



Newsletter

May 2021

- Dates for your Diary**
- Parent Information Evening—Tuesday 4th May 6.30pm—7.30pm
 - Mother’s Night Out - Tuesday 4th May from 7.30pm
 - Mother’s Day - Sunday 9th May
 - Celebrating Matariki - 2nd-10th July
 - Kindergarten Disco - Friday 2nd July 5.30-7pm

Programme Highlights

Carpentry

We have continued to build our knowledge of carpentry in early childhood and have introduced some additional tools and resources into this learning space. Although some tools are proving a little challenging to use, particularly for our younger children, we have introduced some additional resources such as cork, vinyl and carpet that have been valuable as children experiment with our new tools. Further sources of soft wood to support this learning space would be appreciated.

Imaginative Play

Many children are engaging in imaginative play and using dress ups to support this play. Baby tigers and zombies are a popular feature in children’s

play along with role playing doctors, families, shops and workplaces. Working from home has exposed children to what whanau do at work and we are seeing these experiences being replicated in our children’s play.

Exploring Ice

We have been providing the children with multiple opportunities to explore the sensory properties of ice within their play. Playing with ice provides children with the opportunity to observe how ice behaves when exposed to different materials and temperatures such as water, salt and heat. Using their sense of touch children can explore the properties of ice discovering that it is cold, smooth and

melts when held in their hand. We have also used larger pieces of ice to provide challenges for breaking ice using a variety of tools to access what is hidden inside. This particular activity required some problem-solving skills and great perseverance. Using ice as a sensory resource at kindy is always a popular choice for children and something that you can very easily replicate at home.



Important Messages

Come along and learn about how we support our children’s readiness and transition to school on Tuesday 4th May

8.30am early drop off spaces available

Cultural Celebrations

Many cultural celebrations have been explored this month as we have celebrated Easter, Songkran, St Georges Day and Anzac Day. Exploring different cultures, beliefs and perspectives is an important part of our curriculum. Through these experiences our children are developing a respect for different cultures and learning about the costumes, traditions and beliefs that are important to

their friends. We have celebrated with fun activities, crafts, the sharing of stories and traditions and the baking of traditional foods. Thank you for those families who have been involved in these celebrations and shared knowledge and resources with us. We encourage all of our families to share their cultures with us to continue to build our knowledge together as a 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.

One of our children shared their aspirations of what they wanted to do when they were bigger by stating "When I get bigger I want to be a doctor just like my Daddy so then I can go to work with him."

Sustainability

Each year as a teaching team we choose an area of focus to review to support the continuous improvement of teaching and learning within the kindergarten. With the completion of our review on supporting transitions we are about to commence a review of sustainability. Alongside our children we will be looking at ways we can improve our sustainable practices at Little Treehouse Kindergarten. We hope that the children will pass on this knowledge and learning at home so we as a wider community can all consider sustainable practices at home and into the future. Some of the areas that we are planning to investigate alongside the children are recycling, composting and water conservation. The first area we will be exploring this term is recycling.

If our parent community have any expertise in the area of sustainable practices we would love you to share your knowledge and learning with us to support this review.

We would love your feedback on our newsletter. Please email us at littletreehouse.co.nz

Communication Corner

- **Sickness Policy:** With the colder weather approaching please ensure that children remain at home if they are not well to minimise the spread of infection. Our sickness policy requires children to remain at home for 48 hours after experiencing vomiting or diarrhea. We are continuing to maintain strong hygiene practices at kindergarten to support this. Please ensure children have sufficient warm clothing or layers to remain warm at kindergarten.
- **Car Parking:** With the increase in our kindergarten numbers there is more pressure on car parking. Please do not use reserved car park spaces and ensure that you park within the white lines to maximise car park availability. Short term car parking is also available in the turning circle in the front of the Church so please feel free to utilise this space.
- **Early drop off at 8.30am:** If you are interested in our earlier drop off time of 8.30am spaces are available. Subject to availability requests for one off early drop offs are also welcome. We request that parents who have not booked or notified us of an early drop off respect our starting time of 8.45am.

Upcoming Events

Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 4th May 6.30-7.30pm: We will be sharing knowledge on what we learnt from our self review on Transitions in 2020 and how we support children's readiness and transition to school at Little Treehouse Kindergarten. All families are welcome to attend. Information is particularly valuable for families of 4 year olds or nearly 4 year olds. Come and join us for the evening and Mum can stay to enjoy our Mum's night immediately afterwards.

Mum's Night Out: All Mum's are invited to come along and enjoy an evening of wine, cheese and conversation on Tuesday 4th May from 7.30pm following our parent information evening. 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 and come and enjoy the company.

Children's Disco—Friday 2nd July 5.30pm-7pm:

Our annual Matariki disco will be held on Friday 2nd July. This will be a fun night of celebration for all our families. Please bring a plate to share for dinner.



Welcome

Teddy Van Velthooven
Emily Yi
Oscar Doole
Teddy Linehan
Henry White

Farewell

Tama Bean
Verona Lindsay-Keown
Archie Cable