

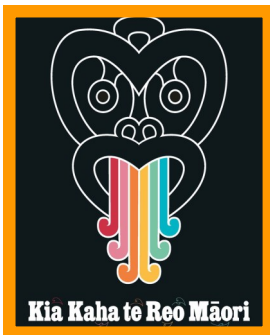


# Newsletter

October 2019

## Dates for your Diary

- Father's Sausage Sizzle - Tuesday 12th November 5.30-7pm
- Children's Christmas Show - Friday 6th December 9.30am
- Children's Christmas Party—Thursday 19th December 2019
- Closedown period 23rd December 2019 to 7th January 2020 inclusive



## Important Messages

Please let us know if you would like any timetable changes in advance

Karen Millar will be leaving Little Treehouse Kindergarten on 24th October

## Programme Highlights

### Grandparent's day

The children had a lovely morning at kindy with their grandparents recently. They loved showing them what they enjoyed doing at kindy and introducing them to all their friends. Grandparents shared with us what they enjoyed about their day or something they found special about their grandchildren and these words were captured in our children's portfolios.

It is a privilege to host Grandparent's morning and to meet extended family that have a special place in our children's hearts.

### Medical Play

A skeleton of a tailbone and a visit from a parent who shared some medical equipment with the children sparked an interest in socio-dramatic play, specifically doctor and patient scenarios.

Through this interest we

explored and investigated different types of medical equipment and enjoyed watching the children incorporate this into their play. We observed academy award winning patient performances; kind, caring doctors with wonderful bedside manners and exploration of our scientific non fiction books as we researched body parts, muscles, bones and organs and engaged in meaningful conversation about breathing, digestion, nutrition and more.

Such play revisits scenarios that children have experienced or observed and supports children in gaining a better understanding of how their world works.

This interest prompted us to invite the St John's Ambulance educator to kindy to share knowledge with the children about all

the ways in which they help people. This was very beneficial for their learning and directed at supporting the children in the unlikely event that they should be in an ambulance or hospital ward, helping them to understand that they are safe.

### Māori Language Week

This month we celebrated Māori Language Week through sharing Māori legends, language and the children's favourite waiata (songs) and games.

At kindy we regularly and actively use Te Reo in our daily practice alongside and with the children. We also use waiata (songs) as a valuable way for our children to learn the language. We recognise the importance and traditions that are connected to the Treaty of Waitangi and incorporate these into our programme.

## Our Kindy Chicks

The highlight for September was the arrival of our chick eggs at kindergarten as we embarked on a journey to learn about the life cycle of chickens through the Living Eggs Education Programme. The children become Kaitiaki (guardians) for these chickens over the next two weeks as we witnessed their birth and looked after them.

As we explored what the children knew about chicks we

talked about when and how they were going to be born, the incubator that kept them warm, how to look after them, how we knew whether they were boys or girls, whether they could fly and lots more related questions. In the second week the true adventures began as the chicks were strong enough to spend time having play time and cuddles with the children. They joined us for

mat times as we watched with interest, exploring more questions and ideas. The children were very gentle and empathetic towards the chicks and they were well looked after. Once again the teachers and children all thoroughly enjoyed the learning and experience of having the chicks at kindy and we hope you enjoyed them too.



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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.

We have captured lots of conversation about our chicks this month. After the birth of one of our chicks, one of our children asked how the chick gets fluffy. She answered her own question by saying "I know, it is the air inside there (pointing to incubator), it makes it fluff up. Its like a hair dryer, we could call it a chick dryer!"

## Communication Corner

**Building Independence:** Our kindergarten programme supports children to build independence as an important skill in preparing our children for school and becoming active and valued members of our community. There are many ways in which we foster this independence such as encouraging our children to take responsibility for putting on aprons at the water and painting areas, naming their art work, taking their shoes on and off and teaching them to go to the toilet and eat their lunch independently. Parent's can support this also by encouraging children to dress themselves, put their own shoes on, walking into kindergarten independently, putting their lunch box into the basket and ensuring that children wear clothing and shoes at kindergarten that they can manage independently.

**Timetable changes:** We encourage our families to plan ahead for any changes to your child's timetable as we don't always have flexibility to accommodate changes at short notice and some days do have a waitlist. Please consider any changes that you would like for early 2020 now so that we can secure these as we are receiving a number of new enrolments for the new year now.

**Parking:** On busy days at the community centre car parking can be more difficult for families. When this is known in advance an allocated kindy drop off / pick up car park will be provided and this will be identified by signage. Parking is also available to the left of the church when entering from Remuera Road and in the turning circle in front of the Church for prompt drop off or collection. Thank you for your patience.

**Mrs Millar:** Karen Millar will be leaving Little Treehouse Kindergarten to pursue a new challenge. Her last day at Little Treehouse Kindergarten will be Thursday 24th October. She is away on an overseas holiday from 30th September-15th October so we will look forward to celebrating her last few days at kindy on her return.

Wherever you go,  
go with all your heart.

Confucius



## Upcoming Events

**Father's Sausage Sizzle - Tuesday 12th November 5.30-7pm:** Our annual Dad's sausage sizzle will be held on Tuesday 12th November. The children are invited to bring along their Dad or other significant male (Grandad, Uncle etc) to enjoy an evening of fun at kindergarten. This is a great opportunity for Dads to see what their children love about their kindergarten and to meet other Dads. Sausages and drinks will be provided.

**Children's Christmas Show - Friday 6th December 9.30am:** Our Children's Christmas Show will be held on Friday 6th December at 9.30am in the St Lukes Church followed by morning tea at kindergarten. Please book this date in your calendar and join us for a morning of fun and celebration at kindergarten.

**Children's Christmas Party - Thursday 19th December:** Our Children's Christmas party will be held during our morning session on Thursday 19th December. We are planning a fun morning of activities for all of our children. Please book this date in your calendar and join us for a morning of Christmas fun!

### Welcome

Stella-Rose Smith

### Farewell

Bella  
Painsankitjaroen  
Sophia Walter  
Henry Milne