

# Centre News

March 2010 – Napier

With the cooler mornings and evenings now upon us it seems that summer is almost at an end. Let's hope that it stays around long enough for the long weekend coming up. Just a reminder to parents that Village Kids will be closed on **Good Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> April** and again on **Easter Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Gecko Room** – Mellow our new bird is proving to be a big hit with the children. We even have some children allowing him to sit on their shoulder and he really has become part of the Gecko family. The children are showing an interest in cars and driving at the moment, watching the cars and trucks coming and going and looking at the books with different vehicles in them.

**Kiwi Room** – Yeah our outdoor area is finished and the children are having a great time in the sandpit and helping to look after our new plants. With all the building happening Paul has sparked an interest with the children in construction with a lot of hammering and building. They all want to be just like Paul! Messy play is also a big hit at the moment with the Kiwi kids, check out our walls for the art work created by the children and also the new learning stories the teachers have completed.

## **Kea Room.**



Caterpillars and butterflies are continuing to be a great talking point with the children with our large creative indoor garden coming together. We had a walk to the Onekawa Fruit Shop to purchase some caterpillar food (fruit) then the children helped Sarah make fruit kebabs for our shared lunch. We have had some awesome buildings built with the blocks and the children have been using them as garages to drive their cars into.

**Tuatara Room** – Following on from the children's interest in puppets we had a puppet show on Friday which went really well.

There has been some great construction work going on at the carpentry table with some amazing things being made. Music and water play are the other big interests at the moment and we are planning a trip to the aquarium soon. More information will follow about this soon.

You may have noticed your child's photo on the wall along with observations jotted down, this is our new planning for your child. Please feel free to take your child's profile book home and read through it. We would love it if you wish to contribute your own story from home along with photos of any weekend outings or holidays. If you do wish to take the profiles please inform one of the teachers.



### Staff News -



- Welcome to our new teachers Nicole and Caitlin in the Kea Room. Nicole is currently in her second year of study towards her Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) and Caitlin has just commenced her first level of study with Workforce Development.
- In the Tuatara room we have Anna joining us. Anna is primary trained and is in the process of doing her Post Graduate Degree in Early Childhood Education. Sarah has moved from the Kea Room and is now working in the Tuatara Room. We also have Alesha and Awhina who are doing work experience through Workforce Development.
- Welcome also to Ryann our new kitchen person. Ryann is responsible for making all those healthy morning and afternoon teas.
- We have said goodbye to Kathleen from the Kea Room who has moved on to pursue other teaching avenues and also to Melita from the kitchen.

### Parent reminders –



- Centre Cell phone – Village Kids has a centre cell phone. If you wish to contact us for any reason you can on either 843 1031 or 027 812 9732.
- With the cooler weather please pop some warmer NAMED clothing in your child's bag.
- If anyone has spare plastic bags at home these would be appreciated we always seem to be looking for these.

Thanks from the Village Kids Team.

Our awesome puppet show on Friday with Erin Devlin, Author and Puppet Lady.

