

Kia ora koutou tamariki, mātua, whanau mā,

It has been a busy first term with new staff and children settling in. We are pleased to see the parent voice board filling up with what has been happening outside of the centre. If you don't have time to write something down, email is fine. The poster is particularly eye catching!

COMMITTEE NEWS.....AGM this WEEK starting at 7.30.
We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to enjoy a free supper in exchange for your time on Wednesday night. It is also not to late to complete a nomination request to join our committee.

We are selling chocolate at Alpine Resort. Hopefully you have seen our display if you are at swimming lessons? Don't be shy to suggest other great locations to set up a 'stall'. With this, and the raffle, what else have the committee been working on to generate income? **CHEESE ROLLS.....AGAIN!**



Order forms will be out at the beginning of term 2, with parent help required on Saturday the 28th May.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

While on the subject of income, the fees policy is still under review. This is available to read on our [website](#) or if you don't have access to the internet then see Pauline about printing you a copy. As mentioned at the end of last year we are working hard to keep fees at status quo, whilst constantly monitoring expenditure. If you want to comment on our fees policy please put your thoughts in writing. Preferably before our finance meeting this Thursday.

PYJAMA DAY NEXT THURSDAY

Come in your pyjamas next Thursday the 21st. Cody is organising a "Pyjamas day easter treasure hunt".



Elizabeth is away today and tomorrow to complete her food handling certificate. We will have Janice on Tuesday, and Daphne on Wednesday. Both these lovely ladies are relief cooks for Elmslie House. Welcome to AB's. ☺

News in brief:

- We banked \$53.40 for the red cross Christchurch earthquake appeal.
- Your end-of-year tax receipt has been issued. Most were emailed but can be printed. Use this information to complete your [tax credit claim form \(IR526\)](#)
- We need an approved booster seat at the centre. Do you have a spare one?
- Mark in your diary that the Plunket garage sale will be on Sunday 15th May.
- Thank you to Eden's mum Hannah for fixing the under 2's pram.
- Please double check lost property before it all goes to the op shop on Friday.
- 4 year old vision and hearing checks this Wednesday from 9am.
- Thank you to Bronnie, Bridget, Hannah & Judy for your donation of swan plants to keep our hungry caterpillars alive. The last of the butterflies are hatching this week.
- The unders teachers still would like more photos for their whānau board.
- Can you feed the animals for a couple of days when we are closed? (from 22nd to 30th April)

Do you need to contact us?

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Mustang Flight Over Wanaka



\$20 per ticket

Prize: 25 min Mustang flight from Wanaka Airport (conditions apply)
2 nights accomodation for 2 people at Alpine Resort Wanaka
Prize drawn on Monday 1st August 2011



Conditions of Prize
The Mustang flight is not suitable for children. The prize is valid for persons over 18 years only.
The flight is subject to the ongoing availability of the Mustang.
The flight is subject to weather conditions.
Proceeds going towards Improving outdoor environment

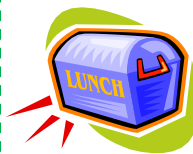
SPREAD THE WORD.

This wonderful prize is worth over \$3,600. Please encourage all your whānau to buy a ticket.

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So what do we have planned for term 2?

Firstly, we have a few staff members away on annual leave or professional development leave for a majority of the term. Helen Rule will be helping out with relieving and be a regular addition to our teaching team. Especially on Thursday and Fridays as Frankie heads away on an overseas adventure for May & June. She is away to Europe to find out the secret to making her goats cheese taste even better. Yum Yum



Please remember that from the 2nd May we are unable to heat food provided in lunchboxes. The kitchen has become very busy and for health and safety reasons we are unable to carry on this service. It is much easier for your child if all the food you provide is available in the lunchbox for your child to enjoy.

At the beginning of term two, the shade sails will be removed and the children will no longer have sunscreen applied after lunch. If you want your child to still be using sunscreen then we will need a bottle of sunscreen provided. It is your choice whether or not you want to apply sunscreen in the morning.



Don't forget to read the programme in action book displaying the daily happenings. We love to share what the children have been doing and if we don't get the chance to chat to you then this is a great way to find out what the children are showing an interest in. Ask your child about "Puff the magic dragon" and then let us know what they say.

Just a housekeeping issue, please if you arrive at the centre while the teachers' are having their planning meeting, ie before 8.45, we need the parents to supervise their children. This is a great time of the day to read a book (maybe even the daily happenings book) or your child's profile book as the other activities have been set up for all children attending that day to enjoy.

Have you got a CD player? ours has broken today. We also need some speakers for our Ipad and we are interested in buying a 2nd generation ipod nano. There has also been a request from the children for more dress-ups, (anything funky will do).



Elizabeth is very appreciative of all the donations of fruit and veggies and has preserved over 40 large jars, BUT we desperately need MORE jars. PLEASE!



The fire truck is coming. Hopefully on Tues 3rd May.



This months newsletter is sponsored by:

Sarah Ritchie Architecture

Phone 4438802

Thank you for being a "friend of AB's".

Sarah has kindly donated some art paper for the tamariki to enjoy.

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Will you sponsor our newsletter in exchange for a space each month to advertise your business or an upcoming event your business is holding? We would ideally like to have three to four businesses advertised each month. Does our AB's community know who has their own business amongst our families and who we can support? How about we improve the communication network between our families. Talk to Pauline about having a blurb on your business in exchange for a donation towards resources. Sometimes we may just mention a generous and helpful business in the community that have been "friends of Aspiring Beginnings".

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Ka kite ano,
the Aspiring Beginnings Team

