



June Newsletter

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Tēnā koutou

We have been working hard on some exciting new initiatives here at Preschool.

[Our Library, Communal Garden & Transition to School.](#)

We have a team of teachers that are leading the way with these initiatives.

[Our Library Team: Katrina R, Jess, Lyncia & Nic](#)

The library is looking fabulous, the shelving has been installed and the teachers have worked hard to move all the books into our new space. All areas of the preschool will access the library through planned and impromptu visits. What an amazing space for our preschoolers to be fully immersed and surrounded with literacy and start fostering a lifelong love with books and reading.

The library will also enable us to further strengthen our goal of 'One Centre, One Team' and allow extra opportunities for children throughout the centre to come together.

[Our Communal Garden Team: Laura, Katrina J, Jenni](#)

We have a newly designated area that is situated in the middle of the 3 Preschool areas - fencing will be completed in the next week and plans for the plastic bottle house are underway!

It is envisioned that we will start our seedlings and cuttings here, some of which will be planted in our communal garden area and some of which will be planted throughout the preschool. We will learn about sustainability, caring for our environment and working together.

Again this area will allow for greater collaboration throughout the centre.

[Our Transition to School Team: Gayle & Simone](#)

Gayle & Simone have undertaken a thorough review of our Transition to School. Transitions are a very important part of a young person and their families lives.

Gayle & Simone have started by making contact and visiting all of our local schools so we can work closely with them to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible. We are looking to include all of our local schools in our planned school visits and to have various resources and information here at preschool for all to access. This along with photos of the schools and the new entrant teachers for the children to become familiar with.

Information will be shared with you all as we move forward with this.

All of these new initiatives point back to our

[Philosophy](#): Relationships, Respect, Interdependence, Well Being, Belonging & Sustainability.

[& our Learning Priorities](#): Positive Relationships, Curiosity, Literacy Skills, Holistic Well Being & Communication

We would love your feedback on our new initiatives.

Ngā mihi

Jo

Centre Manager

E kore e kore mau i ahau, ki te toku faaotiraa ki te angitu ko te kaha nui

Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough

Og Mandino



Nursery News - From Ange and the Team

Winter seems to be well and truly upon us with freezing temperatures. Please remember to send along a warm jacket for your child as we are still venturing outside in this cooler weather. Fish and Chip evening coming up early June so keep your eyes peeled for more details. We still need everyone to bring in their family photo so that we can add it to our tree. We did not have a very good response to this request in our last newsletter, it would be nice just to get a few as our tree is looking very empty.

We are currently trialing a new extended transition process for those children that require a little more time. There is not many of them I might add, they all seem to feel that it is time for greener pastures. Our standard transition process is over a six week period of one visit per week, the extension will be very dependent on each child's individual needs. If your child's key teacher feels that this extended process would suit your child they will notify you of this change to their transition. We have always aimed to make the transition process as flexible as possible to ensure that each child is comfortable and confident with their move, this new initiative will hopefully enhance an already highly supportive process.



Manaaki News

From Ashleigh and the Team

A big warm welcome to the children and families who have recently joined us in Manaaki. It is wonderful to have you with us and we look forward to getting to know you all better.

Best wishes to the children and their families who are making the exciting transition to school in June. You will most certainly be missed.

Our environment is continually evolving in Manaaki and we are excited to have the first stages of our new bike track completed!

Jackie is at home recovering from her knee surgery. We miss her and wish her all the best. Penny continues to relieve for Jackie and we are enjoying having her with us.

Currently there has been an interest in families and this has been the focal point of our Inquiry Learning at present. Thank-you to those who have brought in their family photo's to add to our new family/whanau tree in the green room. For those who haven't done so yet there is still time! The children are also organising a Fish n Chip night for everyone...keep an eye out for a notice with more info. If anyone has any special family interests or traditions they would like to share please see Ashleigh or Simone.

It certainly is getting colder out there! Please remember to pack NAMED warm clothing for your child. Layers are good. A hat and jacket are essential on these frosty mornings as we do still like to get outside for fresh air.

