Kia ora whānau!

We're into the last couple of months for the year and they are by far the busiest! We have had a crazy few weeks getting out and about attending a variety of Community events such as the Havelock School Pet Day and Spring Show, the Taiopenga Cultural Festival and the Canvastown School Pet Day as well. And in between we have still managed to get out and about as we hiko around the community... playing at the playground, popping to the shop, tending to our plot at the gardens, exploring the 'forest' and also visiting some of the very friendly and kind soldiers that have been based at the Domain as part of the 'Katipo Military Exercise' happening across the top of the south. A few groups of children went down to the Domain and chatted with soldiers, got war paint on their faces, had a turn in one of their big trucks and got to see all their REAL guns and equipment. It was very exciting and educational for the children to see real soldiers and chat with them about the army. They have been a welcome addition to the community over the last few weeks.

One of our major events for the year that took a lot of preparation for was the annual Taiopenga Cultural festival held at the Clubs of Marlborough in Blenheim. Some of the older children attended to perform some of the waiata we sing at preschool and they were FANTASTIC!! They wore our new little kapahapa uniforms and really looked the part as they sung their little hearts out on stage in front of a big crowd. I'd like to take this opportunity to give a huge Thank-you shout out to Jessie who co-ordinated the whole event and lead the children in practices for the weeks leading up to the day. She did an awesome job and the children had such a great day out at the festival. Our children were one of the smaller groups with only 12 children on the stage but they sure did project their little voices in the big hall and had an amazing performance! It was our first time performing at Taiopenga and I am very proud of the tamariki and their performance - Tu meke tamariki! The event organiser even came and saw me after we performed to tell me how amazing our little tamariki were!! And of course we wouldn't have been able to attend if we didn't have a van and a helper so another huge thank-you goes out to Michael Rae from First National Real Estate for the use of his van and to Sarah Kingi for coming along. Well done to everyone who was involved, such a great event to be part of.

The Paua Nui children continue to take on a leadership role within the daily programme – helping out the younger children and taking charge of certain jobs like the recycling. They are really enjoying mixing with the school children at Havelock School when we have buddy reading with the Kaituna class and Mrs Kenny. We have recently had a few children move up to Havelock school so it is awesome to still have that connection with them and see how they are progressing at school – the Paua Nui children love catching up with their buddies that have already 'graduated' and hearing all their exciting, fun stories of school life.

The Paua Iti children are busy learning waiata for our upcoming Christmas concert and getting into a lot of active movement and music. They are also enjoying having more self directed learning time where they can choose from a range of activities to keep themselves busy problem solving, exploring, socialising and creating.

And our smallest tamariki in the Pipi room are loving their upgraded outside play area that has newly laid tiger turf for them to explore on. They are also enjoying having 'whānau time' with our older children in the Paua room where they have been challenging themselves physically as they explore on all the bigger play equipment.

We look forward to catching up with you all in the coming months at our preschool events... Summer is well and truly on its way and in no time at all it will be Christmas!!

*Malo au pito
Heather Robson
Senior Teacher*



Havelock Bonfire Night—THIS FRIDAY— 3 November

(postponement date Sun 5 November)

Great community event that's fun for all the family, food stalls, games, fireworks display and bonfire. The staff will be running our "pulled pork" food stall as we did last year and will need a few volunteers to help on the stall.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – Friday 17 November – Preschool CLOSED

The teaching staff will be attending a Natural Phenomena Conference in Whangarei from Friday to Sunday.

Mailboat Cookie Bake-off –Tuesday 21 November

Havelock School Hall 8.30am-12.30pm

We **URGENTLY** require volunteers to assist with cookie rolling and packaging. Please come along and help out for a few hours. Pop your name on the list in the foyer—we don't have anyone down to help at this stage!

Kaituna Ridges Ramble—Saturday 25 November

Ratbags Ramble—comprising of a simple, and fun map way finding course for children to explore the farm where they will visit controls in a particular order.

Kaituna Ridges Ramble—12km loop track to bike/walk/run around the ridgeline of the scenic Kaituna Ridges Farm at the base of the Pelorus Sound.

Christmas Concert & Whanau Picnic—Tuesday 28 November –

Havelock School Turf 4.30pm

The children will be performing their annual Christmas concert. Please drop preschool children off at pre-school by 4.30pm and head over to the turf. We will bring the children when it is time for the concert to begin.

Last day of preschool for 2017—Thursday 21 December

The year is zooming by! Preschool will re-open on Thursday 11 January 2018. As each year comes to a close, we ask for parents to help with end of year cleaning jobs. We will put a cleaning list up in the foyer closer to the time.