



Little Treehouse
KINDERGARTEN

Newsletter

April 2019

Dates for your Diary

- Kindergarten photos - Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th April from 9.30am. Group photo Tuesday 11am
- Celebrating Songkran 8-12th April
- Mum's Night Out - Tuesday 7th May 7pm



Important Messages

- Kindergarten photos are on 9th and 11th April. Group photo 9th April at 11am.
- We welcome Miss Lisa Kiyomoto-Fink to our teaching team
- Please let us know if you have any holiday plans over the April school holidays

Programme Highlights

St Patricks Day Celebration

An important part of our curriculum is to build our children's knowledge of other cultures so in March we celebrated St Patrick's Day with a fun day of 'green' activities at kindergarten. The children enjoyed making green play dough, water play with green water, green painting, craft activities with solely green resources and a popular favourite, green face painting. The children enjoyed learning a little about this Irish celebration shared alongside one of our kindergarten families.

Reintroducing Play Dough

Play dough has been a feature of our children's play

experiences this month. They have enjoyed being creative and imaginative, creating lots of amazing things such as muffins, cakes, snakes, igloos and volcanoes.

There are many benefits for children participating in play dough experiences including hand-eye coordination and strengthening finger and hand muscles through squeezing, patting, kneading, rolling, poking and pinching. Many children also find this experience very soothing.

Our Garden

Over the summer months we have harvested many vegetables including spinach cucumber, lettuce, capsicum and cherry tomatoes. These

vegetables were all lovingly nurtured and cared for by our children and have been a welcome addition to our morning and afternoon tea.

With the harvest of all of our summer vegetables it was time to clear the garden and plant our winter garden. After investigating what vegetables will grow in winter we decided on broccoli, silverbeet, kale, cauliflower and cabbage. We also added some fresh herbs, sweet peas and pansies for the children to enjoy. The children have revisited prior learning by planting new vegetables and we will look forward to the children nurturing these plants as they watch them grow.

Mt Hobson Family Sports Day

In March we hosted our annual sports morning at Mt Hobson/Ōhinerau. The sun was shining and the children and whanau enjoyed a morning of being active with lots of traditional fun activities including soccer, tag tails, rob the nest, an obstacle course and the crowd favourite, egg and spoon race. This was followed by a shared picnic morning tea. Before heading back to kindy we engaged in an enthusiastic climb up Mt Hobson / Ohinerau and enjoyed some music and fun

with the giant parachute. The children loved the extra space to run around and enjoyed spending time with their friends.

By participating in these activities the children are strengthening many skills including balance, hand eye coordination, gross motor, listening, communication, patience and persistence.

Thank you to all whanau who came along and participated in their children's learning, for helping, getting involved and joining in the fun.





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CHILDS 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.

One of our children approached a teacher early one morning and announced "I need to go home now because I need to play on my ipad."

Communication Corner

Welcome to Miss Lisa Kiyomoto–Fink: In March we welcomed Miss Lisa Kiyomoto-Fink who will be supporting us temporarily on a Wednesday and Thursday due to our increased enrolment numbers. Lisa is a student completing a Mathematics' degree at the University of Auckland.

School Holidays: If you have holiday plans over the upcoming April school holiday period please let us know so that we can manage our staffing requirements during this period.

Multiculturalism review: As part of our multiculturalism review we would like families to share with us information about the countries that your family comes from for us to record on our world map on our multiculturalism display board at kindergarten. Please share this with our teachers and we will add your child's photo and country to our display board.

Lockdown: Following the tragic events in Christchurch in March the children have practiced a lockdown drill at kindergarten recently. Our Emergency Response policy is reviewed annually and a number of emergency drills are practiced with the children on a regular basis, including lockdown procedures.

Signing in and out each day: A requirement for funding purposes is for children to be signed in and out each day by someone over 14 years of age. This is frequently forgotten so we ask that parents help us with this administrative requirement by signing in and out each day and ensuring we can maintain our funding.

Jewellery at kindergarten: We have had a number of children coming to kindergarten with jewellery which is getting broken or lost while children are engaged in their play. We would like to request that children do not wear jewellery to kindergarten to avoid this disappointment.



THERE ARE TWO
GIFTS WE SHOULD
GIVE OUR CHILDREN;
ONE IS ROOTS, AND
THE OTHER IS WINGS.

Upcoming Events

Kindergarten Photos: Kindergarten photos will be taken during our morning sessions on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th April with our group kindergarten photo being taken on Tuesday at 11am. If your child does not attend kindergarten on these days or you would like them to be included in our group photo we would love them to come into kindergarten to have their photo taken.

Celebrating Songkran 8th—12th April: We will be celebrating the Thai celebrating of Songkran in April with some fun activities planned for the children.

Mum's Night Out: All Little Treehouse Kindergarten Mum's are invited to come along and enjoy an evening of wine, cheese and conversation on Tuesday 7th May 2019 from 7pm at kindergarten. Leave Dad at home with the children for the night and come out and enjoy the company.

Welcome

Georgie Johns
Tilly Grace Mahony
Emily Fraser
James Fraser
Sophie Te Ahuru

Family News

Congratulations to the MacCormick family on the arrival of a daughter and little sister for Sam, Emma Jane MacCormick, born on 7th March 2019