

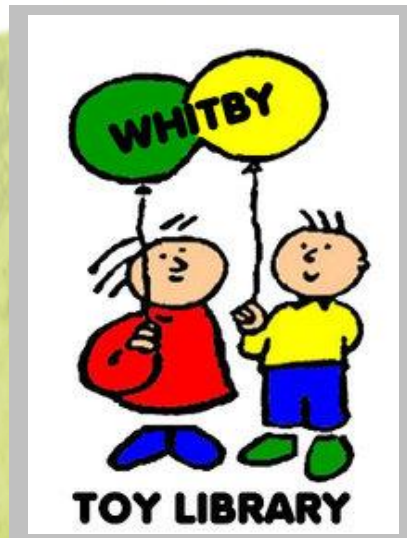
Whitby Toy Library

Newsletter

As I complete writing this newsletter the aftermath of the Christchurch earthquake is being broadcast on the television, radio, and web. The devastation is terrible, and the emotional drain and impact on those in Christchurch is difficult to comprehend. New Zealand is a close knit community and I believe there is only about three or four degrees of separation which means that most of us will know somebody who is impacted or may have lost their life in this earthquake. My heart goes out to all those friends and families impacted and know that New Zealand will work together to get through this disaster.



Editor



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Rubik's Cube - as of January 2009, 350 million cubes have sold worldwide making it the world's top-selling puzzle game.



Sunday Funday

Our Annual Sunday Funday is coming up that promises to be lots of fun with possibly the addition of a rescue boat, fire truck and motorbike rides (all to be confirmed at this stage). We will have balloons and sausages and apples and face painting. And maybe one or two other surprises. Our bouncy castle will be up and going and of course, you get to try our toys. And all for FREE! Don't forget to invite friends, especially those who aren't yet part of the toy library.

When: Sunday 13th March, 11am – 1pm

Where: Whitby Toy Library (see map – last page)

Note: If you would like to help at our Funday, maybe with face painting or supervising the bouncy castle or other such jobs, please contact us and we can talk!

Raffle

We are holding a raffle for a very cool bouncy castle type toy as pictured to the left. Tickets will be available at the toy library. Prices are:

- ✚ \$2 for 1 ticket
- ✚ \$5 for 3 tickets

The raffle will be drawn at our annual Sunday Funday.



Making Playdough

Ever considered making your own playdough?

Well then try out the recipe below:

2 cups flour

2 cups water – add food colouring*

1 cup salt

2 Tablespoons vegetable oil

1 Tablespoon cream of tartar (improves elasticity)

Heat the salt and water in a pan until the salt has dissolved. Add other ingredients and stir over medium heat until you have smooth, firm dough. Allow to cool slightly and then knead for a couple of minutes. Store in an airtight container or bag. If the playdough feels a little dry at any time just dip it in oily water and give it a quick knead.

*TIP- By adding it to the water before you mix, it will give a uniform colour. By adding colour after the mix but before the final knead you will get a marbled effect.



Donations

A big thank you to the following families who have donated toys:

- ✚ The Seiler Family donated 5 Wooden Puzzles
- ✚ The Davis Family donated a Little Tikes Vacuum Cleaner
- ✚ The Old Family donated a Pirate Ship and a Wiggles jigsaw Puzzle



Membership Renewal

A reminder that membership for the Whitby Toy Library expires one year after you join. Some of you may have received an email that your membership is due to expire on the 31st March 2011.

If you wish to renew your membership please complete the renewal form (available by email or at the Toy Library) and return with payment either to Whitby Toy Library, PO Box 58011, Whitby or to the Toy Library during opening hours. Please make cheques payable to Whitby Toy Library Inc.

If you are not intending to renew your membership, we would appreciate it if you could take the time to contact us by email to let us know.

Whitby Toy Library - Membership Renewal Form

Fill in membership of the Whitby Toy Library is due for renewal. Please complete the form below and return with payment either to Whitby Toy Library, PO Box 58011, Whitby, Portus 5246 or to the Toy Library during opening hours. Please make cheques payable to Whitby Toy Library Inc.

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No, I do not wish to renew my membership of the Whitby Toy Library:
Name: _____

To, I would like to renew my annual membership of the Whitby Toy Library as a:

- Full Member: \$75.00** Full members are not expected to help with roster duties or fundraising.
- Working Member: \$25.00** Working members are expected to assist with roster duties (3 hours a week), fundraising and toy cleaning. Members on duty will receive the toy rental for 2 weeks free of charge.
- Casual Member: \$25.00** As well as the \$5 annual fee payable at registration, casual members also pay \$5 per toy rental each time they use the Toy Library. Casual members are not expected to help with roster duties or fundraising.

*** Toy Rental:**
All members pay rental on the toys they borrow. Up to 6 toys may be borrowed per membership for a 6-week period. Toy membership from \$25 to \$75.00.

***Membership of Whitby Toy Library is for one year and will expire one year from the date of joining.**

If you are renewing as a WORKING member, please tick which days you are available for duties:

Wednesday Saturday Wednesday & Saturday

Please tick the appropriate boxes if you are willing to help with any of the following options:

Doing Toy Library duties Interested in joining the committee

Repairing Toys Repairing Electronic Toys

Cleaning Toy shelves

Some other way you could help e.g. professional skills: _____

I have read and accept all rules and conditions set outlined on the Whitby Toy Library Rules and Information sheet. I agree that the information provided to me can be used for the purposes of Whitby Toy Library membership and quarterly roster. I understand that I may view and correct information about me by contacting the membership secretary.

Name: _____ Telephone No: _____

Address: _____

Mobile: _____ (add current membership expenses)

Signature: _____

If you consent to Whitby Toy Library emailing you notices, newsletters and/or other items of interest pertaining to the Whitby Toy Library, please write your email address below. Please note that Whitby Toy Library will not disclose your membership to anyone else. Your email use and opt-out instructions can be found on our privacy policy.

Email Address: _____

Bouncy Castle Two Day Hire

The bouncy castle is available for hiring over a two day period. Rates are as follows:

- ✚ Working Members and Full members:
\$60 hire plus \$60 bond
- ✚ Casual Members and Non Toy Library Members:
\$120 hire plus \$60 bond



Toy Spotlight

At first glance this Noah's Ark toy, made by Tupperware, seems to be just a fun toy to play with in the bath. Made from brightly coloured sturdy plastic, the ark comes with: Mr and Mrs Noah, giraffes, polar bears, elephants, rhinos, lions, and horses. Have fun gathering up the animals, putting them in pairs and making sure they are safely up the ramp into the ark before the Ark sets off for the deep depths of the bath tub. Although this toy is primarily a bath toy the animals double as cookie/playdough cutters and children can have heaps of fun making a whole zoo of different animals! And then there are the basic colour and shape recognition skills which this toy provides. Children match each animal with its partner by using basic colour and shape recognition skills.



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