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July Newsletter 2015

Message from Hayley

Whoa what a busy first few weeks I have had at Moa kids. I would like to say big thank you to all the children, teachers and family for welcoming me in with open arms. I'm certainly excited to be a part of the extended Moa Kids family. I've met most families and parents, but if I haven't please make sure you pop your head into the office and introduce yourself. My door is always open, so please make sure if there is anything you need or would like to discuss I am always available to parents.

I know the teachers and I would like to thank everyone for the support over the changes that have been made at Moa Kids recently. We are looking forward to a positive change for everyone and excited for Moa Kids' future.

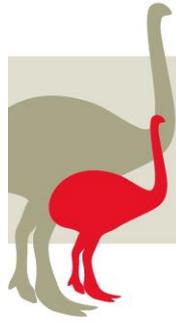
With the new structure now in place there are a few changes I would like families to be informed about. Letisha has taken on the role of Assistant Senior Teacher. A part of this role is to manage and support both the nursery and preschool areas at Moa Kids. Therefore, Letisha will be working Monday and Wednesday in the nursery and the rest of her time in the preschool. Shay is excited to be working alongside Sharon in the nursery for the rest of the time and will get her preschool fix on Mondays and Wednesdays.

I will be overseeing the centre at all times. I am a very "hand's on" Centre Manager/Senior Teacher, so I will be supporting teachers on the floor throughout the day. We are currently looking for an admin assistant who will work a few hours each week in the office. This will then give me the opportunity to get both mine and Moa Kids name out into the wider community, and also to spend more time developing programs and implementing systems for children, teachers and all families.

Hayley

iPads

As you probably are all aware we now have the iPads available to the children for the majority of the time in the preschool room. There have been a few parents asking how this is going and also how we monitor the use of these. Having the iPads out more frequently is working very well. We make sure the same children are not on these all the time and all day. There was a lot of hype at the start but now with them just added daily to the program the children are using them less but when they do it is for meaningful learning. We are also starting to use them for documenting the children's learning and also supporting them to do this and then also take photos of their creations and learning experiences in the classroom. If you have any questions on the iPads, please make sure you come and see me.



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Facebook

Lots of families have already liked our facebook page, so a big thank you to these families. If you haven't please make sure you do and share it on your facebook page. It's not only great for you to see what your children are getting up to, but great for grandparents, aunts and uncles and also good for the wider community to see what is happening at Moa Kids.

Most families have ticked in their child's enrolment form that they can go on the internet. However I will be doing up a permission slip just for Facebook as we understand parents concerns with social media. We won't ever write children full names, and we will limit photos of full faces where we can. It is ok if you do not want your child on facebook, but this just gives us a list of who can 😊

Teacher Only Day

As part of the new team and structure, I think it is very important to have a team building day with the teachers. We have Liz Depree from Interlead coming in to work with us all on Friday the 9th October. Therefore, Moa Kids will be closed this day for a teacher's only day. I will send an email out closer to the time and update the facebook page, but please put this in your diary

Dolphin club

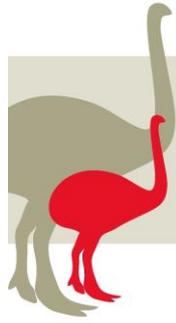
Dolphin club is up a running again after it two weeks break during the holidays. The children have been learning and investing the world of animals. They have been learning about the different habitats animals live in and finding out different information on each animal they choose to look at. This week we will hire some learning discovery boxes from Science Alive as the children want to find out more on butterflies and bees.

News Time/Show and Tell

The preschool room have now started up show and tell with the children. Each child has their own news day each week. You do not have to do news each week, but if your child does want to bring something in to show and share with their peers, please make sure it is on their news day. There is a basket out the front in the foyer for your child to put their named item in at the start of the day, the basket will also be in the foyer at the end of the day for you to collect your child's item. I must say the children are loving their special news day and it is a great learning experience where they are encouraged to get up and speak in front of their peers and also a great confidence building activity.

Art

The children love their art area in the preschool and spend many hours creating their own masterpieces and explore a variety of art and craft activities. Last week Sharleen did tie-dyeing with the children and they had so much fun creating and exploring with the different colours. Sharleen



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had this activity out all day and her art table was constantly full of children wanting a turn. Make sure you keep an eye out for your children's art masterpieces.

Warm Clothes

With the cool weather sticking around, can all families please make sure they are packing warm clothes, jackets and hats in your child's bag. We have a lovely outdoor environment for our children to explore, so it is important we use it on a regular basis all through winter. So warm clothes, jackets and even gumboots at times are needed. If your child does wear gumboots, please feel free to pop their slippers into their bag for them to wear inside the preschool.

Fruit Basket

In the preschool room at Moa Kids, the children have fruit platters for morning tea. All children are to put one piece of fruit into the fruit basket each morning please. The fruit basket has been pretty empty looking lately, so if we could make an effort to remember to put a piece in, that would be much appreciated.

Matariki

Matariki was a great success again this year. The children presented a lovely concert and play of Tane and the Stars to the parents. We had a wonderful turn out from all the families too. Zoe Fidler (Isla & Cassie's mum) has loaded some photos of the event to her website. Please see the disco info below on how to access these.

Redcliffs School

Thank you to all parents who made a submission to the Minister of Education regarding the school. We have been notified that the school is expected to hear the outcome late August/early September. As soon as we know, we will email you with the news.

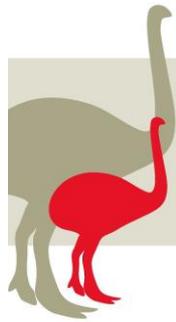
Fundraising

Disco

Thank you to all the families that came along and supported the annual children's disco in Sumner. It was very successful and a total of \$400 was raised. So a big thanks you to all and especially to the families and gave up their time to set up, clean up and organise the event 😊

Zoe Fidler (Isla & Cassie's mum) has loaded up lots of photos from the disco. To view these please see below:

Go to website: www.fogetmenotphoto.co.nz



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If you would like any prints made please email Zoe at info@fogetmenotphoto.co.nz

2nd Hand Sale

There is going to be a 2nd hand children's sale at the centre on Sunday 13th September. We will email out a flyer and more information this week. So watch this space.

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday 17th August at 7.30pm. Please feel free to come along especially if you would like to help with the running of Moa Kids.

The Committee would like to thank Mary Tinkler for all of their time and support they have given to Moa Kids. Mary has worked tirelessly over the last 3 years as Chairperson. We wish you well for the future Mary and hope that Georgie has a great time at school.