



Lighthouse Learning Centre Newsletter

April - August 2015

Dear Parents,

This has been a year filled with fun and exciting learning experiences so far, and we are excited to see what the next few months have in store for us. It is such a privilege to teach these children with their curious young minds... ☺

A brief overview of what has been happening at Lighthouse...



Matariki

For Matariki we learned more about the Maori culture and their traditions, and we watched a story about the seven stars of Matariki. The children wove mats and painted their own koru patterns during this week, and they enjoyed making their own glittering stars as well.



Anzac Day

We made the children aware of the soldiers who fought bravely in order for us to experience peace today.

During mat-time we spoke about the poppies being a symbol that shows our respect and thanks to these soldiers.

After learning about their bravery the children painted their own poppy fields to remember this day.

transportation and heaps of fun art activities, we drew roads outside for their bikes and scooters. They learned what to do at a traffic light and pedestrian crossings - the children were very good at obeying the rules: the cars stopped when they saw pedestrians, and the pedestrian first stopped and made sure it was safe before crossing the road.

Road Safety



Mothers night

This is the night where we celebrate our mums for all the love and attention they always give to us. The children had so much fun treating their mums...



Painting mum's nails...



Using their beautiful make-up skills



Fixing mum's hair...and their own ☺



Making mum a special card.

During the months of April and May we built on the children's interest in cars. Along with discussing various kinds of

All of the special days we have had over the past few months were opportunities to teach the children about caring for and respecting others. We decided to extend on this learning by starting the new topic "Friendship." We discussed how we can show our friends that they are special to us, and how important it is to be kind to all. The children are amazing and every day we get heart-warming moments when they spontaneously go to their friends with a card to say they love them, when they help the friends who struggle with an activity or comfort those who got hurt.

Friendships



Fireman Matt

As extension on our topic Transportation, Fireman Matt came to visit our school. He taught us about safety during a fire with the song, "Get out! Stay out! Well done!" The children loved this discussion and Fireman Matt said he will be back with a Fire Truck if our friends remember all the fire safety rules...so let's practice at school and at home. ☺



Welcome to 2 new teachers

We are very happy to welcome Lisa to our Preschool team. She is a fully qualified and registered teacher with more than 10 years' experience. We look forward to all the fun we will have with her here at Lighthosue, the children already loved helping Lisa to fix our vegetable garden. ☺



We are delighted to welcome Nika, an ECE qualified teacher, to our Baby Room team as well. The babies especially enjoy storytime with her.



August is the beginning of another exciting topic and learning