

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Measurement

This term we are exploring the mathematical concept of measurement at kindy. We have learnt that measurement helps us find out how big, small, long, short, heavy or light something is. Children were empowered to measure objects using the traditional tools such as rulers and tape measures and other means such as footsteps, hand spans and blocks. We introduced the concept of volume and capacity providing lots of opportunities through the use of water, measuring ingredients in baking and making lemon, grapefruit and orange juice. We have also been exploring the concept of weight using scales to determine what objects were heavier or lighter, making predictions on what the children thought first. We soon discovered that something that is bigger does not mean it will be heavier. Children are enjoying developing an understanding of measurement through hands - on experiences where they are making comparisons, predictions, investigating and using mathematical language in a fun way.

Drama and Storytelling

Many children have had the opportunity to take on character roles in our Princess Salami story this month and an interest in the Lion King story has been initiated with props being made to support this interest. The children are now exploring different ways that we can capture our stories and performance through film and stop motion movies.

Garden

The children continue to spend lots of time in the garden during our crisp sunny winter days. We have recently harvested our broccoli and are eagerly awaiting our food of the month, cauliflower, to be ready to harvest. Strawberries and beans are thriving and we have enjoyed refreshing our garden beds with soil and flower plants ready for spring.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

1-11

Living Eggs Programme
31st August - 11th September

9

Grandparent morning
9am-11am

14-20

Maori Language Week
14th - 20th September

OCTOBER

4-10

Fijian Language Week
4th-10th October

22

Police visit 10am

NOVEMBER

10

Dad's Sausage Sizzle

DECEMBER

4

Christmas Show 9.30am

23

Christmas close down
Reopening Wednesday
6th January 2026

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Please support our independence focus by encouraging and supporting independence at home too.

CULTURAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

In August we celebrated the rich cultural diversity that makes our kindergarten community so special by coming together as a community to celebrate our cultures. Aotearoa New Zealand is home to people from many different cultures sharing different languages and traditions. Experiences like our Cultural Day help children develop a sense of belonging while learning to appreciate and respect the unique identities of others. Throughout the day, we shared and explored different cultures through traditional clothing, art and crafts,

books, games, music, dance and stories. We shared a delicious morning tea with foods from around the world. Mrs Hesh invited Nizam to kindy to make us some Sri Lankan hoppers, a popular Sri Lankan cuisine traditionally eaten at breakfast. These shared experiences encourage children to be curious, respectful and inclusive as they learn about the many ways people live, celebrate and connect with one another. It is also an opportunity to demonstrate one of our kindy values, Ako, and learn from one another while building an understanding that every culture has something valuable to share and that our differences make our community stronger.





Little Treehouse
KINDERGARTEN

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 was needing support from a teacher when an older child shared "She needs attention all the time (pause, shake of the head) she's high maintenance!"

"Father is the most noble title which can be granted to man."



COMMUNICATION CORNER

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Happy Father's Day: We wish all of our Dad's a happy Father's Day on Sunday 6th September. We hope you all enjoy a wonderful day with your families.

Tapasa: As part of our commitment to supporting our Pasifika tamariki and whānau, we have recently reviewed Tapasā: Cultural Competencies Framework for Teachers of Pacific Learners. This review has helped us reflect on our teaching practices and identify ways we can further strengthen our understanding and celebration of Pasifika cultures, languages, values and aspirations. We look forward to continuing to work alongside our Pasifika whānau to ensure their voices, identities and cultural perspectives are meaningfully reflected in our kindergarten.

Building independence: A curriculum area that parents identified they would appreciate more support in when completing our recent parent survey was with building independence. Consequently we have commenced a focus on supporting independence within our day to day programme at kindy. Within our curriculum there are many ways in which we foster independence such as by encouraging our children to take responsibility for naming their art work, taking their shoes on and off, put their jumpers on the stairs or hooks and teaching them to go to the toilet and eat their lunch independently. Parent's can support this also by encouraging children to dress themselves, put their own shoes on, walking into kindergarten independently, putting their lunch box into the basket and ensuring that children wear clothing and shoes at kindergarten that they can manage independently. Building independence is an important skill in preparing our children for school and becoming active and valued members of our community so we would appreciate parent support in encouraging independence as we support this focus at kindy.

Policies: Review of centre policies is carried out monthly on a rotational basis. Due to our review additional policies as part of the changes to our Licensing Criteria in April 2026 no policies were due for review this month. 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

Living Eggs Programme: We have 10 unhatched eggs arriving at kindy on Monday 31st August and we will care for these as the chickens hatch and grow over a period of 2 weeks.

Grandparent day - Wednesday 9th 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).

Maori Language Week 14th to 20th September: We will be celebrating the Maori language and culture during Maori language week in September.

Fijian Language Week 4th to 10th October: We will be celebrating the Fijian language and culture during Fijian language week in October.

Police visit 22nd October: Constable Gordon and his team will be visiting kindy and share with the children the role of the Police in keeping our community safe.

Dad's Night - Tuesday 10th November 5.30-7pm: Our annual Dad's sausage sizzle evening will be held on Tuesday 10th 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 - Friday 4th 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

Francis Wang

WELCOME

Anya Zhang
Frida Cairns
Oscar Cairns