



Little Treehouse
KINDERGARTEN

Newsletter

March 2021

Dates for your Diary

- Family morning at Mt Hobson - Wednesday 3rd March 9.30am
- St Patrick's Day Wednesday 17th March
- Easter 2nd-5th April
- Songkran—Thai New Year celebrations 12th-15th April
- Mum's night out—Tuesday 4th May 7pm



Programme Highlights

Hot days and water play

We have had some wonderful sunny days with lots of opportunities to engage in different water experiences outdoors. We introduced a new water pump station to extend our children's play in this area however this did not function as intended and did not support sustainable water usage. With so many ways to play, laugh and have fun with water we will continue our search for a sustainable way to incorporate water more extensively into children's play.

Chinese/Korean New Year

Exploring different cultures, beliefs and perspectives is an important part of our curriculum. The children have celebrated the Chinese and

Korean New Year, the year of the Ox, learning about Chinese and Korean traditions and customs through discussions at mat time, sharing stories and engaging in activities such as making red Chinese lanterns, firework paintings, fans, imaginative dragons and musical instruments.

We were also very fortunate to have two of our Korean families spend the morning at kindy making dumplings with the children, a favourite food made during the Korean Lunar new year. They then added the dumplings to rice cake soup which we all shared together. We had a fabulous time and loved sharing our home cultures with our families.

Carpentry

We continued our focus on carpentry this month with some challenges in sourcing wood soft enough for the children to manage with the carpentry tools. We are in the process of sourcing some additional tools and resources to support this learning space very soon.



Important Messages

Welcome to our new teacher, Miss Caroline Butler

Our waitlist has extended to April 2022 so please plan ahead for changes to timetables, enrolment of siblings and recommend friends enrol early.

Little Heart Day



Thank you to all our families for supporting our Heart Kids fundraiser by wearing red or heart clothing on Little Heart Day and purchasing our lovely heart cookies. The children enjoyed learning about their hearts, our heart inspired activities including heart painting, our 'heart hospital' and selling heart cookies in our kindy shop. Hugh proudly celebrated being a heart kid and sharing his special heart book with the children. This event raised \$540 for Heart Kids.



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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 shared with Ms Bloem recently "Do you know that sometimes I go to bed with no undies on. It's actually quite comfortable."

Communication Corner

Welcome to Caroline Butler: We are excited to announce a new member of our teaching team, Miss Caroline Butler, who will be joining us on 2nd March. Caroline has trained as a primary school teacher and subsequently decided that her passion is in supporting younger children following 2 years working as a Nanny. We will look forward to getting to know Caroline over the next few weeks and introducing her to our families. Our student, Sammy Halley, who has been supporting us over the last two months has returned to her studies but will continue to work on a Monday this semester and support us with relieving on an ongoing basis.

Waitlists: We are experiencing high levels of enquiries and enrolments and our waitlist for new enrolments has now extended to April 2022 and beyond for some days. Thank you to all our families who have been recommending us. Our morning sessions are full with children waitlisted for additional days. To help provide additional availability to our families we would appreciate it if families could notify us when your child will be absent. Given the lead time for additional days please ensure you plan ahead for changes in timetable, the enrolment of siblings or the extension of your child's leaving date if your child will not be starting school when they turn 5 so that we can meet your needs. Please recommend that your friends plan ahead and enrol early too!

Greeting of the month: This month's greeting of the month is *Diadhuit*, the Irish greeting for Hello. This supports our cultural celebration of St Patrick's Day in March where Miss Reidy will be sharing her culture with us.

Incredible Years Programme: This very highly regarded parenting course is being run at the St Lukes Community Centre for the next 14 weeks on a Wednesday morning from 9.30am to 12pm from 3rd March 2021. This is a government funded programme run by the Ministry of Education and is free to all parents. Childcare is also provided at no charge and is being provided by our student, Sammy Halley. If you have Wednesday mornings available I would highly recommend attending. Additional information is available.

Upcoming Events

Family morning at Mt Hobson 3rd March 9.30am to 11.30am:

On Wednesday 3rd March we will host our annual games morning at Mt Hobson (at the reserve on Dilworth Ave). This is a fun morning of traditional outdoor games followed by a picnic. All kindergarten children and parents are welcome to join us. Permission slips are currently available at kindergarten for signing.

St Patrick's Day—Wednesday 17th March: We will be celebrating Miss Reidy's Irish culture at kindergarten on St Patrick's day with lots of fun Irish inspired activities. Children are encouraged to wear green in support of this celebration.

Easter 3rd-5th - 13th April and Songkran 12th - 15th April: We will be celebrating these cultural events in April with some fun activities planned.

Mum's Night Out - Tuesday 4th May 7pm: We would like to invite all Mum's to come along and enjoy an evening of wine, cheese and conversation on Tuesday 4th May at kindy. This is a great opportunity to get to know other kindergarten Mum's in a relaxed informal setting. Leave Dad at home with the children for the night and come and enjoy the company.



Welcome

Hugh Hickling
Darian Ivoghlian

Farewell

Cooper Logan