



November Newsletter

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Working Bee

THIS SUNDAY 8TH FROM 10AM.

Swannanoa Preschool is a community based, not for profit preschool.

We need your help!

Just a couple of hours of your time please!

The following is a few of the jobs we would like to get done, there is something for everyone.



Plant large trees for shade

Water blast decks, concrete and picket fence

Soil into garden beds in communal garden

Mulch down in communal garden

Put all excess wood/timber from boundary in container

Top up bark

Tidy up concrete edges – tripping hazard

Bark/mulch on gardens

Plant bike track area

Stain carpentry house and structures

Things to bring: Shovels Wheelbarrows Rakes

COME, HAVE A GREAT TIME, MEET SOME NEW FAMILIES, AND HELP OUT YOUR PRESCHOOL.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE AS MANY FAMILIES AS POSSIBLE. KIDS ARE VERY WELCOME TOO.

The Communal Garden committee is looking forward to the working bee this Sunday November 8, Our intention is to spread the bark on the garden walkways and the soil into the garden beds. These donations come from Rangiora Landscape and Sutherland Timber. Thank you!

We will be placing a plaque with contributors names in our garden. Waterforce Irrigation has also donated the irrigation, timer and installation.

The Garden committee is continuing to look for donations for other supplies we need.

We are approaching local businesses with requests for garden tools and materials. If any of our Whanau would like to be involved we would love help with planting and propagating seeds. If you are developing your veggie gardens at home we would appreciate any leftovers :)

Our resident artist in Manaaki, Anna, is keen to get started on the mural for our garden shed(see the drawing on our notice board). We are looking for donations of plywood and paints. Please see Laura, Katrina J or Jenny if you can help in anyway. This will be a wonderful learning and inquiry space for our children at Preschool to learn more about their environment. One of our garden beds will be designated to families in need. We also look forward to building a greenhouse early next year so watch this space for how you can get involved!! Ka kite



Whakanui News (Nursery) - From Ange and the Team

Count down to Christmas is on, keep an eye out for those beautiful decorations going up, won't be long. The weather is still very unpredictable so please ensure that your child brings named items of clothing for all seasons. We are having a number of our older children transition through to either Manaaki or Atawhai and they are settling well. A big welcome to our families that have recently started in Whakanui with us. We look forward to getting to know you.



Manaaki News

From Ashleigh and the Team

There has been great interest in 'new life' amongst the children, teachers and families. This started with a cheeky mother bird who made a nest in our carpentry cupboard. She laid six eggs, three of which hatched into baby birds. It was a lovely opportunity for children to get right up close to the action. This has led on to discussions around life cycles, planting in the garden, nests and eggs coming from home and much more. Unfortunately, over labour weekend something got into the carpentry cupboard and the baby birds passed away. Jackie sat down with the children and explained what had happened and we buried the babies in the garden. We are still interested in learning about 'new life' and spring time so if you have anything to share please see a teacher! Also check out the whiteboard in the main area of the preschool.

Monday 2nd November will be Hannah's last day with us. Hannah has been with us as a student teacher over the past 4 weeks. We have loved having her as part of the team and wish her well in the rest of her studies as an early childhood teacher.

Atawhai News

From Kerry and the Team

Thank you to everyone who came to meet Tim Heidmann. It was a great success and the feedback has been great. We will have another parent evening with Tim in Term 1.

Welcome to all of the new children and their families.

The children have shown an interest in stories and music recently. If anyone has any special stories that they would like to share please feel free to bring a book in OR come in to read or sing at one of our group times. These are held at 11:30am and 2:40pm. We have also noticed that groups of children are interested in insects and bugs. They have been using the magnifying glasses to find them.

If you have any ideas for activities for extending this interest please let a Teacher know. The good weather often brings out interests in bugs and butterflies or in things that grow. Laura has been busy planting the veggie gardens too.

Thank
You!

To all the parents who came and read to the children during book week

General News

At our end of day mat time you are welcome to quietly come in and sit with or collect your child. Or if you would prefer, you can wait outside for mat time to finish (we try to finish just before 3pm as preschool closes at 3pm sharp). There are always teachers available to chat with at this time.

Children's Learning

WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?

When children come home at the end of the day,

The question they're asked as they scurry to play is "tell me what you did today?"

And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay. "Nothing, I did nothing today!"

Perhaps nothing means that I played with blocks, or counted to ten, or sorted rocks.

Maybe I painted a picture, of red and blue or heard a story of a mouse that flew.

Maybe I watched two gerbils eat today, or went outside on the swings to play.

Maybe today was the very first time that my scissors followed a very straight line.

Maybe I led a song from beginning to end, or played with a special brand new friend.

When you're in preschool and your heart has wings,

"Nothing"

can mean so many things!!

Congratulations

Kelly, Bevan and Maddison Hames On the birth of Milla Kaye at 8lbs on 28th October 9:35am

Swannanoa School Quiz Night

Friday 6th November starting at 7pm in the school hall

Teams of up to 6 - \$10 pp and BYO drinks and nibbles for your table

This is not a fundraiser - this is purely social!

Dress up not compulsory but come dressed in any 'S' letter theme!

Tables must be booked ASAP as tables are limited

Contact Nic 021026385759 or nicandy1@xtra.co.nz

Events Term 4

Tuesday Nov 10th— Celebrate Show Day, wear a hat/fascinator

Thursday Nov 26th—Pet Day

Wednesday Dec 16th—Bike Day



CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year, due to the size of our Centre and numbers of children we have enrolled we will have two Christmas Parties—one in Manaaki and one in Atawhai

Whakanui will attend both!!

Manaaki Christmas Party will be held on Friday 4th December

Atawhai Christmas Party will be held on Friday 11th December.

Further details closer to the time



TEAM PRINGLE
The results speak for themselves

BAYLEYS

WHALAN AND PARTNERS LTD, BAYLEYS, LICENSED UNDER THE REA ACT 2008.

22 November 10am – 4pm, Ohoka School. A \$25 ticket (\$30 on the day) includes admission to seven of the finest gardens Ohoka has to offer and entry to the Fete at Ohoka School. This year's Fete has more stalls than ever before, music, fine food and entertainment for the kids. This is sure to be the best tour yet. Get your tickets early, visit our facebook page for updates, or website ohokagardentour.co.nz, or phone Lianne on 03-3126064.

Ticket outlets: Ohoka School, Ohoka Garage, Woodend Nursery, Terra Viva, Kaiapoi Florist, Pukeko Junction and Portstone Garden Centre.



PINK & PIRATE DAY

New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation Fundraiser

We raised nearly \$400



BEFORE



AFTER



LOCAL CHILDMINDER

Please contact Emily Bosworth

I have a current first aid certificate, police check and have my level 3 and 5 in early childhood education and care.

My own daughter attends Swannanoa Preschool

Phone Emily 03 261 2227 / 027 476 8080



FOR SALE FUNDRAISER FOR PRESCHOOL

3 x Purebred Giant Flemish Kits, eight weeks old kits, Born 1st August

Both parents vaccinated for RCD Kits to be vaccinated at twelve weeks old

\$40 each 1xWH, 1xBK-WH, 1xFAWN-WH

Used to children, cats, dogs

Phone Donna 027-312 5050

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



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