



Newsletter

July 2018

Programme Highlights

Dates for your Diary

- Remuera's Bastille Day—Saturday 14th July 2018
- Parent / Teacher Meetings 27th-30th August 2018
- Grandparents day - Thursday 13th September 2018



Matariki

The children have been celebrating Matariki, the Maori New Year, during June. We have introduced the story of Matariki through books, mat time discussions and craft activities such as weaving and art depicting the group of seven stars known as the Pleiades (what Matariki is named after).

We have also reflected on our year by asking our tamariki (children) what they have learnt or achieved during the year and displayed these achievements on our Matariki stars alongside last years achievements. We have also explored our future goals and aspirations.



Matariki is seen as an important time to celebrate papatuanuku (Mother Earth) and show respect for the land on which we live so it is a good time to tend to crops. With this in mind, we have planted some new plants with our children and started to harvest our winter vegetable garden which the children have been lovingly looking after.

Auckland City Mission Appeal

We have been supporting the Auckland City Missions annual One Can Two Can appeal to collect non perishable food items for food parcels for families in need over the winter months. As part of this process our children have been learning about the importance of supporting those in need within our community.

Our Wise Owls have been exploring food brochures for suitable food items for these food parcels and preparing their own shopping lists to take home.

Imagination

We have been continuing to support our children in using their imaginations with the use of our cool glue guns, small parts resources, our large plastic blocks and story telling at mat times. This month we have also added natural timber discs and stumps which has resulted in many wonderful imaginative creations as well as discussions about size, measurement concepts and the use of positional language.

We are continuing to see and document some wonderful examples of imaginative play.

Important Messages

Auckland City Mission Appeal raised 173 non perishable products for families in need

We would love to hear feedback about your child's development and what is happening at kindergarten through parent / whanau voice

Our new sign in space

Our children have been embracing our new sign in space by taking the time each morning to find their shell and make their 'mark'. This additional literacy experience was introduced to support children's learning and development and we would like to thank all our parents for supporting this activity and

encouraging your child to try writing their name themselves. Learning to write your name is a process that starts with identifying your name, making a 'mark' and slowly learning to write each letter. Supporting this process is important as well as building children's confidence that they are capable learners and can do it.





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CHILD'S VOICE

Immersing ourselves in the world of children every day means that we have the privilege of experiencing some magical moments that make us laugh.

Just before our recent disco one of our children informed us that "I have dance moves for the day time and dance moves for the night time. I will use my night time dance moves for the disco."

We love those dance moves!

Communication Corner

50 year celebration book: We have created a photobook of our recent kindergarten disco to celebrate 50 years in the Remuera Community. This is in our reading space so please take a look when you are next at kindergarten.

Auckland City Mission Appeal: Thank you to all of our families who supported the Auckland City Mission's One Can Two Can appeal over the last two weeks. We collected a total of 173 items to donate to those in need within our community.

Speech and Language Professional Learning: This month all teachers attended professional learning on expected speech and language development for children, ways to stimulate speech and language, things that can go wrong and strategies for supporting children. If you would like to discuss any speech and language concerns please talk to one of the teaching team

Feedback: An important part of our curriculum is obtaining parent / whanau voice on your child's development and what we are doing at kindergarten. We encourage parents and whanau to provide feedback on our curriculum, self reviews and what is happening at kindergarten. Feedback on learning stories is a good way to acknowledge your child's development and share stories and links with what your child is doing at home. Please use the 'feedback' option on the parent portal to do this in an efficient way. Parent teacher meetings are another good way to share your views. By providing feedback we can ensure that we best support your child's development at kindergarten.

Labelling children's belongings: Please ensure that you label all children's belongings including bags, lunch boxes, clothing and shoes. This supports teachers to access children's items easily and support children in identifying their own belongings.

Holidays: If you have holiday plans in the upcoming school holidays please let us know so that we can plan our staffing requirements accordingly.

Upcoming Events

Remuera's Bastille Day: This years Bastille Day in Remuera will include a new children's play area and St Lukes Kindergarten are supporting this community event by hosting some art and craft activities including our new cool glue guns. We would love our families to come along and join us at this event on Saturday 14th July from 11am to 3pm. Come join in the fun!

Parent / Teacher Meetings: Each year we extend an opportunity for parents to meet with Beth and Allanah to discuss the progress of their children at kindergarten. Meeting times are 15 minutes long and will be held in late August. For those interested a booking schedule will be available from August.

Grandparent Morning: This year we will be hosting our grandparent morning on Thursday 13th September 2018. Please pass on this date to all of our lovely grandparents so they can come and join us for a wonderful morning at kindergarten.



Farewells

Chihiro Umeoka
Kayo Umeoka

Welcome

Phoebe Frazerhurst
Gabrielle Mirza
Aileen Noah
Damien Lin
Zoey Chou
Sloan Alexander