



Newsletter

May 2024

- Dates for your Diary**
- Tuesday 7th May Mum's Night Out - 7pm
 - Pyjama appeal May
Pyjama day Wednesday 8th May
 - NZ Sign Language Week 9th-15th May
 - Samoan language week 29th May-4th June
 - Celebrating Matariki from 24th-28th June followed by our Matariki Disco on Friday 21st June 5.30-7pm

Programme Highlights

Hoods Up Volume Down

As part of supporting our planned self-review on diverse needs we participated in the Hoods Up Volume Down nationwide quiet hour on 10th April for Autism Awareness month. We adapted this initiative by having a low sensory morning tea. Our younger children had their mat time in a tent with the lights off, listening to gentle chimes, doing some belly breathing and reading a story. Our older children listened to a special story 'My Brother Charlie' about a little boy with autism told by his twin sister. We had the lights off and used quiet voices to keep the environment calm and quiet.

Imaginative Play

Imaginative play is a strong feature in our children's play

with children role playing teachers, doctors, families, hairdressers, chocolate and ice cream factories on a frequent basis.

We support children in exploring their imagination through carefully chosen provocations. This play fosters creativity by providing a safe space for children to act out scenarios of their choosing, including situations that they may not be able to experience in real life. It also gives them opportunities to learn about other people's perspectives and practice and develop their language and social skills. Problem solving and self regulation skills are challenged as imaginative play scenarios often creates situations where children don't always get what they

want. We will look forward to continuing to foster this learning at kindy.

World Book Day

Books are an important part of daily life at kindy with children engaging in books in lots of different ways. Whether it is sitting quietly on their own looking at the pictures, sharing a favourite story alongside a friend or listening to a teacher reading a story, our children's love of books is evident in every day. We celebrated World Book Day at kindergarten by bringing in our favourite books from home and dressing up as our favourite book characters. We enjoyed sharing our favourite books with each other and reading lots of new stories.



Cultural Celebrations

We have enjoyed a month rich in cultural celebrations, sharing together Mrs Hesh's Sinhalese New Year, Songkran and Anzac Day. Exploring different cultures, beliefs and perspectives is an important part of our curriculum. Through these experiences our children are developing a respect for different cultures and learning about the costumes, traditions and beliefs that are important to

their friends. We have celebrated with fun activities, crafts, the sharing of stories and traditions and offering traditional foods to try. Thank you to Mrs Hesh and our families who have been involved in these celebrations and shared knowledge and resources with us. We encourage all of our families to share their cultures with us to continue to build our knowledge together as a community.



Important Messages

We would love families to support our Pyjama Appeal in May



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We are also on Facebook

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.

Miss V was doing a science experiment during our mat time one morning. She was teaching the children how the chemical reaction between baking soda and vinegar could blow up a balloon. One of our children dramatically put her hands on her cheeks and announced 'that's mind blowing!'.

Upcoming Events

Mum's Night Out: All Mum's are invited to come along and enjoy an evening of wine, nibbles and conversation on Tuesday 7th May from 7pm. Leave Dad at home with the children and enjoy a night out.

Kindness Collective Pyjama Appeal: We will be supporting the Kindness Collective Pyjama Appeal again this year to provide support to children in NZ who do not have warm clothing over winter to promote a good nights sleep and wellness. Donations of NEW pyjamas can be made at kindy. We will host a pyjama day on Wednesday 8th May to support our learning at kindy.

Sign language week: During the week of 9th-15th May we will be focusing on reinforcing our prior learning of New Zealand sign language within our curriculum.

Samoan Language week: During the week of 29th May to 4th June we will be celebrating Samoan language week incorporating the Samoan language and print media into our community curriculum.

Children's Matariki Disco - Friday 21st June 5.30pm-7pm: We will be learning about Matariki at kindergarten from 24-28th June. This learning will be proceeded with our annual children's disco on Friday 21st June which is a fun night of celebration for all our families and a favourite event for our children. All parents, children and siblings welcome. Please bring a plate to share for dinner.

We would love your feedback on our newsletter. Please email us at littletreehouse.co.nz

Communication Corner

Danish Student Internship: Miss Mikkelsen's six month student internship is in its final month, with her last day being Thursday 23rd May. We would like to wish Amalie well for her travel home and the completion of her studies. We will be welcoming a new student from Denmark, Therese Rasmussen, on Tuesday 4th June for 6 months.

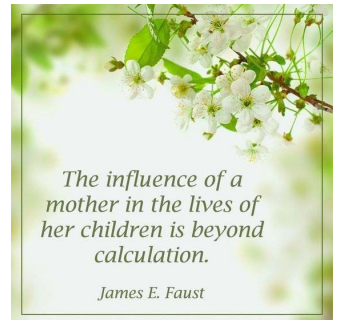
Happy Mothers Day: We would like to wish all of our Mums a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday 12th May. May you all have a special day with your families celebrating the wonderful people that you are.

The Kindness Collective: We are continuing to support the Kindness Collective to help others in need in our wider community. Our Pyjama Appeal this month will be supporting the children from Homai Early Learning Centre and their siblings. To fully support these families we will need approximately 80 pairs of pyjamas.

Building Independence: Our kindergarten programme supports children to build independence as an important skill in preparing our children for school and becoming active and valued members of our community. There are many ways in which we foster this independence such as encouraging our children to take responsibility for naming their art work, taking their shoes on and off 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.

Policies: Review of centre policies is carried out monthly on a rotational basis. This month we reviewed our Accident and Illness and Curriculum and Assessment policies with minimal change. All policies are available for review and feedback by our parent community.

Greeting of the Month: Our greeting of the month is Talofa Lava, the Samoan greeting for hello. We will also be learning greetings in sign language during New Zealand sign language week.



Welcome

Billie Cash
Billie James
Billy Van Sambeek
Chloe Horrocks
Eloise Vermunt

Farewells

Ben White
Eloise Bracey
Henry White
Iris Hu
Leo Hopkirk
Lucinda Mamo
Teddy Van Velthooven