



## Welcome to Term 4 2009



Kia ora koutou,

Well, winter is behind us for yet another year as we embrace the changes of spring. This also can mean the time of year where there are a lot of illnesses about. Please be mindful that children should not come into care if they are not well.

On those hot days sun block and hats will again be needed to keep everyone sun smart.

Exciting events have been happening at playgroup and the children enjoying the different settings out in the community, particularly the gymnastic outings. One group of children helped to keep our community clean by picking up rubbish and for their efforts have been awarded 1st equal prize for Clean Up NZ week by the local council. This will be presented at the A & P show in Oct.

Thanks for everyone's continual support with the scholastic book orders we are regularly getting free resources for the children. Please remember to include payment with orders from now on, this needs to be a cheque or credit card details.

Parents, when signing timesheets please can you make sure they are correct as that is what the accounts are done from. Any adjustments need to be made on the yellow forms and have an effective date. Thanks very much, this helps the systems run smoothly.

This newsletter will be my last so thank you to everyone. It has been a honour to share experiences with you as Parents, children and Educators. Jodeen

**Our visit to the toy library was great ,thanks to the toy library for hosting us. The toy library use clear zipper bags perhaps the type duvet inners come in, to store toys, if you have any please drop them into the office and we will see that they get them. Well done to those Educators using the toy library to offer a wider selection of age appropriate toys to their children**



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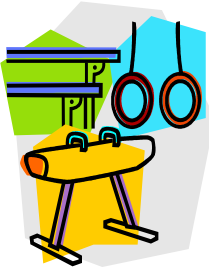
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Quote for the term  
With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.



## What's Happening At Playgroup this Term In Whakatane

### Playgroups to be held at the REAP Early Childhood rooms on Pyne Street

Tuesday 13th Oct. 9.30-11.30am

Planting seeds/Squeeze juice

Tuesday 27th Oct 9.30-11.30am

Junk Play/Boxes

Wednesday 4th Nov 9.30-11.30am

Messy Play/Face painting

Tuesday 17th Nov 9.30-11.30am

Water Play—bring togs or change of clothes

Wednesday 2nd Dec 9.30-11.30

Xmas baking, decorations, presents

Tuesday 15th Dec 9.30-11.30

Xmas baking, decorations, presents

Everyone is welcome. Come along for the 2 hours or for as long as it suits.

### Playgroups to be held out in the community.

Outside events cancelled if wet.

Tuesday 20th Oct 10am visit the

Ambulance Station, Arawa Road.

Wednesday 11th Nov 10 am Trip to Maia's farm.

Ask for your map at the office. Bring own food, drink, and appropriate clothing and shoes or boots, food for the pigs and hens. Leave office @ 9.30.

Wednesday 25th Nov 10 am Rose Gardens @ McGarvey Road.

Picnic, activities and/or walk.

Tuesday Dec 8th Blueberry Farm. End of year celebration. Come and enjoy berries and ice-cream with us. More details to follow at a later date.



### What's On in the Community:

Pre school library time has started again. 10.30am Thursdays during term time. A fun time for songs and stories.

Whakatane Baptist Church fundraiser to help women escape poverty in India. \$10 Portrait Photos. Just pay \$10 have your photo as a family or individual taken on the 14th Nov at the Baptist Church and get a 10x13 portrait to keep, and the opportunity to view and order further reprints with no obligation. See information letter for booking times.

Oct 10th A & P show some weekend family fun

Hi - My name is Sandy Clark.

As Judith mentioned at the professional development night in Sept I will be taking over from Jodeen as Coordinator on the standard project. As some of you know I have previously been a Coordinator for Home based Childcare in Whakatane. I am looking forward to working in the home based environment again and having contact with long term and newer Educators, as I feel that the home environment for infant and toddlers is the next best thing to being with their families.

From previous experience the work you Educators do with the littlies in your care is amazing and really important to their future development. I hope to provide you with resources, ideas, a listening ear and practical help to further enhance your programmes.

See you in October. Sandy.

**For Fun Affordable  
Activities for kids  
check out 101 fun  
things to do @**

**[www.littlies.co.nz](http://www.littlies.co.nz)**

*Melissa would like to buy an  
outside gazebo please phone  
0275323005*



First Aid Courses in Whakatane:  
Red Cross Phone 308 0419

St Johns Phone 308 6653 between 10-2.30pm

First aid training is run at the hospital through DJS. Phone 307 8223. DJS is able to offer a comprehensive course in one day rather than over two days. I myself attended one recently and found it to be very practical and interesting.



The last couple of months have been very hectic and seen a lot of changes within A Kidz World but they are exciting and challenging and as a service will only improve on what we already offer to our children and families. It was with sadness we said goodbye to Jodeen and we wish her well for her future.

Along with Sandy Clark, starting in Oct, we will also welcome Sarah Way as a Coordinator later in the term. Sarah has a background in Early Childhood Teaching. As well as being a Homebased Care coordinator, her own son attended Homebased Care.



New books have been purchased and are available to borrow from the office.  
From the Playcentre Federation;  
Inspired to Build—block play  
Creative Collage—craft and creativity  
Earthern Treasures—Clay  
Look who's Cooking—process Cooking  
Getting started with Schema's – revealing the wonderful world of children's play  
  
Nigel Latta—Mother's and Sons

Maintenance of equipment is essential. Equipment is expensive just to replace because it hasn't been cleaned properly. Please be mindful of keeping equipment in good working order all the time.

*www.marthastewart.com*  
*This website is jam packed full of ideas, craft activities and recipes.*

## Handmade Wet wipes

1 Tblspn baby oil  
1 Tblspn baby shampoo  
2 cups boiling water  
Viva paper towels  
Fold paper towels in half and layer them in a container until container is full. Mix all ingredients leaving water until last, as towels shrink add more towels. Add mixture slowly. Half way turn towels over so mixture is absorbed evenly.

## Health Update

### The following information is taken from the Education Gazette

Whooping cough and Measles: health officials are concerned that NZ could be facing a whooping cough and measles epidemic this year.

We can help stop the spread of whooping cough and measles by:

- ensuring that sick children and adults stay at home as outlined in regs
- Checking immunisation records. If there is an outbreak of measles unimmunised children may need to be kept at home to protect them from infection.
- Following basic hygiene practices, including good hand washing
- If you have any questions about whooping cough or measles call the Healthline 0800 611 116 or the Immunisation Advisory Centre 0800 466 863

## Educator News

As an Educator if you are taking children out of the community on an outing/excursion a separate excursion form needs to be filled out. Permission slips for this sort of excursion need to be kept at the office once signed. This does need to include risk assessment of the outing/excursion. Normal community playgroups, park visits stay the same for now as parents sign permission for these on the enrolment forms.( A new permission form is included in the term 4 Educator packs, to be placed in the grey file until needed.)

## Tsunami Tease !! Parents and Educators

How did you cope ? What did you do? Did you feel supported?

Could we have done more?

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To ensure we are doing as much as possible to provide safe care for the children could you please talk to any of the

coordinators about your experience.

