

JUNE/JULY

NEWSLETTER



Kia ora Koutou,

We have been blessed with amazing weather during May, although the chill is in the air in the late afternoons now.

Boots, rain coats and warmer jerseys or jackets are now needed. We get outside at every opportunity so children need to be rugged up and warm. Please ensure you name all your child's clothes.

Many thanks to all the families who have given us feedback to put on our website. Testimonials are a great way to promote Fantails and we appreciate you taking the time to give it to us. Forms are available at the Office if you haven't already, and wish to give us your feedback.

A busy month ahead for us at Fantails. Matariki, Maori Language Week, Staff Development and the beginning preparations for our Art Exhibition.



Art Exhibition: Our Art Exhibition date has been moved backwards a few weeks to the 18th of August.

We have begun collecting some of our Junior Monet, Picaso and Da Vinci artwork which will be displayed for you to enjoy – along with a glass of wine and/or some soup. More details in our next Newsletter!!!

Team Uniforms

No doubt you have noticed our Peacock blue shirts with our Logo and Teachers name on them. We are pleased with the new look and we hope you are too!!

Visiting Student

May, a student from AUT, has completed a five week practicum at Fantails. She was under the care and guidance of Lisa and the team in the Under Twos and wishes to pass on her thanks to staff, children and families for their support during her stay.



Team Leader

Steph Spurr was recently appointed Supervisor in the Over Two area at Fantails.

We congratulate her and wish her the very best in her new leadership role.

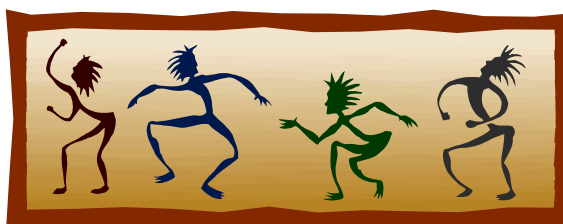
Annual Leave

Sherryll will be on Annual Leave from the 27th of June until the 8th July. Fantails will be left in good hands as Steph will oversee the day to day running and Johanna, our Licensee, and Jan will be helping out in the office and staffing areas.

Professional Development and Team Work

Fantails is committed to encouraging the Team to up skill, share their talents and enjoy any opportunity to have fun.

- Four of the Team attended a workshop run by the Heart Foundation recently
- Lisa attended a workshop at Kohia Education entitled "Schema"
- Most of the Fantails team attended a Teacher Registration workshop at Albany Community Preschool looking at the new criteria for Registered Teachers and how it affects us.
- The whole team and several of our relieving teachers attended a Child Protection Workshop, facilitated by Sherryll at Fantails, on the 11th of June. This workshop looked at the latest NZ statistics on abuse, what abuse looks like and what we, as teachers, can do about abuse. More about this in our next Newsletter.
- A Team Building afternoon followed this with many laughs and a lot of learning around team dynamics, leaders and followers. Although not all of us made adequate "sheep" and easy to "pen" some of us showed real potential to be Rock Stars and Dancers!!!!



Quote of the day!!!

You don't really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around - and why his parents will always wave back. ~William D. Tammus



The Fantail Flyers School Readiness Program



This very successful program has long term benefits for children and we encourage parents to talk to the team about when their child will become a Fantail Flyer!! This is an exert from the Fantail Flyers Pack that parents receive when their child nears the age of four.

While every child is different, by the time they leave Fantails to go to school we would like them to have developed:

Early literacy and numeracy skills such as:

- ◆ Name recognition and writing
- ◆ Alphabet recognition and letter sounds
- ◆ Counting and number recognition
- ◆ Matching 1 to 1

Characteristics needed for ongoing learning:

- ◆ Taking an interest
- ◆ Communicating with others
- ◆ Persisting with difficulty
- ◆ Being involved
- ◆ Taking responsibility

Confidence in self- help routines such as:

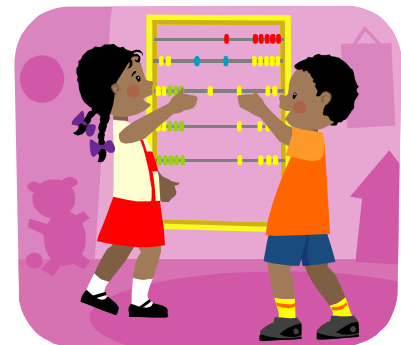
- ◆ Being able to go to the toilet and change their clothes
- ◆ Managing their lunch box so they don't eat it all at morning tea
- ◆ Packing their bag at the end of the day

A good grasp of problem solving skills including:

- ◆ Asking questions
- ◆ Developing a hypothesis
- ◆ Negotiation
- ◆ Willingness to try a number of approaches and not being discouraged by failure

Sound social skills such as:

- ◆ Working collaboratively with peers
- ◆ Having confidence to contribute ideas in both formal and informal settings\Solving conflicts themselves
- ◆ Making friends and showing empathy.
- ◆ Managing their emotions





FRIENDSHIP SOUP

**IN CELEBRATION OF MATARIKI - A TIME FOR HARVEST -
WE INVITE ALL PARENTS TO GIVE THEIR CHILD A VEGETABLE TO CONTRIBUTE
TO OUR FRIENDSHIP/WHANAU SOUP.
WE WILL PREPARE THE SOUP WITH THE CHILDREN ON WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE
AND ENJOY IT FOR LUNCH ON THURSDAY THE 30TH JUNE.**

Driveway safety

Please remember: **DRIVE SLOWLY INTO THE FANTAILS CARPARK!!!**

Children are entering and leaving parked cars and often will not see a car approaching. If you are leaving Fantails, you must give way to any traffic entering the driveway. The main road traffic has right of way!!!!

The safest way to exit is to pull over to the left hand side of the driveway entrance, once you have exited the gate. This clears the way for incoming traffic and keeps you safely off the road until it is clear for you to leave.



Making the decision to have a child is momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body. ~Elizabeth Stone

Portfolios

Each child has a Portfolio which contains documentation of their journey in the Fantails Family. Please feel free to spend time with your child sharing the stories. You are more than welcome to take it home to share with the whole family. Please sign it out using the notebook.

