



Pahiatau Toy Library Newsletter Feb 2008

NOTICES

"HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL"

MARKET DAY

Our Market Day fundraiser raised \$557- a very pleasing result. A big thank you to our face painters who did a wonderful job. The raffles were won by Steph Tisdall No 218 (Toy Box) and Dawn Bareham No 92 (Bath rack Pack). A big effort was put in by Nicole Paget from our committee who acquired sponsorship for virtually all our costs. We are unsure that we will repeat this fundraiser as it meant committee members were unable to spend this day with their children.

SURVEY

Thank you to the few of you who responded to our survey. If anyone else still wishes to submit one that would be appreciated. We received some useful feedback regarding opening times. The committee will consider our options for an additional opening time.

New Toys

We are planning to purchase some new toys soon! We have decided to focus this next buy on the 0-2 age group.

Fundraising 2008

As we are a small committee we need to call on our members more to help with fundraising. We are planning to hold a Cake stall outside New World on Thursday March 20th - just before the Easter long weekend. We would ask all of you to get out your favourite recipes and bake a couple of items - cakes, biscuits, muffins, slices for us to sell. Plastic plates will be available at the library to put baking on. If you do not wish to or are unable to bake we ask that you pay a \$20 fundraising fee instead. This can be paid at the library or posted to Louise Powick, Makomako Road, RD3 Pahiatua. Please pay this by the time of the cake stall to ensure you can continue to borrow from the library.

Please get behind us with your support and benefit your children. Maybe you have family members or friends who would like to support us by baking as well. That would be great!

Our other fundraising idea for the year is a sausage sizzle outside Bunnings Warehouse in Palmerston North which will be later in the year.

Why do we fundraise???

Fundraising is vital for the library if we wish to purchase new toys. The money we receive from subs, hire age of videos/DVDs and grants is mainly directed towards the running costs of the library ie rent, power, insurance, toy library federation levy, cleaner and librarian, equipment, services, advertising etc. It costs about \$200 per member per year for us to run the library. We receive grant money and some of this is allowed to be used for buying toys but when applying for this we are always required to state what fundraising activities we are doing ourselves.

Our other option is of course to raise subs or to charge an additional hire age fee on toys as most toy libraries in the country do, but we want to try and avoid this if we can.

A copy of our receipts and payments for the 06-07 year is on the notice board in the library if anyone wishes to see it.

If anyone has other ideas for fundraising please contact a committee member.

A few changes

The committee met recently and decided on a few changes - as follows

Borrowing Rules 2008

To make this a little simpler, you will now be entitled to borrow up to **four toys** and **two puzzles** per family. This will be the same for members regardless of the number of children. We feel this is fairer as we all pay the same sub.

Annual Subscription

We have decided not to offer a six monthly membership anymore so membership will be yearly and remain at **\$60 per year/ \$35 for grandparents**. There is an option of paying this off if necessary. Please ask for a payment contract at the library.

Blue Dot Toys

In order to try and allow new and popular toys to be more available in the library we have decided to make these "blue dot toys". They will have a blue sticker attached. You will be able to borrow one of these toys per visit.

Renewing

We ask that you please only renew toys if you are unable to make it into the library. Please ring the cell phone and leave a voice message or text before closing time on the day they are due. Toy Library Cell phone Number 027 715503

HELP!! WE NEED new Committee Members!

At our AGM we will be fare welling two from our committee - Nikki O'Leary our current President and Traci Wheeler our Secretary. This will leave only 5 on committee. Please consider helping us. Contact Katrina Hall 3766107.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM for the year will be held on Monday 17th March, 7:00pm at the Toy Library. All members are welcome to attend.

2008 Opening

A reminder that we open for the year on Thursday 7th February. We look forward to seeing you in the library again.

Committee Members

PRESIDENT: Nikki O'Leary - 376 5676 SECRETARY: Traci Wheeler - 376 6660

TREASURER: Louise Powick - 376 6969

COMMITTEE: Alison Turner, Nicole Paget, Katrina Hall, Fiona McKellar & You????

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