

# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025



Little Treehouse  
KINDERGARTEN

## PROGRAME HIGHLIGHTS

### Measurement

Our Wise Owls have been learning about measurement within the Wise Owls numeracy programme. They have explored different tools for measurement including electronic scales, tape measures, feet, hands and string. As a extension to this learning we have been creating other opportunities to explore measurement concepts into our day to day programme through baking, measuring and pouring with water, gloop and other materials. One area of learning that the children particularly enjoyed was making lemonade. They measured ingredients, adjusting the mix of lemon, water and sugar to get the perfect strength and level of sour and sweet. They also explored different sizes of lemons, how many pips they contained and made posters and 'lemonade money' to sell their lemonade to all the kindy children. Upon the children's request we revisited this learning over many days at kindy.

### New Zealand Sign Language

We have continued building our NZSL knowledge by adding sign language to a popular greeting song and learning Old MacDonald had a Farm which captures lots of animal signs. We have continued to reinforce prior learning with NZSL songs being a regular part of every day. Please support this learning at home by encouraging your children to share their knowledge with you.

### Tongan language week

During Tongan language week we explored Tongan language at mat time through learning Tongan greetings, alphabet, numbers and colours. We also read stories depicting the Tongan culture. We enjoyed lots of Tongan crafts including Tongan stencil drawings, tapa cloth art, collage Tongan flags, making pei pa (fans), turtles and whales. We had fun drumming with sticks to Tongan music and dancing in straw skirts.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

15-22

Maori Language Week  
15th - 22nd September

17

Grandparent morning  
9am-11am

### OCTOBER

20

Diwali

31

Halloween

### NOVEMBER

11

Dad's Sausage Sizzle

### DECEMBER

10

Christmas Show 9.30am

23

Christmas close down  
Reopening Wednesday  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Please support us at collection time by being mindful of disruption to our afternoon mat time

We have some spaces available so any recommendations are much appreciated.

## CULTURAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

In August we acknowledged all of the diverse cultures that make up our kindergarten community through coming together to celebrate and share our cultures with one another at our annual Cultural Day. It was an opportunity for children to connect to their own culture and be exposed to the cultures, beliefs and traditions of other cultures in a way that celebrates everyone. We dressed up in something that represented our culture and participated in singing and dancing from around the world. We learnt about maypole dancing from Sweden, used Maori pois and Sophie and Evie shared their Irish dancing.

We enjoyed some traditional cultural activities such as making Chinese fans, Pacifica siapo cloth and decorating English sheilds. We made flags from around the world using coloured play dough, played pétanque in the sandpit and toss the can, a traditional Dutch game. We also tasted some delicious new flavours through the sharing of cultural food. Charles' Nani joined us to make some roti to share their Fijian heritage and Mrs Prasad taught us how to shave coconut from the inside of a coconut. It was a true celebration and learning of all cultures within the kindergarten.





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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.

During our St Johns Ambulance visit children were learning about what might be an emergency situation. One of our children announced that 'you should never touch the toilet'. The same child later shared that you should never pick up a lollipop as it belongs to other people.

*As you hold your little one close, remember that you are their hero and their first love. Happy Father's Day to a dad who fills their child's world with warmth and security.*



## COMMUNICATION CORNER

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**Parent Teacher Meetings:** We hope that families enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with Allanah and Mala discussing your child's learning at kindergarten. We enjoyed the opportunity to get additional insights into your children's lives and look forward to supporting them further with their learning and development at kindergarten.

**New planning and assessment documentation:** Thank you for your patience as we have navigated our new requirements for documenting children's learning and development at kindy. We have appreciated all the conversations with families about their aspirations and family values to support us in this process and look forward to sharing your children's learning over time as we support each child in achieving their individual learning focus.

**Collection times:** During our end of day collection time a teacher is running a mat time to keep children engaged while eating afternoon tea and awaiting collection. We would kindly like to request parent support with minimising the disruption to this daily mat time by waiting in the foyer for children, discussing any concerns with the teacher in the foyer rather than the teacher supporting the mat time and ensuring that siblings do not come in to play with kindy resources at this time. Increased noise levels and disruption to the mat time makes it challenging for our mat time teacher to support all children effectively at this busy time of day.

**Spotify music playlist:** We often get asked about songs that we sing at kindy for families to share at home. We have a public playlist on Spotify with a collection of our favourite songs which can be accessed by searching Little Treehouse Hits on Spotify at home.

**Policies:** Review of centre policies is carried out monthly on a rotational basis. This month we reviewed our Child Protection and Trips and Excursions policies without any notable changes. All policies are available for review and feedback by our parent community.

**Greeting of the Month:** Our greeting of the month is Hola, the Spanish greeting for hello, to acknowledge Miss V's heritage.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Maori Language Week 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September:** We will be celebrating the Maori language and culture during Maori language week in September.

**Grandparent day - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 a Wednesday are welcome to join us with their grandparent(s).

**Diwali and Halloween:** We are planning on celebrating Diwali and Halloween in October.

**Dad's Night - Tuesday 11th November 5.30-7pm:** Our annual Dad's sausage sizzle evening will be held on Tuesday 11th 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 - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FAREWELL

Zelda Franks  
Banny Zhou

## WELCOME

Lorenzo Freeman Coelho