

Welcome to our 'Almost the end of winter' Newsletter

Hopefully the winter blues haven't gotten you down too badly this year and you have managed to keep your littlies occupied (With the help of the Toy Library of course!!)

So as we head to the warmer days here's what's been happening at the Whitby Toy library...

>>>>HEAT,HEAT, HEAT,<<<<

As those of you who have done your duty in winter can attest to, it's been pretty cold in the Toy library some days!!

Well that has all changed as we have recently purchased two heaters to keep our Duty members and librarians warm!!!

Thank you to Baden Smith Electrical for his great work in installing more power points so we can plug in our new heaters!!!!!!

We'd like to extend a HUGE thank you to Jennifer who stood in for Karen while she was away on holiday!!!

CLEAR FLOOR...

To those who haven't already noticed, the floor of the Toy Library is looking a lot clearer these days as we have some brilliant NEW SHELVING to hold almost our entire ride on and big toys!! Thank you to committee members, Jennifer, Robin, Paul and Lynne and children, who did such a great job of installing these!!

WHOEVER THOUGHT 5c COULD DO SO MUCH... Thank you to all members who have put unwanted coins into our collection jar - to date we have made \$139.00 (And counting!!!!)

HELLO to Corentin Esquetet our new Saturday assistant Librarian, and **GOODBYE** and Thank you to Daniel Gibbs (Look for his smiling face in Whitby New World!!)

Check out the NEW TOYS ...

Karen has made up a new toys folder so you can see what we've purchased recently - But while you browse the shelves keep an eye out for some of the most recent arrivals....

4 'Cars' toys

'Dora the Explorer' and 'Winnie the Pooh' Puzzles

Mrs Potato Head

Bath toys

Musical instruments

A pirate ship

A wooden dolls house

Bob the Builder costume

Pink rabbit costume

Bob the builder phone

Play doh recipes are currently available from the Toy Library - a great way to keep the littlies amused during the wet days!!!!

If you have any suggestions for new toys you think would be great to have at the Toy Library please let us know - we love to get feedback from our members - after all it is you who take the toys home!! So just let Karen know if you've got any ideas....

Opening hours for the toy library are:

Wednesday 9.15am - 11.30am

Saturday 9.00am - 12noon



MANA PARENTS CENTRE . . . what are we about?

We strive to offer new and expectant parents the following range of service and benefits:

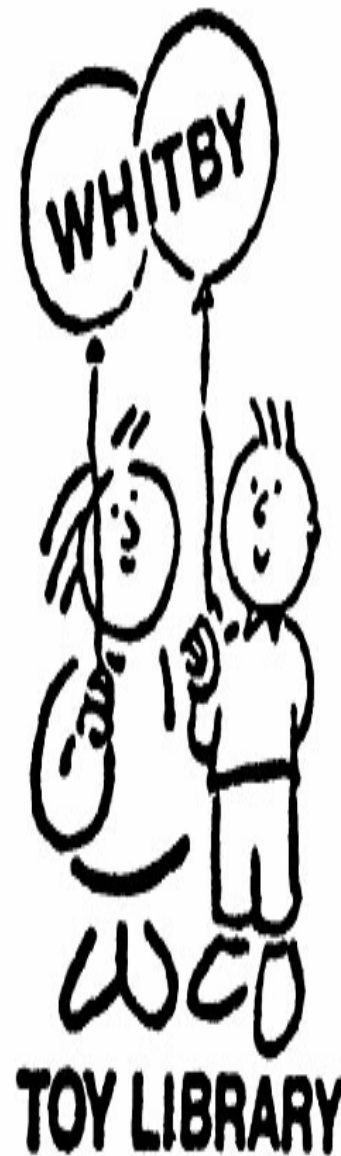
- Childbirth Education classes which include the establishment of your 'Coffee Group'
- Baby and You classes for new mothers and their babies
- Subsidised Parenting Education classes
- Subsidised Music and Movement classes
- An annual subscription to KiwiParent, the Sandbox regional magazine and the Mana Parents Centre newsletter.
- Access to an extensive library of childbirth and parenting books
- Discounts at a range of retailers in Wellington
- Annual fundraising events and fun activities for families
- Weekly parenting tips via e mail

Parents Centre New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation. We rely on parents to keep our committees and classes well-coordinated.

Mana Parents Centre itself is run by a great group of mums who gain huge satisfaction from their roles on committee. We have a great time working on the committee, and joining can be a means to:

- Develop new friendships and social contacts
- Keep abreast of important parenting issues
- Contribute your skills to the community
- Benefit from another avenue of support as a parent
- Enjoy projects of all sizes

Contact us today on 237 6262 if you are interested in committee work or in membership.



Chairpersons Comment

I am so proud to be working with such a hard working team to make the Whitby Toy Library the BEST. What a huge improvement the new shelves have made to the overall look of the inside of the building. I hope you agree.

We have heaps of new toys rushing through the door and I'm glad to say, rushing back out again. Some toys are snapped up before the labels are completed on the box. If you see an area of the toy library that needs updating, then please let Karen know. She passes all comments onto the committee and we do our best to improve on the systems and toys that make the toy library a special place for everyone.

We also accept toys that are in excellent condition donated from you, the public. If you are sorting toys because you no longer have a use for them, please remember the Whitby Toy Library and try us first. Thanks. Puzzles and Games are brilliant things to have issued in winter. I hope the winter chills and ailments are not getting you down, spring will be here before we know it.

Jennifer Whyman