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Newsletter of the Te Mata Kindergarten committee

Te Mata Matters

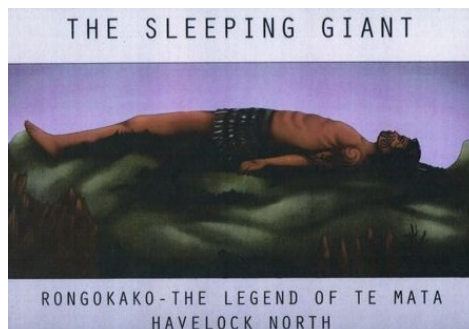
Fundraising News

The Ladies' Night held in mid June was an incredible success. A huge thank you must go to all those who sold tickets, attended on the night, bought raffle tickets and helped to organise such a wonderful evening. We also benefited from the wonderful support offered by the businesses in our community who donated raffle prizes. In total \$5100 was raised. This money will help to pay for the proposed playground improvements including a water feature at one end of the sandpit, some new safety matting and improved flow between the



various areas. We hope that the final draft of these plans will be completed in the next month and that the work itself will take place over the summer holidays.

Christmas might still seem a long way off, but for those of you who like to plan ahead, kindy will be able to help with some of your gift decisions this year. The children will be designing a tea towel and calendars- both of which would make perfect presents for grandparents. We are also making our first foray into the world of publishing this year! The work that the children have been doing on the legend of Te Mata has been written as a magical children's story with beautiful illustrations by local artist Sophie Blokker. This stunning book will make a really memorable gift for families with young children or for those fascinated by Hawke's Bay folklore.



You may have noticed the new clothing recycling bin in the kindy carpark. Please drop off any of your unwanted clothes here. We are paid to have this bin on our property and also by weight of clothing collected, so donating any clothes that you have finished with is another easy way to support your kindy.



In the next week you will receive order forms in your child's pocket for Woolgro seed mats. They are available in 5 different varieties and are a fun and fantastic way to get your child involved in the garden. The mats are a simple and cost-effective way to grow your own vegetables so if you want green fingered children, who love eating their greens, these mats are a must buy!



3 YEAR OLDS

FOR AFTERNOON SESSION

If you know of any families with 3 year olds who might be interested in joining our afternoon sessions, please invite them to visit Kindergarten and talk to the staff. A large number of children have recently turned 5 and moved on to school, leaving a reduced afternoon roll with spaces to fill. We are rightly proud of what our Kindergarten can offer and we want to keep rolls steady in order to help with long term planning. So put the word out there —the best Kindergarten in the area has vacancies...