



# **PROGRAME HIGHLIGHTS**

## **Sunflower Project**

We have continue with our sunflower project this month. Children have diligently nurtured their seedlings and watched them grow. We have been learning about how sunflowers grow, how to look after them and our older children have been diligently measuring and recording their progress on graphs. Our sunflowers have now gone home so that they can be transplanted into the garden to support their continued growth. We will look forward to our seedlings flowering in the coming months and sharing this with our children at kindy.

### Sewing

Another activity we have enjoyed over the last month is experiencing the wonder of sewing as children designed and created their very own fluffy pillows with the support of Mrs Johns. The children carefully chose their fabrics, experimented with shapes, and proudly stuffed their pillows until they were soft and snuggly. They loved watching the sewing machine in action, its whirring sounds and speedy stitches sparking lots of curious questions. The children learnt that sewing is not only a useful life skill but also a fun way to express imagination.

### Space

In our Wise Owls programme this term children are learning about astronomy and we have been busy exploring the solar system, drawing planets and making rockets at kindy. Some children have shared prior knowledge about the planets in the solar system so we are excited to explore this topic further over the term.

### **Christmas Show**

We have been busy preparing for our children's Christmas show with rehearsals in the church over the last month. The children have been learning new songs and have started making props to support our show. This will continue to be a focus this term and we will look forward to sharing our children's talents with you in our Christmas show soon.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### NOVEMBER

- 11 Dad's Sausage Sizzle
- World Kindness Day
- Kindness Collective Christmas Appeal
- 27 Thanksgiving

#### DECEMBER

- 9 Christmas Show rehearsal 9am-11am
- 10 Christmas Show 9.30am
- Christmas close down Reopening Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# 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 Friday 14th November.

# **DIWALI**

This month we also celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Lights. We were very fortunate to have Sayuri's parents join us for the morning and share their culture with the children through sharing the story of Diwali at mat time, providing us with special cultural treats to share, providing decorations, traditional dress for the children to try and adding henna designs to our hands. We also enjoyed some traditional art and craft activities such as painting diya's and making rangoli patterns. The teachers enjoyed the opportunity to wear beautiful Indian sari's and adorn themselves with jewellery.





# 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.

Whilst playing happily one morning one of our girls shared that when she was bigger she was going to marry one of our kindy boys. The nominated boy responded with an excited 'Yah!' and they starting discussing the need to have pretty flowers for the ceremony.



Smile often.
Think positively.
Give thanks.
Laugh loudly.
Love others.
Dream big.

## **COMMUNICATION CORNER**

Kindness Collective 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 64 children attending two centres - Homai and Kakano. For those families who would still like to get involved the Christmas Joy Store would appreciate gifts for children 0-16 years. The final date for receiving gifts is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Sharing the message of kindness towards others with our children is an important part of our kindergarten and home values. Thank you for your support.

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 now available at the entrance to the kindergarten.

Kindy bags: Please ensure that kindy bags are hung on the hooks in the outdoor entrance so that inside hooks can be used for children's clothing.

Children's art: Children's art is collated and filed daily in children's art folders found in the baskets at the front entrance. These creations are often important to children so we encourage parents to clear art folders regularly so you can share these creations with your child.

Policies: Review of centre policies is carried out monthly on a rotational basis. This month we reviewed our Medicine Policy and Financial Management and Planning Policy without any notable changes. All policies are available for review and feedback by our parent community.

Greeting of the Month: This months greeting is Yasou, an informal Greek greeting for hello shared amongst friends.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dad's Night - Tuesday 11th November 5.30-7pm: Children are invited to bring along their Dad or other significant person (Grandad, Uncle etc) for an evening of fun at kindergarten to celebrate our annual Dad's night. This is a great opportunity for Dad's to see what their children love about kindergarten and to meet other Dads.

World Kindness Day: With the introduction of our kindy values this year we thought it appropriate to celebrate world kindness day on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Thanksgiving: We will be celebrating Thanksgiving on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November with some Thanksgiving inspired art activities and a focus on what we are thankful for this year.

Christmas Show and Dress Rehearsal: Our Christmas Show will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in the St Lukes Church. All family, grandparents and extended family are welcome to attend. To support us with our Christmas Show we have a full dress rehearsal on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This rehearsal is recorded so we would appreciate it if all children could attend kindy on this day from 9am to 11am.

Children's Christmas Party - Wednesday 17th December: Our children's Christmas party will be held on Wednesday 17th 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 do have some additional spaces available if you would like to book an additional one off day.



**FAREWELL** 

Jim Liu

**WELCOME** 

**Emilia Maxwell**