



# Newsletter

**November  
2023**

- ### Dates for your Diary
- Father's Sausage Sizzle - Tuesday 14th November 5.30-7pm
  - Kindness Collective gift giving—Wednesday 15th November
  - Children's Christmas Show - Friday 8th December 9.30am and Dress Rehearsal Thursday 7th December 9-11am
  - Children's Christmas Party - Wednesday 20th December
  - Closedown period 23rd December 2023 to 7th January 2024 inclusive



## Programme Highlights

### Box creations

The carpentry table continues to be a hive of activity with children using the cool glue gun to make 3D creations using boxes and any other materials we can manage to find. Children are bringing their creations back into kindy on a daily basis to further develop their ideas and extend their creativity. We have had an amazing bunny house with a special musical feature, a bird house complete with a solar panel, Eiffel Tower and much more.

If you have any excess boxes or craft materials at home that you could donate to support this creativity please bring these in to kindy and we will put them to good creative use!

### Visiting St Michaels School

We spent a lovely afternoon at St Michaels School in the holidays enjoying playing on the playground, a game a

soccer on the field, rolling down the grass bank and playing with our big parachute. It was a lovely sunny afternoon with lots of space to explore.

Having opportunities to provide exposure to a primary school environment helps children to build an awareness of and confidence within a school environment which supports their transition to school.

### Bunnies

We were fortunate to have two lovely bunnies come and visit us at kindy. The children got the opportunity to pat the bunnies and try and feed them some broccoli. Rocco had been busy making an amazing bunny house with a food tray filled with yummy green vegetables for the bunnies. Charlie had a harness on and had a walk around kindy before having a rest in the bunny house.

Poutine loved having gentle pats with the children who all waited patiently for their turn. Thank you to Henry and Ben's Mum and Aunty Jane for bringing the bunnies into kindy.

### Christmas Show Rehearsals

We have been busy in the last few weeks preparing for our children's Christmas show. The children are learning new songs, getting involved in making props and have started rehearsals in the Church. This will continue to be a big focus this term as we continue with our practices and complete props. We will look forward to sharing our children's talents with you in our Christmas show soon.



### Important Messages

Please apply sunscreen in the mornings on warmer days

Thank you for supporting our Kindness Collective Christmas gift giving. Final delivery date for gifts is Wednesday 15th November.

## Engage Programme

This month we have been continuing to extend our use of the ENGAGE programme games with a focus on developing certain skills such as turn taking, listening, memory, patience, focus, body control and language. We have also been reflecting on our use of intentional language as teachers and

ensuring that as a team we are using consistent language that the children understand. As the children have become more familiar with the games we have been observing their use of this intentional language to evidence their learning. Words such as focus, patience, watch, listen, look, remember. Take a look

at word clouds on our Engage documentation board for more words we have been using to support this learning. The children have been really enjoying these games and have started asking for their favourites to be repeated. We will continue to use the games as an active part of our programme.



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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 makes us laugh.

One of our children said to Mrs Johns 'Dude, can you get me a new glue stick?'

After a pause they laughed and added 'I just called you a dude Mrs Johns!'

## Communication Corner

**Kindness Collective Christmas gift giving:** Thank you to all of our families who have indicated their intention to provide a gift for a child(ren) through our Kindness Collective gift giving initiative this Christmas. Your generosity has enabled us to support 65 children attending three centres - Homai, Eden and Pokiti. For those families who would still like to get involved we still have a few children available to provide gifts for and the Christmas Joy Store would appreciate gifts for children 0-16 years. The final date for receiving gifts is 15th November 2023. Sharing the message of kindness towards others with our children is an important part of our kindergarten values. Thank you for your support.



**Elise Troest:** Elise is returning to Denmark to complete her studies with her last day being Tuesday 21st November. We will welcome a new Danish student in December.

**Sun safety:** With summer approaching we have been talking to the children about sun safety and in particular wearing our kindy hats outdoors and using sunscreen. Please ensure children have sunscreen applied each morning on our warmer days. Sunscreen is available at the entrance to the kindergarten.

**Emergency exit:** Just a reminder that our emergency exit from the playground into the carpark should only be used for emergency situations and not as an entry or exit from kindy. Thank you for your supporting us with keeping this exit clear.

**Afternoon mat time:** We would appreciate support from parents in minimising the level of disruption for children during our afternoon mat times by being mindful of the level of noise in the foyer area as children are collected.

**Cutlery:** Please ensure that children have any cutlery required to support them in eating their lunch independently at kindy. When kindy cutlery is used please return it if it accidentally ends up at home.

**Greeting of the Month:** This month's greeting of the month is the Hindu greeting of Namaste. This greeting supports us in our learning about Diwali in November.

**Policies:** Review of centre policies is carried out monthly on a rotational basis. This month we reviewed our Medicines Policy, Food Provision and Recording Policy and Settling In and Transition Policy with no notable changes. All policies are available for review and feedback by our parent community.

## Upcoming Events

### Father's Sausage Sizzle - Tuesday 14th November 5.30-7pm

The children are invited to bring their Dad or other significant person to enjoy an evening of fun at kindergarten. This is a great opportunity for our Dad's to see what their children love about kindergarten and to meet other Dads. Sausages and drinks will be provided.

### Children's Christmas Show - Friday 8th December 9.30am

#### Dress Rehearsal—Thursday 7th December 9-11am

A tradition at Little Treehouse Kindergarten is to celebrate Christmas with the children performing a Christmas show. This show will be held on Friday 8th December at 9.30am in St Lukes Church. We will hold a full dress rehearsal for the children on Thursday 7th December and would appreciate all children being available between 9-11am to attend this rehearsal if possible. Please book these dates in your diaries. Our Christmas show will be followed by morning tea in the kindergarten and all guests are welcome.

### Children's Christmas Party - Wednesday 20th December 2023

Our children's Christmas party will be held on Wednesday 20th December during our morning session. Families are welcome to join us for the morning. Due to our licensing requirements children who do not attend kindergarten on a Wednesday will need a parent to stay at kindy.

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

## Welcome

Brielle Li  
Maddison Bracey  
Quill MacDiarmid  
Sophia Hanson  
Stella Maxwell

## Farewell

Annan Jeyanthan  
Ariana Vivanco-Coutts  
Tristan Liu