



# Lighthouse Learning Centre Newsletter

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Where has the time gone? We can't believe that it's already August! We certainly agree with the saying "Time Flies When You're Having Fun!" Below is a quick summary of the activities that Lighthouse has been up to.

## Events:

### Red Puppy Appeal

Red Puppy Guide Dog Appeal comes around annually, and this year it was held on the weekend of 5-6 April. The children were so excited to bake ginger shaped puppy bikkies and sell them for a gold coin donation. To extend further on the children's learning, a variety of art activities were incorporated to be displayed on our display board. The children were so happy to be making a difference!



### Easter

This year to celebrate Easter the children here at Lighthouse baked Hot Cross Buns and decorated Easter baskets to take home and share with their families. They also decorated eggs, made bunny hats, and got their faces painted!



### Red Day for ANZAC Day

All of the children here at Lighthouse dressed in red to celebrate Anzac day this year. We had discussions about why we celebrated that day and they got to create Poppies for an art project.



### PJ Party

In May we decided to have a fun Pj Party with all the children. It was such a fun day to be in our cosy pyjamas. We got to snuggle up and watch a movie and share popcorn!



## Mother's Day

We had a lovely celebration at the centre in the afternoon with the mothers all coming in to get pampered and spend time with their children. The children were excited to have dress up, nail painting, and fun activities to do with their mothers.



## ECC Art Competition "Lighthouse Preschool Auckland"

This May our children here at Lighthouse all came together to create a large mural of what they loved about preschool. This was a wonderful competition for the children and teachers to come together to portray their creative abilities.



## Library Trip

The beginning of June brought about a fun trip to the library for the children. We were learning about Maori culture so we decided to all go and get some research materials on Maori culture and friendships. The library trip helped the children learn and grow as part of their community.



## Learning Focus:

### Matariki Maori Festival and Museum

Lighthouse was celebrating the traditional Maori New Year which is called Matariki. Our children participated in many activities according to Maori culture. We also had a special visitor come to visit us, her name is Taini. She read us a beautiful story and later gifted it to the centre for the children to enjoy.

The children here at Lighthouse also went to the Auckland Museum to see a special performance put on to celebrate Maori culture and traditions. The children also got to explore the museum and all the amazing artefacts there.



### Hairy Maclary Birthday party

July was a fun month to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Hairy Maclary series!

The children created many art projects revolving around Hairy Maclary, such as masks, balloon animals, and headbands. We held a special birthday party with face painting and a fun birthday cake to eat. This was a memorable and fun occasion for the children, their parents, and the teachers here at Lighthouse.



## Housekeeping items:

### Enrolment waiting list:

We are so happy to have a full and very active centre currently here at Lighthouse, but wanted to inform everyone about how important it is to give us as much notice as possible for new enrolments.

We love seeing siblings at the centre and if you are planning on enrolling another child, we currently have a waitlist a few months long. The more notice the better!

### Sign in sheet:

We would like to remind all parents and guardians to please sign in and out each day with your child. It is very important to us to keep track of this every day and in case of an emergency those lists are very crucial to the safety and wellbeing of all the children.

## Staff introductions

We are happy to welcome our new student teacher Nardia here at Lighthouse. She will be helping in the centre on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Nardia is currently studying her Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood. She has five children of her own and is extremely passionate about education.

## Did you know?

Did you know we have a primary care giver policy? Our kids all have 1 dedicated person to guarantee their needs are met during their time with us and their learning is on track.

If you have any questions regarding your child's progress or day, your primary care giver would love to hear from you! If you are unsure who your primary caregiver is, please ask Teeba.

## Get involved. . .

Lighthouse is one big community and our focus is always on the happiness and education of all children here. If you have any suggestions, comments, feedbacks, we'd love to hear from you. Don't be shy. 😊

That's all for now.

Lots of love from the Lighthouse Team.