

# NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



Little Treehouse  
KINDERGARTEN

## PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

### Foot Spas

Over the last few months the children have had regular opportunities to enjoy a foot spa at kindy and this month we extended this interest by making some bath bombs to use for our foot spa treatments. The children got to choose the fragrances from our essence oil range and chose different food colouring to colour them to suit. There was also lots of measuring involved to revisit these skills from last terms Wise Owls numeracy programme.

### Sunflower Project

With our sunflowers now being nurtured at home we are loving having the children share how big they are growing. Children are measuring their sunflowers using many measuring tools such as rulers, panda's, teddy bears and themselves. Please continue to share your progress with us at kindy. Photos can be shared on Facebook or sent by email to share for news.

### Recipes from home

We are continuing to share our favourite recipes from home which has provided additional opportunities to enjoy baking experiences at kindy. Once again this has supported us in using our measuring skills and provided leadership opportunities as the children who are sharing their recipes are leading these experiences.

### World Kindness Day

This year we celebrated world Kindness Day in November for the first time as it aligns well with our teaching on our kindy values of kindness, respect and ako. We enjoyed a happy day at kindy showing kindness toward each other.

### Christmas Show

The children have been very busy with daily practices for their Christmas show, becoming familiar with the spaces, songs and what they need to do. The children are full of enthusiasm and looking forward to sharing their many talents with you in the very near future!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### DECEMBER

9

Christmas Show  
rehearsal 9am-11am

10

Christmas Show 9.30am

17

Children's Christmas  
Party 9-12pm

23

Last day for 2025

### JANUARY

7

First day for 2026

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Please send in photos of your sunflowers to share their progress

Please share a favourite recipe from home

Please apply sunscreen in the mornings

Please let us know if you have any extended holiday plans this Christmas

## DAD'S SAUSAGE SIZZLE

One of the highlights of our children's year is coming to kindy with their Dad's in the evening for our annual Dad's sausage sizzle. We were very lucky to have a wonderful sunny evening to share together. The highlight of our evening was our annual paper plane challenge which always brings some friendly competition. We also enjoyed some mini golf, lots of activity on the monkey bars, fun in the sandpit and creative opportunities with making Dad portraits and painting stones. Thank you to all of our Dad's and guests who enthusiastically supported their children, nieces and siblings in making their paper planes and getting involved in all the fun!





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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 shared that when she grew up she 'wanted to be a builder and then she was going to become a singer and make movies with her big sister.



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



## COMMUNICATION CORNER

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**Kindness Collective gift giving:** Thank you to all of our families who have given generously to our Christmas gift giving initiative with the Kindness Collective. We sponsored a total of 64 children across two early learning centres with amazing gifts as well as donating additional gifts for the Christmas Joy Store. What we achieved as a kindergarten community was truly amazing and will have such a positive impact on the lives of so many children this Christmas.

**Early drop off:** An early drop off option of 8.30am is available at kindy for a limited number of children at an additional cost of \$4 per day. Casual spaces are often available if needed. We politely request families who have not confirmed the early drop off option to wait until 8.45am to enter kindy as remaining teachers are supporting the kindergarten set up until this time.

**15 min car parking:** We request that families using the 15 minute carparks ensure that they are able to vacate the carpark within this time restriction. If you are doing a collection at St Michaels School as well as at kindergarten please consider your likely timing. These carparks are allocated for the purpose of ensuring carparking is available for kindy drop off and collections which are expected to be short term.

**Sun safety:** With summer approaching we have been talking to the children about sun safety and in particular wearing our kindy hats outdoors, applying sunscreen and wearing clothing that protects us from the sun. Please support this learning by ensuring children have sunscreen applied each morning and they are wearing clothing that covers their shoulders to avoid unnecessary sun exposure. Sunscreen is available at the entrance to the kindergarten if required.

**Holiday absences:** To assist us with our staff planning please let us know if you will be away for any extended time over the Christmas holiday period.

**Policies:** Review of centre policies is carried out monthly on a rotational basis. This month we reviewed our Health and Safety in Employment and Settling in and Transition policies without any notable changes. All policies are available for review and feedback by our parent community.

**Greeting of the Month:** This months greeting is Meri Kirihimete, the Maori greeting for Merry Christmas.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Christmas Show - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am**

**Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9-11am**

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. We are planning a fun morning with a bouncy castle, face painting, Christmas activities and a special morning tea for the children. 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.

## WELCOME

Levi Webb Purcell

## FAREWELL

Olly Hill

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Noakes family on the birthday of a baby daughter, Odette Mary Kay born on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 10pm weighing 3.15kg or 6lb9oz.