

Welcome Back

Welcome to 2016!! We hope you had an amazing holiday period, and are enjoying the late summer weather we have been having. This is our first newsletter for the year so stay



tuned, we have some very exciting things planned for 2016. These include raising money for some new toys and updating our catalogue and hiring system.

We have tried to make this Newsletter as informative as we can, including some toy reviews, reminders, upcoming events and more. If there is anything you would like included in the next newsletter, please send us an email or talk to our Librarian Julia, she is always willing to help.

Volunteers Needed

Secretary

Do you have a few hours a month that you could give to the Pegasus Toy Library? We are currently seeking someone to take over the position of Secretary from the current person. The role involves:

- Attending monthly committee meetings to take minutes (we have 10 meetings a year)
- Distributing the typed minutes to the committee via email
- Ensuring that action items from the minutes are followed up on
- Managing the toy library email i.e. responding to queries/forwarding on items to other committee members for action

Committee Member

Pegasus Toy Library requires another person to join our committee. As per the description above you would need to be able to attend our monthly committee meeting and assist the committee with keeping this fantastic facility operating.

If you are interested in either of these roles and want to join a committee who are passionate about the toy library but also like to have a laugh please contact us on

Pegasustoylibrary@hotmail.com



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Up Coming Events

28th February
1pm—4pm
Parklands Reserve
Parklands at Play

A great opportunity to get the family together and come along to this awesome event.

2nd March
Monthly Committee Meeting

Come along and see what is involved in being a committee member, and what it takes to keep our library functioning.

25th March
Good Friday

28th March
Easter Monday

6th April
Monthly Committee Meeting

Come along and see what is involved in being a committee member, and what it takes to keep our library functioning.

To find out more about the location and times of our committee meetings, please email us or drop into the library.

Thank you

Pegasus Toy Library Parklands would like to thank

The Wilson family for donating a small blue plastic trike. This will be a great addition to our trike range, and a perfect size for first time riders.

The Pagan family for also donating a small Pink trike, similar to the Wilsons one.

Harcourts Parklands for printing our new pamphlets.

We Are Going Digital !!!

Yes you heard right! We will have our new system up and running very shortly! This means toys will be issued to members via a thing we call a computer!! It's a revolution!

Ok so jokes aside, we are really excited about our new asset. It will mean we can keep track of our members and toys better. Each of you will have an account that is automatically updated with fees, fines (gulp), yearly membership info etc... It will allow us to keep better track of where toys are, who has them, and who wants them. You will also be issued with a new membership card, with all our contact

details, and your membership name and number. This will make it quick and easy to find your account, and make issuing toys faster.

It will also mean there will be a new system for returning and issuing toys. Please make sure you see the person on the till before returning your items. Present your membership card to them and then proceed to hand over your toys to be checked into the computer as returned. It may mean you need to queue behind another person, however, with the new system, everything should be a lot faster, and you won't need to wait long. If you are a duty volunteer,

please ensure you don't accept any toys back, until they are checked off in the system.

It will also mean memberships will need to be paid on time, as the system will not allow issues to expired members. The good thing is, the Librarian will get a pop up reminder to remind you when this is due.

Concession cards will still be available, it will just mean your account will be credited with \$23 when you pay \$20 for your concession.

Duty Roster

Duties are an important part of our library operations. When you are rostered for a duty session, this allows the librarian to delegate some of the jobs she would otherwise stay behind to do and the end of the session. If you are a Duties Member, please

ensure you are allocating yourself to a slot. Remember you need to complete 4 sessions per year, otherwise you will be charged a \$10 fine per session you have missed.

Thank you to all our members that have been going above and beyond with

some of these tasks, we really appreciate all your hard work.

Remember, any help is appreciated, whether it is fixing to odd toy or bike or giving the toys a really good clean before you return them.

Product Review: EzyRoller

We have one of these amazing ride on machines for hire! They are so much fun, and can be adjusted to fit most children's leg length! They move forward on, what I like to call wiggle momentum. I bit like a go-cart, but you don't need anyone to push

you nor do you need a slope! Don't be afraid of going to fast, as it has a

break handle for fast stopping! Check out the link to see the EzyRoller in action.

<http://ezyroller.myshopify.com/pages/in-action>



Chocolate Fundraiser

We are going to be running a Chocolate Fundraiser shortly, to raise funds for new toys. If you are signed up as a Duties Member, you will be required to participate in this fundraiser. If you are a Full Member and can help out with selling a box of choccies, We would also really appreciate it. Please see Julia the Librarian, if you can help us.

Below is an indication of how the fundraiser will work.

- We have placed the order for the chocolate and expect it to arrive early next week, Many of you have been asking for them

already, which is fantastic! Thank you.

- Once it has arrived we will email you to advise that your box is ready for collection from the library (during session times)

- When you collect your box it will be recorded

- Your box will contain 36 bars of chocolate at \$2.00 per bar

- To make this a success we would ask that you sell the entire box. We have had very positive feedback from other organisations who assure us that it is very easy to sell (especially in the work place)

- When your box is sold return the money to the Library and this will be



recorded

We will really appreciate all your efforts with this, so we can maximise profit, and buy some new toys.

“9 out of 10 people like chocolate, the 10th person always lies”

Fees and Fines

Fees and fines are one area we need to tighten up on. With the new computerised system, it will automatically add your fines and fees to your account.

Late fines – These are incurred when you return a toy late. The fine is \$5 per fortnight per toy or \$2.50 per week per toy overdue.

The way to avoid this fine is either, return toys on time, or if you cannot make it in, contact the librarian and notify her you can't make it, and you would like to reissue your toys. The fees for the reissue

will be added to your account and payable next time you at the library. Reissues can only be done once, before the toys need to be return, so another family can enjoy them.

Missing pieces fine – This is \$5 per piece missing or broken. If the item is a significant part of the toy or a larger toy, this will need to go to the committee to make a decision, and you may be required to pay for a replacement toy. The small \$5 fines will also be automatically be added to your account to pay. However, if you do find the

piece, we will be happy to credit your account.

Yearly fees – These need to be paid within a month of your anniversary. Once two months pass our system will not allow anymore hires until the balance is paid. The good news is, the librarian will be able to see a pop reminder regarding your renewal, so you will be made aware of this.



We hope this clears a few things up for you. If you have any further questions, please email us or ask the Librarian when you are next at the library.

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Tip: Facebook Messenger is a great way of contacting us, as multiple committee members can view your message, This way you are more likely to get a fast reply.



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www.toylibrary.co.nz

5 good reasons to join a toy library

- Access to quality toys for a minimal annual fee or weekly hire charge
- Age appropriate toys always available
- An opportunity to meet other families in the community and network
- Volunteers on hand to help you and your children
- Hiring is a good environmental option, reducing landfill waste from unwanted toys

Quoted from www.toylibrary.co.nz

Product Review: Mega Bloks Thomas Mountain Adventure Set

This set is fantastic. It has Tidmouth sheds for all favourite trains. They can tuck up in bed at night, before a busy day exploring the mountain. It has a lift to the bridge, where the trains can spend all day wizzing down the mountain. The crane is great for lifting cargo brought down from the mountain.

I would recommend this for ages 4+ due to the complex nature. It comes with an instruction sheet which is pretty easy to follow.

There are many ways of putting this set together, but it becomes quite tricky as the tracks are pretty much setup for this layout. But there is still plenty of scope to use your imagination.

It all packs away back in its box, with the big green plates forming the cover. Both my children have loads of fun with this set, as it is HUGE!

Here is a link to the official promo video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHdBI98-DI4>

