

# NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 2011.



Kia ora nga matua,

Welcome to all parents, particularly those new ones who have recently joined us.

Spring has arrived !!!!

Although we have had several rainy days the temperatures are starting to soar. Please provide your child with a named hat for the summer. Hats with back and ear flaps are best. Our Policy calls for sunscreen applications twice daily and the wearing of hats from Day Light Saving onwards. If children don't wear their hat, they will not be allowed outside.

## **Professional development**

The Fantails Team have enjoyed the opportunity to attend several professional development courses this year including:

- Associate Teacher symposium
- Mentoring Provisionally Registered Teachers
- Small Garden keeping.
- Behaviour Management
- Provisionally Registered Teacher Criteria
- Attachment
- Schema
- Child Protection
- Team Building
- Conflict Resolution



Two Teachers will attend the Natural Phenomena Conference in November. In Whangarei.

Two teachers will attend the Mentoring Teachers Workshop run by the Ministry in November.



**PLEASE NAME  
ALL CLOTHES  
AND SHOES**



### **Fantails Photo Shoot!!!!**

Due to the request of many families, we have set up a group photo shoot at Fantails on Tuesday 8th Nov at 9:00 am. Tuesday is the day when most children attend. For those children who do not we invite you to join us around 9 am. Please let Sherryl know if you wish to come.

The Photo will cost \$13.50 and will consist of one 10 x 12 photo with the Fantails Logo, date and the names of children and staff.

We will take two photos. One of the Under Twos and another with the Over Twos. A display copy of both will be available to view before orders are placed and they will be ready for Xmas.



All of us have moments in our lives that test our courage. Taking children into a house with a white carpet is one of them!!!!

### **Health Reminder!!!!**

If your child has vomiting/diarrhoea/high temperature or cannot participate in the day to day program, they cannot come to Fantails. By keeping your child home for at least 24 hours you give them the opportunity to recover and equally as important, there is less risk of infecting other children, hence spreading the illness.

We acknowledge the difficulties with parents who work and the dilemma of finding a carer while your child is sick, but we need to maintain a safe environment for all children.

Please ask to see our Health Policy. This was reviewed in March this year and is in the Policy Folder for Parents, kept on top of the Lockers.



### Out of Centre Trips

We have made several trips out of the centre including trips to the Plant Barn for vegetable plants for our garden, a concert at Wainui School, a visit to the Art Gallery in Orewa, the Library in Orewa and several walks through the paddocks. Children really enjoy these excursions and we appreciate the help from parents to ferry them to and from such events.



### Wainui School—Annual Calf Club Day

**6th October, 2011.**

Fantails has had the pleasure of being invited to join the Wainui School Calf Club Day.

Thirty children, staff and parents headed off in a convoy on a beautiful Spring morning.

The children enjoyed their morning immensely, returning with stories of what they had seen.

Hi! My name is Daizy and this is Cutie Pie.

We get fed in the morning and at night around 4pm.  
Come and watch us!!!!



### Healthy Heart Award

*Fantails is very proud to have received this award after many months of planning, planting vegetables and involving children in becoming a more self sufficient centre. Families can continue to reap the benefits of healthy nutritional meals, supplemented by our own garden and cooked in the Fantails Kitchen by our friendly and efficient cook, Annette.*

*Annette is always keen to receive new recipes, so feel free to share your favour-*

Childrens' Art Exhibition—  
18th August

Our budding artists outshone the evening with an amazing display of their creative expertise. Check out our website for an overview!!!!

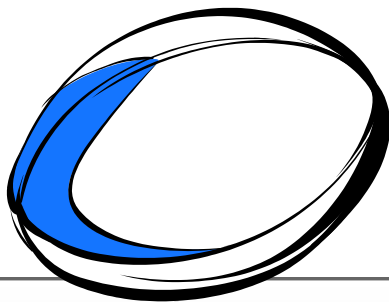


### Fantail Flyers

We are currently working on a two week cycle of language, literacy and maths. Please talk to the Teachers about how you can help reinforce school readiness at home.



Prostate Cancer  
Blue Day—23rd Sept.  
Raised \$26  
Many thanks to all!!



Rugby World Cup Fever has hit Fantails. Check out the photos of the future All Black Team . Children are naming all the flags now and from the sounds of their conversations are following the games with their parents.

### Invoicing System

Fantails Fee Policy states that Invoices are required to be paid within seven days of the Invoicing date. For some parents this works well . Feedback from other parents implies that the advance billing system is too complex and hard to understand.

We have been on the lookout for a better system and have researched other centres. Their advice and common practice is an emailed weekly invoice to replace the current monthly advanced Invoice.

This way parents can keep **weekly** tabs on their account , pay within the week and keep their accounts at least one week in credit at all times.

We would be looking at implementing this system from the first of November and we would welcome your feedback.

The family is both the fundamental unit of society as well as the root of culture. It ... is a perpetual source of encouragement, advocacy, assurance, and emotional refueling that empowers a child to venture with confidence into the greater world and to become all that he can be.

MARIANNE E. NEIFERT, *Dr. Mom's Parenting Guide*



*Fantails Xmas Party*  
*Friday 2nd December, 2011.*  
*More in the next Newsletter-*



PINK FOR A DAY!!!!

Dress up on Friday 14th October. Donations for pens and ribbons will be collected.