Atawhai News

From Kerry and the Team

Trish took a group of children to Ohoka rugby club grounds on Friday 22nd May. The children have shown a real interest in ripper rugby over the past few weeks, they have learned about rules, team work and sportsmanship. The children, parents and teachers that attended the trip had a fantastic morning hosted by Glen, a volunteer at the club. Thank you so much to everyone who helped. We could not have offered the children this experience without your support.

Simone and Jill took two children on a transition to school visit to Ashgrove school, this was successful and valuable to the children. We hope to have the support of all of the local schools in the future to enable us to transition happy children.

Please put warm clothes in your child's bag as we will play outside for short periods every day. Spare socks are a good idea to add to the bag too now that the grass is wet or bring gumboots!

We are about to update the surface of the bike track to try to eliminate the puddles. If anyone has trikes, scooters or rocker bikes that they don't need any more could you consider donating them to preschool.? We are just about to purchase these items and may not need to buy as many.



Carly Flanagan – for cards and ribbon

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Jo Foley- for shaped card for art work

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Thank you to everyone who gave a donation for Nepal

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A huge thank you to Chris & Jo Thelin of Creative Landscapes for the fantastic work levelling the ground for the communal garden

Swannanoa Preschool reduces waste by 46%

Swannanoa Preschool recently conducted their third comprehensive Enviroschools waste audit with the help of their Enviroschools facilitator. The first was undertaken in 2013 when the centre roll was 43 children. At the audit in April this year the roll had leapt to 90 children after the centre had been significantly extended.

Despite doubling in numbers Swannanoa has reduced the amount of waste produced per student by 46%. "One of the main changes we have made is to discourage families from including packaged food in their children's lunchbox. If packaging is included then it is their responsibility to take the empty wrappers home," said teacher Laura. As a result the numbers of wrappers (which are non-recyclable) has gone from 60 in 2013 to 25 in 2015 and plastic wrap from 25 to six.

Other great sustainable practices at Swannanoa Preschool include:

- Nappy composting
- Making paper bricks
- Planting, caring for and harvesting the garden
- Using produce for baking and selling to families
- Encouraging rubbish free lunch boxes
- Collecting rain water from guttering and rain barrel system for water play and limit how much the children use so they learn about overuse of water in their play.
- Composting food through the 'bokashi' method
- Feeding the worm farm with food scraps



Children's Learning

How is Te Whariki used by Teachers?

Te Whariki is used to set learning goals for each child. These goals are based on what the child is interested in. Teachers value the hopes and aspirations that each family/whanau has for their child and this also influences learning.

Teachers adjust their learning strategies and the learning environment according to the learning priority of the children at Swannanoa preschool

The first Goal

Children experience an environment where:

- Their health is promoted;
- Their emotional well-being is nurtured;
- They are kept safe from harm

Relationships of the Strand of Well-being to the Curriculum Principles

This strand is based on the principle of empowerment. Children develop an enhanced sense of self-worth, identify, confidence, and enjoyment as they reach the goals of well-being in a responsive, stable, safe environment which supports the development of self-control and self-esteem. The goals of this strand recognise the principle of Holistic Development in promoting well-being through consistent, warm relationships which connect the various aspects of the child's world. The strand recognises that family and community are important in contributing significantly to children's well-being. In the same way, the strand of well-being emphasises that through relationships, children develop trust that their needs will be responded to, and that trust contributes to developing confidence and independence.

Swannanoa Preschool Communal Garden Committee

The Swannanoa Preschool Communal Garden Committee is pleased to announce the site has been cleared!! A huge thank you to Chris for excavating the site! Here we go!

Next, watch for fencing to be followed by Bryant our wonderful 'Hire-a-Hubby', phone number 021 717 503 . Bryant will also be cleaning up the garden shed. The Committee would also like to hear from our Preschool Community, if there is a gardening expert or landscape design person who can give us some suggestions for the site. The Committee is in the process of approaching local businesses for support and donations

Enviroschool News

Congratulations to all the families at Swannanoa Preschool. According to our recent waste audit, although we have doubled in size since last year's audit We have decreased our waste to the landfill by almost 50% what a difference. Well done! Lets keep those rubbish free lunch boxes coming! We have also made it into the Enviroschools newsletter 'Chatterbox'. Here is our story 'On May 19th 2015 R 3:30pm we hosted the Enviroschools Early Childhood Education (ECE) cluster group at our lovely centre. The teachers and EnviroSchool team were impressed with our Centre and our lovely outdoor environment. We all know how lucky we are to have such lovely space for our tamariki's learning and development. The topic of discussion was the importance of outdoor play for children, very inspiring. There is a book called 'Dirty Teaching: A Beginner's Guide to Teaching Outdoors' by Juliet Robertson

