

PEGASUS TOY LIBRARY P A R K L A N D S

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Hi everyone,

We haven't put out a newsletter in a while and wanted to let you know what we've been up to:

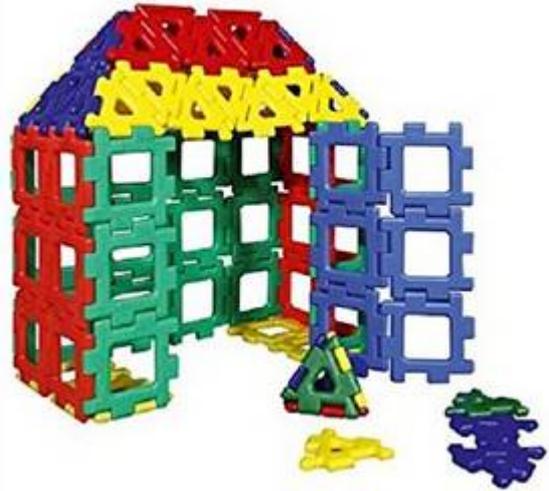
NEW TOYS!! NEW TOYS!! NEW TOYS!!

Over the last couple of years the committee has worked extremely hard to increase our membership and secure funding to ensure that we can continue to operate. That hard work has really paid off, putting us in a position where we have been able to make our first really significant toy purchases since prior to the earthquakes. Here's a quick rundown on some of the bigger items.

Check out page 4 to see pics of some other items – this isn't everything though so come down to the library to look for yourself (or check out our website – www.pegasustoylibrary.co.nz).

Giant Polydron – What Is It?

Polydron is the original and best geometric construction product, renowned worldwide for its quality and versatility. It is specifically designed and developed to meet the demanding requirements of children in the quest for knowledge and understanding. Kids can build whatever their imagination comes up with – it's awesome! We think this will be VERY popular so if you're keen to hire this let Julia know and she can book it for you.



Soft Gym Foam Shapes

How much fun can the kids have with these! The main play value features of the soft gym set are:

1. Satisfying children's needs for physical activities
2. Enhancing movement, coordination and balancing ability
3. Providing a complete and comprehensive motor skills training set.

The soft gym is recommended for use by ages 2 year and up, with a maximum recommended user weight of 40kg. This set is recommended to be used on a padded surface or padded mat surface to ensure safety.



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Giant Dominoes

How cool do these look? Have fun playing dominoes with this giant set.



Rocking Boat / Steps

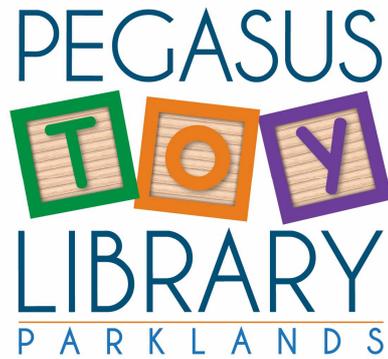
2-in-1 unit, children will love rocking one another, all the while developing their core strength and balance. Flip the boat over and it becomes a set of stairs - perfect for obstacle courses and encouraging risk taking. Sturdy wood construction, measures 30 H x 119 L x 61cm W



Other new toys include:

- Shimmer and Shine talking dolls
- Pedal Go Kart
- Melissa & Doug puzzles
- All-In-1 Coffee Shop
- Eurotrikes – Police & Princess Tandem Trikes
- Little Tikes Adventure Course
- My First Dino Set
- Remote Control Transforming Batbot





Committee

As with any committee members come and go as circumstances change and we have recently had 2 long term members leave. Whilst we are sad to see them go it gives others the opportunity to join and bring fresh ideas and thinking to the table. We would **LOVE** to have another couple of people join! Our current committee members are Fleur (President), Cheryl (Secretary), Stephen (Treasurer), Michele and Bec. Our meetings are held from February to November and are on the first Wednesday of the month at the library. We try to keep them to around an hour (hour and a half at the most). Apart from meetings we also complete a stock-take once a year which usually only takes about 3 hours in total and every once in a while we have a tidy up and clear out of the library.

Being on the committee entitles you to a reduced membership fee and also means you have access to all the cool new toys before they are put out for hire! If you are interested in learning more about the committee or want to join, please email us at: pegasustoylibrary@hotmail.com

Easter



Just a reminder that we will be closed on Easter Saturday to give our amazing Librarian a well-earned break. Toys that are due back on this day have been extended and aren't due back until the following weekend. We hope you have a safe and happy Easter break.

From Michele (Committee member)

Hi folks,

If you're a member of the Pegasus Toy Library then you're part of something great that's on its way to greater things! Our Librarian and Committee are dedicated to making the Toy Library the best it can be for our community and you could become involved too. Let me tell you my story about how I came to join the Committee and what I've gained from it.

I joined the Pegasus Toy Library in March 2014 when my eldest son was 10 months old. I saw a sign at the time about the committee needing new members and it tweaked at my conscience, but with my part-time return to work looming it wasn't something I felt I could do just then. As we started to make more use of the library over the following months though I decided I wanted to help out – I was looking for something to help me feel more connected into the 'families with young children' community in our area and thought the Toy Library was a great asset to have so close to home. My husband thought I was bonkers – "You really need something else in your life right now??" – But I went along to my first meeting...

I didn't know anyone on the committee when I joined so took a big step out of my comfort zone by going along. I wasn't even sure that I'd be able to contribute much as I had no idea what was required behind the scenes to run a toy library, but I'd been on one committee before through work so knew that just being at meetings to provide a different point of view on an issue could be

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valuable. I put my hand up for the role of Funding Officer, again not having a clue what I was getting myself into, but I knew I could fill in a form! I've also been part of developing and managing the new website, which has been a big learning curve for me.

Over the last couple of years the committee has developed a solid core and I'm really proud of the progress that we've made. Much of it is thanks to the enormous efforts of our Secretary Cheryl, who puts in a lot of voluntary hours to keep us on track and moving forward with the ideas that get discussed at meetings. Our Librarian Julia has also made a huge difference to the look and feel of the library, by implementing an electronic database of members and toys and constantly coming up with new ideas for displaying, marketing and purchasing new toys. We're in a sound financial position now, membership has grown and our profile in the community is on the up. It's great to be part of something that is progressing positively and provides such a great service to the community – and the nibbles and chats that we've had at meetings and events have been a lot of fun too!

It has been really satisfying personally to be involved in the strengthening of the Toy Library and I look forward to being involved for quite a while longer, with my youngest son now only 16 months. I've made new friends and got out of the house for one evening a month that I otherwise wouldn't have. I've learned a lot about many things, including being part of a charitable organisation and how to apply for funding, how to run an amateur website, how to get on with people

from different backgrounds with a similar interest, and being part of an event planning team. Most importantly I think, I've increased my self-confidence by taking that step out of my comfort zone and making a difference in my community. I didn't know about it when I joined the committee, but I've also received significant discounts on my annual membership and toy hire by being a committee member.

You too could contribute and benefit in so many ways by joining our team. We need more committee members and would love to hear from anyone who is interested. Beyond attending the monthly meetings you can put in as much or as little as you like, but I guarantee that the more that you put in the more you will get out of it 😊

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