



Newsletter

**September
2023**

- ### Dates for your Diary
- Maori Language week
11th - 17th September
 - Grandparent's Day -
Tuesday 19th
September 9-11am
 - Dad's Sausage Sizzle
Tuesday 14th
November 5.30-7pm
 - Christmas Show—Friday
8th December 9.30am



Programme Highlights

Enjoying Music

Musical play has been a sustained interest over a number of weeks and we have been supporting this interest by providing many different musical experiences for children to engage in. We have been offering a wide range of musical instruments including shakers, triangles, tamborines, xylophone, rakau sticks and buckets for drums. We have made our own pois and microphones and set up stages for performing. Children are sharing their singing talent by sharing songs using our microphones at mat time. We have also explored different cultural and instrumental music. Exploring music is a wonderful way for children to express their feelings through

their voice and body. They develop rhythm, are creative and have fun.

ENGAGE programme

Our teaching team commenced a professional development programme called ENGAGE in August. This programme is funded by the Ministry of Education to support all early learning centres nationally and is drawn from New Zealand based research to support the building of self-regulations skills in children. The core focus of ENGAGE is to improve children's self regulation skills across a broad range of areas encompassing emotional skills, cognitive/thinking skills and behavioural skills. These skills are developed through

the use of fun everyday games supported by the use of intentional language. With 40 games to draw upon there is a lot of variety to capture children's interest and we are having a lot of fun exploring these games with the children. We have another professional development programme in September to further extend on the use of these games in practice.



Important Messages

We have some limited availability if families are wanting additional days or know someone who would like to join our kindergarten community

Please collect collage materials to support us with our collage creations

Cultural Day

This month we celebrated our cultural day. We got to see and wear some wonderful costumes as well as participate in singing and dancing from around the world. We enjoyed some traditional cultural activities such as building Thai stupas in the sandpit and recreating famous landmarks in the block corner. Tamariki made Indian Mandala patterns from bottle tops and painted beautiful Pasifika patterns. Playing 'Toss the Can' from Ms. Bloem's native Holland was very popular and so was the Kiwi gum boot throw. Practicing to pick up noodles with the chopsticks was a great fine motor activity. They were creative making beautiful Chinese decorative fans, colourful Persian geometric shape patterns and English swords and shields.

At morning tea the tables outside were full of tasty kai from around the world which we shared together as a community. It was a true celebration and learning of all cultures within our kindergarten. Thank you to all of our families who contributed to our wonderful day!





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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 had a blood nose. Upon becoming aware of this they announced 'Look, my nose is like a volcano!'

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."

- Plato

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Upcoming Events

Grandparents day - Thursday 19th September 9-11am: All grandparents are invited to spend the morning with us at kindergarten. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to show these special family members all the wonderful things that they love to do at kindergarten and to share morning tea with us. Children who do not normally attend kindergarten on Thursday are welcome to join us with their grandparent(s).

Dad's Night - Tuesday 14th November 5.30-7pm: Our annual Dad's sausage sizzle evening will be held on Tuesday 14th November. Children are invited to bring along their Dad or other significant person (Grandad, Uncle etc) for an evening of fun at kindergarten. This is a great opportunity for Dad's to see what their children love about kindergarten and to meet other Dads.

Christmas Show - Friday 8th December 9.30am: Please book this important date in your diary. This will be held in the St Lukes Church and all family, grandparents and extended family are welcome to attend.

Communication Corner

- **Happy Fathers Day:** We would like to wish all of our Dad's a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday 3rd September.
- **Availability:** We have some limited availability from September and with lots of children leaving in the new year to head to school we have more spaces available in the new year. If any of our families are wanting any extra days or if you know a family that would like to join our kindergarten community then please get in touch.
- **Holidays:** Please let us know if you have any holiday plans over the upcoming school holiday period so that we can manage our staffing requirements.
- **Pick up times:** We have noticed an increase in children being collected late at our end of day collection time recently. We would appreciate it if parents can collect children by 3.15pm wherever possible to allow our teaching team the time to complete our end of day processes. If you are running late please get in touch so we can support your child by letting them know.
- **Facebook:** We make weekly posts on Facebook to provide an update on what we are doing at kindy. Please 'like' us on Facebook to see these posts. Parent engagement on our Facebook page is also a way for us to demonstrate to the Education Review Office (ERO), our regulatory body, that we are sharing our curriculum with our families so please actively like our posts and comment where relevant.
- **Collage materials:** The children have been enjoying making creations on the glue gun table so our stock of resources is low. If anyone has any useful recycled collage materials please bring them into kindy. Ideas include bottle tops, paper towel rolls, shells, ribbons, corks, buttons, acorns, pinecones and smaller boxes (to support allergies these need to be non food packaging, no egg cartons please).

Greeting of the Month: As it is Tongan language week this month we will be sharing the Tongan greeting Mālō e lelei with the children in September.

Policies: Review of centre policies is carried out monthly on a rotational basis. This month we reviewed our Child Protection, Nappy changing and Trips and Excursions policies. All policies are available for review and feedback by our parent community.



Farewell

Felix Knight
James Park
Ivaan Desai

Welcome

Darius Liew
Agnes Kenny

Baby News

Congratulations to the Hill family and big brother Olly on the arrival of a baby girl, Isabel Sophia Matilda Hill. Isabel was born on 31st July 2023 weighing 3.725kgs.