

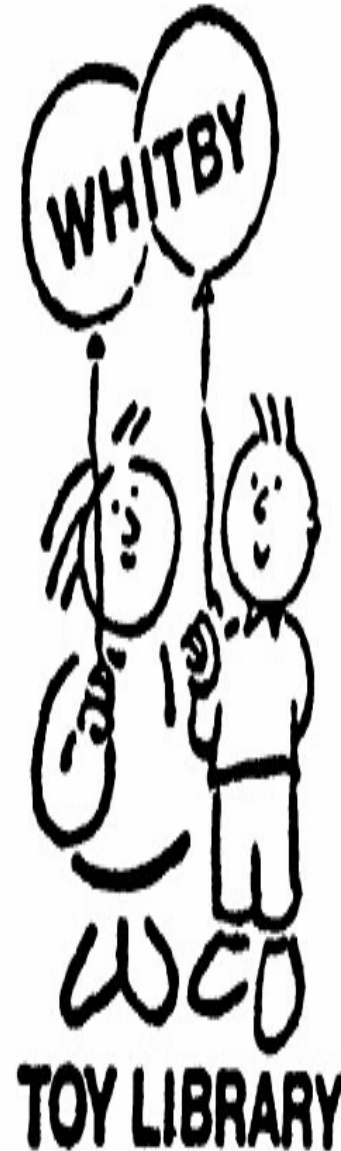
Can you please make sure that you bring your toys back cleaned where possible. I'm sure you expect to take the toys home in a clean condition and it would help the Library out if you could bring them back the same way!!

COMMITTEE HELP - Please let Karen know if you would like to join our committee - we have had a lot of our team welcome new arrivals in the last few months, (or are expecting too in the next few) so a few more people with a little free time would help us out a lot!!!

### **And finally, A note from the fire department...**

As we head into winter and start using more heating etc, Here's a few words of advice from the fire brigade who would rather not see any of us this season...

1. Make sure you've got smoke detectors that work (daylight saving is a good time to change the batteries)
2. Have an evacuation plan for your home (eg meet by the letterbox) sort who will be responsible for grabbing the duvets off the beds for the kids- they keep everyone warm and together!
3. Older Children (6-9+) should be able to dial 111 and give name and address
4. Is there a visible Number on your letterbox/ and if you have a conspicuous place at your home let the operator know what this is as it will help to get the service there quicker.



### **Chairpersons Comment**

Wow! What a heap of new toys the Toy Library has been able to purchase over the past few months. Check them out!! We have a great person on the committee filling out grant applications and she has been very successful, much to our delight. Rentals have increased slightly so that has also contributed to our pool of capital to put back into the system. Thanks to everyone. If you come across a toy that is "past is used by date" in your opinion, then please bring it to the committees notice, either through Karen or the suggestion box.

Speaking of the suggestion box, what a surprise you'll get if you open it and add your suggestion.

Thanks for coming to the Annual Funday Sunday. It was the best one yet, the day was fine and everyone seemed to be having a great time and trying out the toys. Our fabulous marketing person did a whiz job at letting everyone know when it was.

It's that time of year again when your subscriptions are needed prior to issuing toys. Have you given your subscription to Karen yet? Check out the fantastic deals of a years worth of toys for your child.

The committee is hard working and full of enthusiasm for another incredible year.

Jennifer Whyman

## Welcome to our first newsletter for 2006!

Wow – how quick is this year going! Seems like only yesterday we were writing the end of year newsletter, and now it's the beginning of April!!!

Anyway do check out the HUGE range of new toys we've got at present. We've pretty much got every department covered with something new so be sure to check it out!

Thanks to all that attended the Funday – we had a great day and we hope you did too!!

Your Toy library committee

## FUNDAY THANKS...

A big thankyou to all that attended our Funday. We had a great turnout and it was a lot of fun.

Thanks especially to:

- Blair Double and the team from **Double Professionals Real Estate** for the wonderful signs
- **Porirua Fire Brigade** for the Fire engine.
- **Happy Landings** for the very popular Bouncy Castle.
- And **Higgins** for the sign truck and cones!

Also a big thanks to the Toy Library committee for supplying the rest of the fun and helping to run the day!

It's time for renewals again. This Year we have had a change of Pricing for our memberships:

Non-Working Member \$75  
Working Member \$15.

You may have noticed that our rental prices increased slightly half way through last year. This has meant that we are now breaking even and all extra funds coming our way can go on adding to and replacing worn toys.

Karen will be away on holiday for a month in May/June – so please be a little patient with those that replace her as we don't have the toy knowledge that she has!!!!

To all those that have been giving us Treasures tokens – thankyou very much, but we now have more than we can use!!

We have had a generous offer from a member who sells Heat Pumps – For every Pump sold to fellow Toy Library members \$100 will go to the Toy library – so if you know anyone who is in the market for one please think of us...

## Opening hours for the toy library are:

**Wednesday 9.15am – 11.30am**  
**Saturday 9.00am – 12noon**

Can members please bring change to the Toy Library. We don't have a huge float and sometimes it can be very difficult to change a \$20 note. Thanks heaps to those that already make the effort to bring change.