Congratulations

**Louisa, Paul & Finley Robinson
on the arrival of a new brother
for Finley**



CAR PARK SAFETY

The speed limit in the car park is 10kph

please adhere to
this at all times

There is to be **NO** overtaking down the driveway under any circumstances!! Yes it has happened!

Please check your phone before you turn your car on, not as you are exiting through the car park.

Our school's unique voucher.



Swannanoa Preschool

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The more you shop, the more your school benefits.

Present at any Warehouse Stationery checkout. ElueBis Rewards Points will be awarded to our school, helping us get more resources.

When purchasing items in either

The Warehouse or Warehouse Stationery please present our unique number

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and we will benefit directly as a result.

Important

Our license does not allow us to have children on the premises outside of the hours of 9am to 3pm, so your cooperation with this is very much appreciated.

Important

If your child has had an accident/incident (falls/bumps/bruises etc) at home it is really important for you to let us know, so that we are aware of your child's needs at preschool

Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Raised \$609.60

Paul Brown CEO Childfund

Phoned to say a massive thank you to all the children and their families

LINK TO EARLY CHILDHOOD ARTICLE ON THE USE OF MEDICINES IN YOUNG CHILDREN

<http://www.myece.org.nz/health-safety/249-paracetamol-ibuprofen-medicine-pain-fever-children>

POLICY UPDATE;

HEALTH & SAFETY (TAMARIKI/CHILDREN)

Tikanga/Procedure for Sickness/ Infectious Diseases

If child/ren or pakeke/adult who are suffering from general illnesses ie hand, foot and mouth, ring-worm, slapped cheek, headlice, conjunctivitis, etc they will be asked not to attend preschool until condition has been treated. **Anyone suffering from vomiting or diarrhoea must not attend preschool until 48 hours after last symptoms.**

If a child becomes ill at preschool i.e. high temperature above 37.5 degrees C or any of the illnesses in part c), a phone call will be made home by the team leader/office administrator to ensure the child is collected and noted on the 'serious illness form' and signed by the parent/caregiver. The child and a kaiako/teacher will find a quiet corner of the preschool, they will receive all due care and attention until the child is collected by parent/caregiver.

General

Reminders:

Please name all clothing, bags, bottles, lunch boxes etc

Please pack a change of clothes

Please use recyclable lunchboxes etc, we are an Enviroschool

Can you please notify us well in advance what date your child will start school

Please phone in if your child is absent for the day

Please apply sunscreen on your child before coming to preschool and we will apply again during the day

Please keep sick school

children out of preschool

CAN WE TEXT YOU REMINDERS;

In the unlikely event of a school closure, we would like to be able to text you. We will also send reminders to your mobile about special events, like bike days, preschool barbecues etc Many of you have signed up already, but our aim is to have 100 percent of our parents in our system.

To register for free text
messages

TEXT THE

FOLLOWING

MESSAGE TO:

8987

follow SwannanoaP

(note case sensitive) and that's it you're good to go!
Never miss a dress up day again



Rangiora Borough School P.T.A
**Mid-Winter Quiz
Night**

FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2015

7:00 PM

**RANGIORA BOROUGH SCHOOL HALL
KING STREET RANGIORA**

\$60.00 per team: maximum of six.

**Raffles, Silent Auctions, Lucky Table Prizes,
Heads and Tails and More!
Drinks and Snacks Available!**

**GATHER A TEAM OF 6 FRIENDS AND GET
TOGETHER FOR A FUN-FILLED NIGHT OF
CHALLENGES, LAUGHTER, BANTER AND
ENTERTAINMENT.**

**Tickets can be paid for at Rangiora Borough School
Office or contact Wendy at wendygidz@xtra.co.nz.**



June 2015

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22 Book Week	23 Book Week	24 Book Week	25 Mid Winter Christmas and Book Week	26 Book Week	27	28
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