



## April Newsletter 2024

Nga mihi o te wa koe me te whanau.

Greetings to you and your family. I sat down to write this newsletter and have just realized I totally missed getting a newsletter out for March. Such is the pace of 2024!

### STAFFING:

**Sad Times:** We are very sad to announce that Ellen from Pre-school will be finishing up with us on 19 April 2024. Ellen has a new position at the Blue Duck centres. Ellen has had an on-going association with Surrey Park, beginning back in 2010. We are going to miss Ellen hugely- her gentle ways of supporting the tamariki to grow their knowledge, and her skills and knowledge in tikanga maori that she has worked so hard to share with our staff. Ellen, we thank you for all you have done to help all of us grow our knowledge- and we wish you the very best in this new teaching adventure.

**Sympathy:** We also wish to extend our sympathy to Zana for the death of her loved Dad, and to Donna and Lisa for the death of a loved mother-in-law/ grandmother. We hope happy memories help ease the gap for Zana, Donna and Lisa.

**Welcome back:** On a brighter note, we have Linh Duong back with us starting her third and final year of training to become a fully qualified early childhood teacher.

### FUND RAISING & RAFFLE:

**Little Hearts Day:** We raised \$150.00 for the Little Hearts Foundation.

We wish to thank all the whanau who supported our **Easter Oyster raffle**. We are delighted to have raised \$3613.97 to go towards our fund-raising projects.

We are also very thrilled to have recently received a grant for \$10,000.00 for playground equipment from **Community Trust South**. We are very grateful to Rachael Hewton and Lorna Allott for their hard work in applying for this grant for us. We are excited to get purchasing some outdoor play equipment.

**ANZAC DAY:** The centre will be closed on Thursday 25 April for Anzac Day. Please note this on your calendar.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: 15- 28 April:** The centre is open for the school holidays so if your child will not be attending for any days in this 2-week period we would appreciate it if you could let us know as soon as possible. It helps us save money if we can adjust our staffing roster in advance.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Our annual general meeting will now be held on **Monday 22 April at 7.30pm**. To meet the requirements of us being an Incorporated society/registered charity, Rachael Hewton, the President of our centre, will give a summary of how 2023 went for the centre, and the audited annual accounts will be presented. The centre is governed by a group of parents and co-opted members to oversee the operation of the centre. If you are interested in joining the committee, please let me know so we can put your name forward for nomination.

For venue purposes, can you please let us know if you will be attending the AGM- sometimes we are at McCulloch & Partners but for a bigger group we would be here at the centre. Once we know how many will be attending, we will confirm the venue.

E noho mai- stay well and look after yourselves.

Avril