



Newsletter

**December
2018**

Dates for your Diary

- Children's Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal - Thursday 6th December 9-11am
- Children's Christmas Show - Friday 7th December 9.30am
- Wishing Tree Appeal - last day for donations Monday 17th December
- Children's Christmas Party - Thursday 20th December
- Last day for 2018 - Friday 21st December
- First day for 2019 - Wednesday 9th January



Important Messages

Christmas gift giving opportunity available

Beth Elliott is leaving us to undertake her next career challenge

Please let us know of any extended holiday plans

Programme Highlights

Diwali

Creating Rangoli patterns has been the focus of our Diwali celebrations this month. We have really enjoyed observing the collaboration, turn taking and respectful interactions throughout this process as the children discovered that these were hard to do alone however with a friend or two to assist with holding the template they experienced success.

Face Painting

During the last school holidays the children enjoyed face painting with Miss Myburg. We then saw them replicating this in their play, using carpentry resources such as sticks, leaves, fabric and string to apply 'face paint' to friends. To support this interest we created a designated space for children to further explore this idea

and were amazed with the amount of respect and care that the children gave each other, offering choices, being gentle and trusting each other explicitly.

Celebrating our new name

The children have been sharing ideas about our new name, what treehouses look like and the trees they might live in. This led to children investigating what trees look like, exploring trees within our environment, their trunks, leaves and details that make them different. With this information they created drawings of their own treehouses which are now displayed at kindy.

Dad's Sausage Sizzle

One of the highlights of our children's year is coming to kindy in the evening with Daddy for our annual Dad's

sausage sizzle. A big thank you to all the Dads who took time out of their busy schedules to come and spend an evening at kindy. The children had lots of fun sharing with you all that they like to do.

Christmas show

The children have been very busy with daily practices for their Christmas Show, becoming familiar with the spaces, songs and what they need to do. Our Wise Owls have been very involved using their imaginations to create a story for our show and engaging in a multitude of craft activities to make costumes and props deciding what was required and what this should look like. The children are full of enthusiasm and looking forward to sharing their many talents with you soon.

Rebranding

A big thank you to all our families who supported our brand launch in November. We were truly overwhelmed by the support we received and the subsequent positive feedback on our new name, logo and brand. The children have embraced the change and have been enjoying the new brand features particularly our starry ceiling cloud in the entrance area.

A big thank you to one of our kindergarten Dad's, Fletcher Bean, who has supported us with building assistance and advice through this process. We are still working on some of the final stages of the rebranding process with the update and rebranding of publications, including this newsletter, to be finalised early in the new year. We will look forward to sharing

this with you.

Thank you to all of our families for your ongoing support and contribution to our Little Treehouse Kindergarten community.





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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.

As the only space that the children cannot use at kindergarten, the office can often be a point of interest for children. One of our children shared "I love you Mrs Attwood. I love you because when I was sick one time I could go in your office. I liked it."

Upcoming Events

Children's Christmas Show - Friday 7th December 9.30am
Dress rehearsal Thursday 6th Dec 9-11am

Our Children's Christmas Show will be held on Friday 7th December at 9.30am for all parents, extended family and friends. We have a full dress rehearsal on Thursday 6th December between 9-11am and would appreciate it if all children can attend this rehearsal. Our Christmas show will be followed by morning tea in the kindergarten. All children, parents, siblings and family are welcome.

Children's Christmas Party - Thursday 20th December during our morning session

Our children's Christmas show will be held on Thursday 20th December during our morning session. We are planning a fun morning with an entertainer, face painting and Christmas activities. All children, parents and siblings are welcome to join us for the morning. Due to restrictions on our licensing numbers children who do not normally attend on a Thursday morning session must have a parent stay with them unless prior arrangements have been made.

Communication Corner

Beth Elliott: Sadly our Head Teacher, Beth Elliott, will be leaving us at Christmas to move onto the next challenge in her career. Beth has been instrumental in supporting the improvement of our curriculum and teaching practices at Little Treehouse Kindergarten and her contribution and happy disposition will be missed. We wish her all the best for the future. We are actively recruiting for a new Head Teacher however the current market is difficult and therefore a suitable replacement may take time so we would appreciate your support as we work through this process.

Gift giving at Christmas: We would like to teach our children about the spirit of giving at Christmas to build an awareness of others less fortunate than themselves. If you would like to support this teaching then children can bring along a non perishable food item or small gift to add to our collection box. Please label with age and sex of child. Gifts will be donated to the Kmart Wishing Tree (in conjunction with the Salvation Army). All gifts should be received by Monday 17th December to allow time for delivery.



Christmas closure: Our last day of kindergarten will be Friday 21st December 2018 and we will reopen again on Wednesday 9th January 2019. Teachers will be engaging in a teachers only day on Tuesday 8th January and are looking forward to planning an exciting programme for your children for 2019. Any programme suggestions or requests are welcome.

Holidays: To assist us with our staff planning please let us know if you will be away for any extended time over the Christmas holiday period.

Changes in timetable for 2019: Please let us know of any timetable changes that you require for next year. Places are limited so please plan ahead for any increases in you child's attendance days so that we have the best chance of accommodating your requirements.



Welcome

Miller George
Augustina Coldham

End of Year Farewells

Mila Lodge

Baby News

Congratulations to the Armstrong family on the arrival of a baby boy and brother for Oscar, Thomas Alexander Bailey, on 18th November weighing 3.1kgs.