



# Newsletter

**December 2020**

- Dates for your Diary**
- Children's Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal Thursday 10th December 9 -11am
  - Children's Christmas Show Friday 11th December 9.30am St Lukes Church
  - Wishing Tree Appeal - last day for donations Monday 21st December
  - Children's Christmas Party - Monday 21st December
  - Last day for 2020 - Wed 23rd December
  - First day for 2021 - Monday 11th January



**Important Messages**

Christmas gift giving opportunity available

Please let us know of any extended holiday plans

The emergency exit should no longer be used

## Programme Highlights

### Celebrating Culture

Exploring different cultures, beliefs and perspectives is an important part of our curriculum. This month we celebrated American Thanksgiving on 26th November by talking to the children about what they were thankful for in 2020.

The children made beautiful autumn leaves and we created our very own 'Thanksgiving Tree' where each leaf captured what our children have shared with us that they are thankful for. The children were thankful for their family, kindy, friends, special toys, Mummy cuddles and even snow on the mountains!

### Social Competency

Extending our focus on social competency we have been engaging in role play during

mat times using puppets to talk about our emotions and feelings to help children build on their social and emotional competence. It has been great to see children using these puppets to express their feelings, emotions and act out social conflicts within their play.

When children engage in pretend play, they are actively experimenting with the social roles of life. It encourages children to participate in social activities and to understand social relationships. Imaginative play fosters mental growth by creating opportunities for trying out new ideas, ways of thinking and problem solving.

### Storytime

Making connections with our community is an important

part of our curriculum and this month the children were treated to a special story time from a librarian from Parnell Library. She shared some special books from Parnell library as well as getting the children moving by sharing some songs with them too.

### 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. Some of our children have also been very involved with making costumes and props for the show. The children are full of enthusiasm and looking forward to sharing their many talents with you soon.

## Dad's Sausage Sizzle

One of the highlights of our children's year is coming to kindy with Daddy in the evening for our annual Dad's sausage sizzle. This year we introduced our first paper plane challenge. This was definitely the highlight of the evening with the challenge being tightly contested by a number of enthusiastic children supported by their wonderfully talented Dad's. 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 at kindy.





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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.

After lunch one day one of our clever 4 year old children shared "I've just realised something. My stomach is by my belly button. I can feel my crunchy things that I was eating in my stomach right now. My stomach is going to munch it all down so it is smaller."

## Communication Corner

**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 gifts with the age and sex of the child. Gifts will be donated to the Kmart Wishing Tree (in conjunction with the Salvation Army). All gifts should be received by Monday 21st December to allow time for delivery.

**Emergency Exit:** During COVID level 2 restrictions we temporarily requested parents and caregivers to leave the kindergarten through the emergency exit in the playground to reduce congestion and contact. As these restrictions no longer apply this exit should no longer be used and parents and caregivers should exit through the main entrance. Minimising the use of the emergency exit supports our ongoing health and safety requirements.

**Lost property:** We have accumulated a lot of lost property over recent months so please check the lost property basket for any belongings. Naming children's clothing would assist us in returning clothing to the rightful owner.

**Greeting of the Month:** This month's greeting is the Japanese greeting Konnichiwa. The children will be learning about and using this greeting this month so we encourage you to support your child's learning by using this greeting at home.

**Sunscreen:** Just a reminder that our sun protection policy applies over the summer months of October to April. Children should arrive at kindy with sunscreen applied and we will apply sunscreen again at lunch time. If you have not applied sunscreen at home this is available at the entrance to kindergarten.

**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.



## Upcoming Events

Children's Christmas Show - Friday 11th December 9.30am

Full dress rehearsal Thursday 10th Dec 9-11am

Our Children's Christmas Show will be held on Friday 11th December at 9.30am at St Lukes Church for all parents, extended family and friends. We have a full dress rehearsal on Thursday 10th December between 9-11am and we would appreciate it if all children can attend this rehearsal. We will be providing all costume requirements so children should come to kindy in their normal kindy clothes. Our Christmas show will be followed by morning tea in the kindergarten. All children, parents, siblings and family are welcome.

Children's Christmas Party - Monday 21st December 8.45am to 12.45pm

Our children's Christmas party will be held on Monday December 21st during our morning session. We are planning a fun morning with a bouncy castle, 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 Monday morning session must have a parent stay with them unless prior arrangements have been made.

### Welcome

Frank Walton  
Emma Knight

### Baby Welcome

Congratulations to the Lindsay-Keown family on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Xavier Kevin, born 24th November 2020 at 3.36am weighing 4.28kg.

We would love your feedback on our newsletter. Please email us at [admin@littletreehouse.co.nz](mailto:admin@littletreehouse.co.nz)

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