

# Bear Park Preschool Newsletter

November 2011

Dear Parents and Whanau,

What an exciting couple of weeks it has been. The preschool children and their teachers have embraced the Rugby World Cup, culminating in the All Blacks heroic victory. We are very proud of the children's emerging patriotism when given the opportunity to explore their cultural identity in our New Zealand context. Now we are looking forward to hot summer days and Christmas celebrations with friends and family.

## Christmas Party at Auckland Zoo

By now you would have received your invitations to Bear Park's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at the Zoo on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Please can we have actual numbers of people from your family attending this event by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November** at the latest. Prior to the Party, all those attending, adults and children will be given a wristband to wear on the day (once payment has been received by us).

**NB. These will guarantee you entry on the day**

## Preschool Backyard Update

As you may be aware, we are going to have our outside area redone. This was supposed to commence after Labour Weekend but has been delayed until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at this stage. We will keep you informed of any new developments with this.

## Centre Re-Opening 2012

If you have not yet returned your child's form regarding their return to the Centre after their Christmas break, please can you do so by **Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you are unsure of their actual return date post January 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 at this stage, we kindly ask that you please let us know whether your child/ren will be attending Bear Park on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, and/or Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

### Portfolios

Please can all portfolios be returned to the centre as soon as possible. Your children's teachers are busily gathering more stories to add into them; these will then be sent home prior to the Christmas break.

### Staffing Update

#### **The Tujs**

We have warmly welcomed Vanessa into the Tui classroom. Vanessa hails from Ireland bringing with her a creative and aesthetic flair.

#### **The Keas**

We are pleased to announce that Paige will be joining the Kea teaching team. Paige is already familiar to all the children, as she has been our fantastic Planning cover since the beginning of last year. She is excited about taking on a permanent teaching position in the Preschool. She will be **working Mondays and Thursdays until the beginning of 2012**, when she will be in 4 days a week as she continues to work towards her teaching degree.

### **Dates to Remember:**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas Party at the Zoo**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011: Centre closes at 12 noon**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012: Centre re-opens 8am -4.30pm**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January: CENTRE CLOSED (Teacher Only Day)**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January: Centre opens with usual hours of operation (7.30am-6pm)**

