

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026



Little Treehouse
KINDERGARTEN

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Drama and Storytelling

We are currently exploring drama and story telling at kindy and the children have been enjoying lots of opportunities to participate in re-acting some well loved stories and fairytales. Different set ups, props and provocations are being used to support this learning every day. The puppet theatre has been very busy with endless stories being told and performances to enjoy. Mat times and music times offer children more opportunities for performing, telling stories and expressing themselves in different ways. We have also been offering art provocations that align with this learning.

If your child has a favourite story they would like to share or perform at kindy then please bring these into kindy. We would also love to hear any stories of any performances or shows you are enjoying within your home environments. We will look forward to exploring other story telling and drama opportunities over the next month.

New Zealand Sign Language

This month we have celebrated NZSL week and this was an opportunity to celebrate how much NZSL we have learnt over the last year and to challenge the children with some new signs to learn. During NZSL week the children had 7 new signs to learn each day with 35 new signs introduced during the week. We have continued to revisit this learning daily at kindy and love to see the children using NZSL more within their daily interactions and communication at kindy. Families can support this learning by encouraging children to share their knowledge with you at home.

Our Garden

We have been so fortunate to have such wonderful sunny days in May which has given us lots of opportunities to spend time in the garden. Our lettuces have been flourishing with lots of harvesting and our strawberry plants are even fruiting. Our children show Kaitiakitanga every day by nurturing and caring for our garden and environment.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

2-5

Samoa Language Week

10

Auckland Museum Visit
Volcano Adventures

26

Matariki Disco 5.30-7pm
Celebrating Matariki 6-10 July

JULY

14

Bastille Day

AUGUST

12

Cultural Day

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Please ensure that children do not play in the garden at the entrance to the kindergarten

A reminder of our nut free policy

Please let us know if you have any holiday plans for the upcoming school holidays

PYJAMA DAY

We hosted a pyjama day in May to support the Kindness Collective's Pyjama Appeal, an initiative to support the health and wellness of NZ children over winter. The children learnt about families that do not always have the means to buy warm clothing for winter and how lucky we are to be able to help these families. We enjoyed a cosy day at kindy wearing our pyjama's and sharing all of our bedtime friends with our friends. We enjoyed sharing lots of stories in cosy spaces together and had a relaxing time doing teddy bear yoga.

Thank you to all our families who have supported this learning and extended kindness to those in our wider community. As a result of your kindness and generosity we were able to donate a total of 95 pairs of pyjamas to children in need this winter.





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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 a conversation about our kindy values of Kindness, Respect and Ako one of our children shared 'I am a kind friend too but only at kindy, not at home.'

WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET. WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.
WINSTON S. CHURCHILL



COMMUNICATION CORNER

School Preparation: As part of supporting children's readiness for school it is important that they become increasingly independent at managing themselves. This includes dressing themselves, putting shoes on, using the toilet, taking responsibility for their belonging and managing lunch boxes independently. To support this we would like to request that our parents of 4 years olds ensure that children have lunch boxes and drink bottles that they can open themselves and difficult packaging is cut so they can access food independently.

Garden: Please ensure that your child does not play in the garden at the entrance to the kindergarten at drop off and collection times as this disturbs the counsellor who has an office looking out onto this garden.

Child Planning and Assessment Parent Survey: A big thank you to those parents who have taken the time to complete our parent survey on the changes that have been made over the last 9 months to the way we plan and communicate children's learning. We value all feedback. Survey's will remain open until Friday 5th June and we would appreciate your support in completing the survey to help guide our planning and assessment of your child's learning.

No nut policy: We are continuing to find children who have nuts in their lunch boxes. A no nut policy includes ALL nuts therefore products such as pesto, peanut butter, hazelnut spread, almond butter and some muesli bars and froyze/bliss balls are all captured by this policy. We would appreciate your support in ensuring we remain a nut free kindergarten.

Holidays: Please let us know if you are taking any holidays in the upcoming school holiday period so that we can manage our staffing effectively during this time. Thank you for your support.

Policies: Review of centre policies is carried out monthly on a rotational basis. Due to our extensive review of policies due to the updates to our licensing criteria no policies required update this month. All policies are available for review and feedback by our parent community.

Greeting of the Month: Our greeting of the month is Kia Ora, the Maori greeting for hello, to support our learning on the Maori new year.

UPCOMING EVENT

Children's Matariki Disco - Friday 26th June 5.30pm-7pm: We will be celebrating our annual children's disco at kindy Friday 26th June. This is a fun night of celebration for all our families and a favourite event for our children. All parents, children and siblings are welcome. Please bring a plate to share for dinner. To align with the Matariki New Year calendar the children will be learning about Matariki at kindergarten from 6-10th July.

PARENT ASPIRATIONS

In June and July we will be celebrating the Maori new year, Matariki. This is traditionally a time to reflect on the year that has been and plan for the year ahead. As part of this celebration we would like to invite our families to share your hopes and aspirations for your child for the next year. What goals, dreams, or milestones would you love to see them achieve in the next year? This information will support us in capturing crucial information to support our individual child planning and assessment processes and help guide your child's learning at kindy.

WELCOME

Remy Paterson

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Paterson family who welcomed a baby girl, Thea, to their family on Monday 25th May 2026.