NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026

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KINDERGARTEN

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Fijian Language week

We celebrated Fijian language week this month by exploring numbers and colours in Fijian and enjoying music and dance. We explored the Fijian culture through art and craft activities and provocations such as learning how to weave with flax, creating traditional fans and palm trees and exploring ocean life through shells and sea life, especially turtles. We revisited prior experiences by making roti with the children. Children shared their own connections to Fiji, especially from holiday visits to the island.

Physical challenges

A teaching focus this term is on providing physical challenges to support and extend children's gross motor development. We are setting up different obstacle courses each day and providing lots of opportuntiies for jumping, climbing, balancing, crawling and catching balls. The children continue to challenge themselves on the monkey bars, building upper body strength. These activities are imporant to support balance, coordination and confidence. It is wonderful to see children showing perseverance, taking on new challenges, and having fun while developing their gross motor skills.

Space

In our Wise Owls programme this term children are learning about astronomy. We have been busy exploring the solar system, drawing planets and making rockets at kindy with more project plans in progress. 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 revisitin familiar stories from our drama and storytelling focus this year. 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

- 9 — Diwali Celebrations
- 10 — Dad's Sausage Sizzle
  Kindness Collective last day for gift giving
- 13 — World Kindness Day
- 16-17 — ERO Review
- 18 — Thanksgiving Celebrations

DECEMBER

- 3 — Christmas Show rehearsal 9am-11am
- 4 — Christmas Show 9.30am
- 21 — Christmas Party
- 23 — Christmas close down
  Reopening Wednesday 6th January 2026

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Please apply sunscreen in the mornings before kindy.

Thank you for supporting our Kindness Collective Christmas gift giving. Final delivery date for gifts is Tuesday 10th November.

POLICE VISIT

This month we had a visit from Constable Gordon of the NZ Police. He shared how the Police help to protect people and their property, the importance of using a car seat and wearing a seatbelt and how to safely cross the road by stopping, looking and listening and always holding an adult's hand. We got to see all the things Police have hiding in their police vests including a police badge, a special police phone, notebook, torch, taser, pepper spray, police radio, handcuffs and a magic stick (batten). One child even got to try on the handcuffs! Constable Gordon brought some police dress ups for the children to dress up as police officers with special police vests and hats. We then got to spend some time in a real police car, hear the sirens and see the flashing lights. It was a fun morning at kindy!



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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.

On our younger children's mat time one day Mrs John's read a story about dreaming big. When exploring this topic Mrs Johns asked the children what they wanted to be when they got bigger. One child shared that they wanted to be a 'pirate' while another child shared that they wanted to be a 'Wise Owl'. Its great to see aspirations for becoming a 4 year old learner at kindy!



COMMUNICATION CORNER

Education Review Office (ERO) Review: Our ERO review is confirmed for 16th and 17th November with two ERO reviewers being onsite for these two days. ERO will be assessing our practices that support meeting regulatory standards and provide for children's safety and wellbeing. They will also evaluate the quality of the conditions that support children's learning.

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 62 children attending two centres - Homai and Potiki. For those families who would still like to get involved we have 8 more children requiring gifts and the Christmas Joy Store would appreciate gifts for children 0-16 years. The final date for receiving gifts is Tuesday 10th November. Sharing the message of kindness towards others with our children is an important part of our kindergarten and home values. Thank you for your generosity and 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.

Kindy wet bag: Our stock of kindy wet bags has depleted. If you have any of these at home we would appreciate it if you could return these to kindy.

Entrance door: To support us in keeping our children safe please ensure that the entrance gate and door are closed on arrival and when leaving kindy. Please ensure that children do not follow you out the gate and be mindful of older siblings to ensure children do not leave kindy without a parent.

Policies: Review of centre policies is carried out monthly on a rotational basis. This month we reviewed our Child Protection Policy with a number of changes made to align with new updated recommendations from the Ministry of Education. All staff have completed the MOE Child Protection training in October. 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 - Monday 9th November: We will be celebrating Diwali with some fun activities and learning.

Dad's Night - Tuesday 10th 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: We will celebrate world kindness day on Friday 13th November. with a focus on ways that we can show kindness to one another.

Thanksgiving: We will be celebrating Thanksgiving on Wednesday 18th November with some Thanksgiving inspired art activities and a focus on what we are thankful for. Thank you to Kelsey and Blair who will be joining us for the morning to share this celebration.

Christmas Show and Dress Rehearsal: Our Christmas Show will be held on Friday 4th 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 Thursday 3rd 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 - Monday 21st December: Our children's Christmas party will be held on Monday 21st 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 Monday 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.

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