

# Heretaunga Kindergarten Newsletter

4 May 2011



Welcome back to Term Two, 11 weeks long, thanks to the Rugby World Cup! We hope you all had a great break and got lots of Easter treats. We would like to welcome Xanthe, Maddison and Olivia to afternoon and their families. Welcome also to Toby, Daniel, Benny and Lorenzo (13/5) and Maddison (19/5) who have moved from afternoon to morning kindergarten.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

*25 May - Whanau Tea at Kindergarten - BYO 5-30pm start*

*15 July - End of Term 2 AM*

*14 July - End of Term 2 -PM*

*1 August - Start of Term 3*

**SIDE GATE/DRIVEWAY and PARKING:** Reminder, please ensure the gate is closed and that only your child leaves through it. Please also ensure no child opens the gate!!

Also please do not bring cars down the driveway, we share this with our neighbours and our children use it. Please ensure all children are supervised up and down the driveway and on the street.



We recently received a complaint from our neighbour about cars parking over or too close to her driveway. Please ensure driveways on the street are kept clear at all times, thanks. 😊

## **PARENT PORTAL:**

A reminder that the parent portal is up and running. We upload all learning stories that we do on your child that are individual, not group stories e.g. excursions, family nights etc You can also use the website to check on the parent help roster and other happenings.

<http://www.rimukgtn.org.nz/HERETAUNGA/Heretaunga.html>

## **Lunch Boxes:**

Just a reminder that at Heretaunga Kindergarten we follow many sustainable practises, one of which is an attempt to minimise our waste by whānau providing waste free lunch boxes. [www.wastefreelunches.org](http://www.wastefreelunches.org) is a great website to get some



handy hints from regarding this concept. Over the next two terms we will be undertaking a self review on our sustainability practises, waste, worm farm, composting etc. Your help to achieve less waste in lunchboxes would be a great help. We will be measuring the waste that comes from lunchboxes, displaying it and measuring as the terms progress to see if this diminishes, and burying rubbish to see how long it takes to break down!. One way to reduce waste is to use self-fastening



bags, containers that can be re-useable or purchase a waste free lunch box with separate compartments. We currently have a display up by the dough table regarding sugar contents etc which I am sure you will find not only interesting but pretty amazing as well, so please take the time to have a look. On the parent bookshelf in the foyer is a handbook on Enviro schools which we have now joined and shows examples of sustainable practise. Please feel free to borrow it.

### Sweet Treats in Lunch boxes:

Just a reminder that our food policy states "no lollies", we ask that you please respect this. Although we do realise why parents do it as it does make for a nice surprise, it is unfair to the child sitting next to them when they do not have a lollie as well and can cause some upset children. Thanks



### Pizza Fundraiser:

On Wednesday 25 May every Pizza Dominos sells they will donate \$1-00 to our Kindergarten. We will be asking for people to deliver flyers the week before and man billboards from 4pm to 6pm (more information later) and we are holding a whānau tea at Kindergarten (hopefully many families will purchase pizzas to support this fundraiser). Mark this date on your calendar and tell friends/family to buy pizzas on that day!!



### Photo Fundraiser

As you are already aware we are doing a family photo fundraiser on Friday 29 May. We so far have 5 bookings and need another 15, so please ask friends, family and consider it for your selves. Do you have an up-to-date photo that includes you and your children?



### Shredded Paper

We have purchased a shredder so if you have any pets at home that would benefit from shredded paper for bedding etc, please see us and we will be able to supply you with some.

### TRADE ME:

We have heard of a fundraiser that is a little outside the square!! Families donate goods that are in excellent/very good condition that they may normally offer to garage sales. A parent takes on the responsibility of taking pictures and putting them up on trade me and then posting off once they sell with all proceeds going to the Kindergarten. We think this could be a great little fundraiser with not a lot of work involved. Would anyone be interested in taking this role on, please see Sandra if you are.



**Birthday Bookings:** Just a reminder that you are able to hire the Kindergarten for Birthday Parties. The cost is \$50-00 and you have use of most things. Please see a teacher if interested.

**Sandpit:** Stage Two of the sandpit will take place over the Term 3 break. This will see a larger sandpit!! This does mean however we can not hire the Kindergarten out during this break.

**Peanut Reminder:** Just a reminder that we have a child in our morning session with a severe nut allergy and therefore please no nuts in your child's lunch box, thanks.

**Change of Clothes:** All children need a change of clothes in there bags. This is great for when they are wet and we do not carry lots of clothes but is also a civil defence emergency. Please also remember to name your child's clothing as our Lost Property after three days is HUGE!!

Kia ora Sandra, Sharon, Ceri and Catha