

LAKEVIEW PRIVATE KINDERGARTEN

NEWSLETTER

October 2011

Yippee!!! We won the World Cup! After our great World Cup project at kindy we were all thrilled about the outcome. The children have been so busy with all sorts of rugby activities. We had a great themed dress up day and have become very good at the National Anthem in English & Maori, the haka and general rugby knowledge. We have written letters of support to the All Blacks and gone on a walk to the Takapuna Post Office to send them off – great fun! One of our parents sent a photo of this walk and haka to Ali Williams, who replied it was brilliant to have the support. As part of our letter writing activities, we have now evolved our project into a literacy programme and will extend this curriculum area now.

We have been going for lots of walks, mainly in the afternoons, which the kids have loved. We have visited the lake and the reserve at Takapuna beach, playing rugby and exploring. Also we have been using the hall upstairs for running games, exercising and other group activities.

You may have seen that the diggers have arrived in the playground and are well underway with the outdoor construction. We are having to completely rebuild all the retaining walls holding up the deck and sandpit as they were old and

Important Dates.

*Kindy – last day is Thursday 22nd December. Kindy is closed over the Xmas / New Year period and re-opens on Monday 9th January 2012.

* Children's own pantomime production Monday 5th December, 11.30am in hall upstairs. Families, grandparents etc welcome in the audience.

* Xmas Show, Santa and party lunch Thursday 15th December 10am-12noon – in church hall upstairs.

* Kindy Trip – We will do a full kindy, end of year trip to on Thursday 24th November to Western Springs.

rotting, as well as creating more play space. Playground plans are on the entrance wall for viewing. The children are fascinated with all the digging and machines and it is providing some interesting language and conversation. Carols' husband is a builder so she has been explaining the process to the children.

There is an enormous amount of activity and practise going on for our Xmas concert. Thanks so much to all the families who are helping with costumes, props and collecting resources for us. We hope you have all diarised the date (see above) and can come see the 'Oscar

winning' performances of your children! We would appreciate help with collecting more of the following:

- feathers
- straw
- sticks
- flax & ferns

We still need more family photos for the family / whanau wall in the mat area that Moira has been developing. Please remember to bring in a family photo or email one to kindy and we can print it out.

Just a reminder that any photos taken of kindy children or emailed to you are for private viewing only. These are not to be posted on Facebook or any other social media sites. When children enrol at kindy parents sign a privacy permission form for photos to be used only for kindy and we would ask that you respect this.

It is starting to heat up already outside so please make sure your child has a sunhat and sunscreen applied.

Next year we will be working on a transition to school programme. In the meantime you can help your child prepare for school when they arrive at kindy by:

- encouraging them to find their own name tag
- placing their own bag on hook
- unpacking bag themselves, placing lunch & drink on shelf.
- taking responsibility for their belongings and dressing.

We understand these things take time, especially when you are

running late, but every little bit we can all do will help the children be more prepared for school.

A reminder that lost property is available to view in the front entrance for the next week only. Lost property left past this date will be disposed of.

New families:

We would like to welcome Chloe, Aidan, Riley, Jacob and Joseph and their families to the kindergarten.

Things to look forward to.....

Fingers crossed for fine weather for our end of year trip to Western Springs on Thursday 24th November. We will need lots of parent helpers, so diarise that day too please!

We are underway with a new brand, logo and website for the kindy, which are well overdue for a refresh! We are due to go live with the website early December.

Thanks to those who have filled in the Xmas holiday sheet. If we could have everyone confirmed by mid November that would be enormously appreciated as then I can confirm to staff their leave requests.

Kind regards

Michelle & The teaching team.

