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Kia Ora Whanau and welcome to our Pohutukawa Kindergarten annual general meeting.

Learning and Teaching for the year just gone has been very exciting and challenging.

A feature of our kindergarten is now the number of very young children who successfully attend with such confidence and ability.

We now have fourteen children who are under three. They are such competent, capable learners who are a real asset to our kindergarten.

Our bigger children are so supportive and helpful using their coaching and peer mentoring skills. Even the brothers and sisters get on very well whilst at kindergarten.

We have been working very hard building relationships with three of our local schools. Puketapu, Bell Block and St John Bosco. Transition for our children is an essential part of the success for their future education. We will continue to build these relationships hoping in the future we can encourage bringing our children who have started school back to kindergarten for a visit. This would enhance the reciprocal nature of the relationship. Our children at kindergarten miss their friends when they go off to school and often talk fondly of the fun times they had together at kindergarten.

The teaching team are continuing their mahi <sup>with</sup> te Papa Tikanga with the Open Wananga. Our professional learning can be transferred from our professional teaching and in to our personal lives.

We have recently been very fortunate to be able to seek the knowledge and wisdom of local hapu and iwi to learn and connect with the area here and learn some of the legends.

With the support of Michelle we are almost to the end of our planning + tendering process to enclose the verandah.

We look forward to a positive result from the very generous T.S.B. fund. A party to celebrate will be arranged when we get the all clear.

Many thanks to our Committee and Chairperson another outstanding year of support and commitment. You are all very much appreciated. Many kind regards and Happy

Easter and school holidays to you all. I move etc