



## Manawatu Toy Library

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Term 1, March, 2015

**Newsletter**

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**Term Dates:**

Term 1

Monday, February 2 – Thursday, April 2, 2015

Term 2,

Monday, April 20 – Friday, July 3, 2015

**Opening Times:**

Monday, Thursday and Saturday,  
9.30am-12.30pm in the  
Primary School Term.

The Toy Library is closed during  
school holidays and  
public holiday weekends.

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**Tena koutou katoa!**

**Greetings to all families, groups and friends, of the Manawatu Toy Library.**

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Moving Celebration  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Join us to celebrate the move to our new premises:**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm**

A chance to celebrate our new building. With a few speeches, ribbon cutting and a cake to celebrate. Please feel free to bring any friends and family with you.

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Thank you to Volunteers

By now you will have visited the new Toy Library at 51 Amberley Ave, and we hope you like the new premises.

There was a lot of work required to get the building ready for the opening. Toy Library members worked with committee members to clean, paint and do repair jobs. Other members packed and shifted toys on moving day.

The Toy Library Committee would like to thank: Dion Cooper and Annette Coulter, Kenneth Teh, Julia Delcomyn and Hamish Gow, Finda Hope, Carina Holdaway, Yeni Henmen, Sharon Sheard, Matt Thomasen, Sheree Power, Jenny Liu, Tanya Beddie, Jo Budd and Helge Dzierzon.

Thank you also to anyone we missed from this list! ☺

We are also grateful for support from: Chris Mercer and Scouting New Zealand; Resene Paintwise; Climatech; and, U-Drive.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
TERM 1 and 2

The last session of Term 1 will be  
**Thursday 2 April** (just before Easter).

We will be closed over the Easter Weekend and for school holidays.

First Monday of Term 2 will be **Monday 20 April**.

Please note the following public holiday information for Term 2:

CLOSED - ANZAC DAY Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

OPEN - Monday 27 April 9.30am-12.30pm  
(please note we will be open even though this will be a public holiday)

OPEN – Saturday 30 May (Saturday of Queen’s Birthday Weekend)

CLOSED – QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY - Monday 1 June

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### **Children’s safety at the Toy Library**

**Please remember that you are responsible for your children’s safety when visiting the Toy Library.**

**Some of you have been in touch with the Committee about children being able to get out the main door (on their own) and access the car-park area. Thank you for taking the time to let us know your concerns.**

**The Toy Library Committee is taking steps to address this, and decide upon the best way to keep children from accessing the car-park unsupervised. Options include installing a heavy self-closing door or childproof gate and fence outside the entrance. Please note it may take some time to get funding for this project.**

**As a temporary measure, to stop escaping children, we plan to install a baby-gate inside the building (provided we can find a suitable location to install it securely).**

**We would prefer that you park your cars around the back of the building. Also drive slowly and with care looking out for small children at all times.**

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### **Esplanade Day**

*We were pleased to participate again at Esplanade Day. Having a stall there is one of our key promotional events for the year. It is always a great day to engage with the local community. We also use it as a fundraising opportunity, and we were pleased this year to raise \$126.*

*Thanks to all the Toy Library volunteers who helped on the stall: Finda Hope and Steve Swadell, Dianne Fountaine-Cody, Julia Delcomyn, Carina Holdaway, Kokila Patel, Jo Budd, and Heather Knox,*

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### **Funding Support**

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Palmerston North City Council  
Page Trust  
Palmerston North Community Services Council  
Lottery Community  
Milverton Trust  
Kingdom Foundation  
Thomas George Macarthy Trust

The work done by Grants Co-ordinator, Anne-Marie Langvad, and the Treasurer, Kushla Bashford in filing these funding applications, helps keep our subscription fees lower.

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### **New Toys**

Barbecue, 3688 E. Barbecue play set for 3+ years.

Thunder Drum and Maraca, 3699 CML. Amazing sound from this drum.

Best suited to 5+ years.

Number Puzzle, 3700 D3. Numbers 1-20, raised pieces for hands on learning.

Wind Power, 3702 CR3. Build a wind turbine and charge rechargeable AA batteries. Suitable from 8 years.

Chuggington Train Set, 3705 E.

This set has Old Puffer Pete and a mountain tunnel. 3+ years.

**Trike**, 3706 A4. Small, sturdy trike with pedals.

**Early puzzles**, 3708, D3.

Three starter puzzles with squares or circles and beautifully illustrated.

**Ball Tower**, 3712 CR1. Tower has rainbow coloured steps. Comes with hammer and balls. 3+ years.

**Art Blocks**, 3713 CR2. Clear plastic cubes with diagonal slice of colour.

Enhance spatial awareness, ideas of symmetry, pattern matching etc.

**Elephant Balancing**, 3715 CR2. Balancing games - test your skills!

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### **Contact details for the Toy Library**

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