

# Tui February Newsletter



A big welcome back to all our families! We hope the Xmas/Summer break was relaxing and fun. We also would like to welcome Janne and Danielle to our Tui team.



Janne moved over from the Piwakawaka room and will be working every day except for Friday.

Danielle will join us for Thursday and Fridays each week and has plenty of experience in Early Childhood Education.

Please help make these lovely teachers feel welcome.



## Hestia Women's Refuge Collection

Over the last few weeks we have been inundated with donations from you all. We are so humbled by your generosity and kindness you are showing to this wonderful cause. We are storing all your donations in Denise's garage and she said it is getting mighty crowded in there!

In conjunction with the collection we are looking forward to our Movie Night this

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. You have once again been very supportive and we have SOLD OUT of tickets!! THANKYOU all for your kindness, keep it coming!

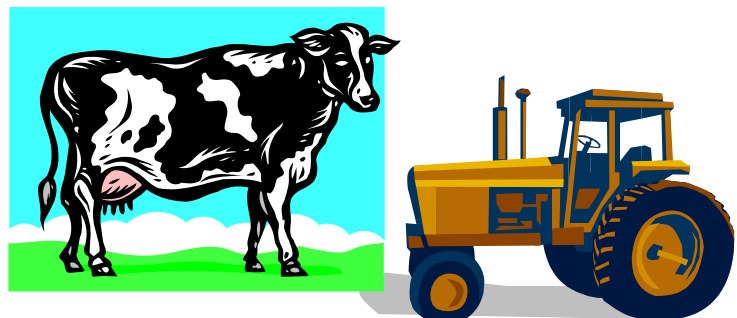
PS did you see us in the Rodney Times?

## Farms and Farm Animals

The children have shown an increasing interest in farms and farm animals. We have had many conversations about which children live on a farm, what animals live on a farm and also observed many children role playing e.g. our farmers have been milking their cows, animals being told to get in their pens and farmers yelling 'get in behind!'

We are focusing on supporting and extending on this interest in as many ways as possible. So far some activities we have done include...

- building fences and pens outside for our animals
- creating animal farms with blocks
- animal art
- discussions about farms and what happens there
- naming animals and the baby animal names
- role playing we are animal
- animal dress ups
- farm books and puzzles



We also discussing with Jennifer about bringing in her pony as well as Carolyn or Janne to bring in their dogs. If anyone else has a farm animal that is okay with the children please talk to us about bringing them in for a visit! Or what about bringing in some tools that are used on the farm?

Some of our farming parents have also offered their farms for us to visit so keep your eyes peeled for a notice about an upcoming farm visit.

### Four Year Old Group

At the start of term our 4 year old group kicked off again. They are thoroughly enjoying having their own special time to do more in depth activities.

The aim of the group is to ensure the children are as prepared for school as possible. We work with you the parent, your child and the local primary schools to ensure we are building on all the desired areas of learning and development. Over the next few weeks the Tui team will be catching up with the 4 year old parents to discuss any goals or concerns you may have for your 4 year old. From there they can further plan their activities.

To find out what the 4 year olds have been up to check out the wall inside the circle room.

### Undies

Many of our clever children are toilet training at the moment and we are so proud of them. If your child is toilet training please make sure you pack at least two spare changes of underwear.



Our spare underwear drawer is looking very empty - could you please do a check at home and return any of our underwear you may have. Our boys undies in particular are very low.

### Children's Portfolios

Our teaching team works weekly on your child's portfolio to create a document that is rich in experiences that tell the story of your child's journey here at Kowhai Kids. We encourage parents to add comments to stories or add stories or photos from home. Every few weeks you will notice a pegged note on your pocket saying your child has a new portfolio addition. We encourage you to read through this story at your leisure, remember you can take the portfolio home at any time.

Remember you can find us on FACEBOOK. 'Like' us to keep informed of all our changes and events.

Did you know it's physically impossible for pigs to look up at the sky