

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



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KINDERGARTEN

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Sunflower Project

This month we commenced our 'Sunflower Project' which link to two areas of focus in our curriculum. Firstly this will support our Wise Owls focus in term 3 on measurement where we will link the concept of measurement through measuring and plotting the growth of our sunflower plants over time. This project is also a wonderful opportunity for teaching children about the Maori value of Kaitiakitanga, which embodies the concepts of guardianship and protection, highlighting our responsibility to care for and safeguard the land, water and natural resources. During the month children have enjoyed scooping soil into their pots, planting two sunflower seeds and caring for them through watering their newly planted seeds. We engaged in some lively conversation about what might sprout with some imaginative suggestions such as a magical beanstalk or a robotic flower. Now we need to nurture our seedlings and see what will emerge over the next few months.

Sandpit

With some beautiful spring days the sandpit has been a busy place to be with children playing in this space ALL day long. It is the perfect spot to experiment with cause and effect, role play, be creative, develop motor skills and social skills as children interact with each other.

Māori language week

This month we celebrated Māori language week with a focus on the use of Māori language within our daily practice. We have been proactively increasing our use of Te Reo with our children and they are continuing to progressively extend their kite of knowledge of Te Reo. Māori language week was an opportunity for us to extend this further by exploring new songs, reading Te Reo books, playing Te Reo memory games, baking using a recipe in Te Reo Māori, enjoying poi songs and practicing our new Te Reo Maori New Zealand sign language songs.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

20 Diwali

31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

11 Dad's Sausage Sizzle

14 Kindness Collective
Christmas Appeal

DECEMBER

9 Christmas Show rehearsal
9am-11am

10 Christmas Show 9.30am

23 Christmas close down
Reopening Wednesday
7th January 2025

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Please support our Kindness Collective Christmas appeal by purchasing a gift for a child at an Early Learning Centre who needs support to enjoy the celebration of Christmas.

Please share some of your favourite recipes for us to enjoy with the children at kindy

GRANDPARENT MORNING

Grandparent day was a very special morning for the children to spend time with their grandparents sharing all the things that they enjoy doing at kindergarten. We all had the opportunity to spend time playing or creating together, reading our special portfolios, meeting friends and sharing a few of the favourite songs we enjoy at music time. Our morning concluded with us all coming together to share a special morning tea. Thank you to all our amazing Grandparents for taking the time to spend the morning with us at kindy. We all enjoyed creating special memories together for us all to treasure.





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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.

One of our children became frustrated during a group game and turned to her friend and said 'I think you should just go to heaven!'

**"Every child
IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF FLOWER,
AND ALTOGETHER MAKE THIS WORLD
a beautiful garden."**
— ANONYMOUS —



COMMUNICATION CORNER

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Kindness Collective gift giving: We are continuing to support the Kindness Collective this year by providing Christmas gifts for children in need attending early childhood centres in South Auckland. We have supported these centres for the last 3 years with amazing gifts from our families. Sharing the message of kindness towards others with our children is an important part of our kindergarten values. We encourage families to get involved by donating a gift and reinforcing the message of kindness at home.

Photos: To protect the privacy of families we request that parents and caregivers do not share any photos or media taken at kindergarten on social media. This is in line with our policy requirements. It is our preference that parents and caregivers only take photos of their own children without capturing other children to protect privacy.

Family Boost: The thresholds for claiming the Family Boost ECE rebate have recently increased from a combined family income of \$180,000 to \$229,144. If you now have an entitlement to claim a Family Boost rebate please let Allanah know to receive quarterly statements required to make this claim. The next claim is available on 1st October for fees paid from 1st July-30th September.

Favourite family recipes: Following our learning on nutrition and the fruit and vegetable food rainbow the children have been interested in cooking and baking at kindy. If you have any favourite child friendly family recipes that you would like to share for us to try at kindy we would love your contributions to our programme.

Policies: Review of centre policies is carried out monthly on a rotational basis. This month we reviewed our Health and Safety Framework Policy and our Staff Safety Checking Policy 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 the Hindi greeting of Namaste to support our learning on Diwali this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Diwali: We will be celebrating Diwali on 20th October with some fun activities and learning.

Halloween: Dressing up is always a popular interest with our children so we are hosting a dress up day for Halloween and plan to enjoy some fun Halloween inspired activities.

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 and Dress Rehearsal: Our Christmas Show will be held on Wednesday 10th December at 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. To support us with our Christmas Show we have a full dress rehearsal on Tuesday 9th December. This rehearsal is recorded so we would appreciate it if all children could attend kindy on this day from 9am to 11am.

FAREWELL

Benjamin Waalkens
Sophie Lunjevich
Sylvie McChesney
Munro Berry
Billie Cash
Isabella Van Velthooven
Lucia Van Velthooven
Jonas Lee (leaving 1st October)

WELCOME

Marley Shine Nash
Hugo Giblin
Isabel Hill