
June/ July 2019 Newsletter



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New School Fees

We advise our fees will be increasing by approximately **5%** from 1st September 2019.

We have been trying to maintain the current fee structure, however, have found this difficult with the employment of extra qualified teachers and our suppliers increasing their charges significantly. For us to continue to provide a quality education and environment for your children we in turn need to implement this increase.

Despite the increase, we believe Lighthouse continues to offer good quality care, education and resources at reasonable rates.

Local community walks

To extend our learning and promote relationships within our local community, according to our curriculum Te Whaariki, we are looking forward to doing spontaneous short walks in our neighbourhood with our 3 to 4-year-old Keas; when the weather allows. The ratio for these walks will be 1:4. Consents are granted on our enrolment forms upon enrolment, therefore there will be no permissions required prior to these walks. However, we will notify parents and whanau via Story Park at the end of the day. Should you have any questions please feel free to talk to Crystal.

Parking Bay

We will be expecting wet weather more often as we approach winter. We all want to keep our children dry and safe by parking our vehicles as close to the centre as possible. However, this may result in traffic congestion and delays to get to work or home. We



Upcoming Events

Monday 10th June

Mātariki Begins
Māori New Year

Thursday 4th July

Kea Excursion (3 & 4 year olds – non sleepers)

Monday 15th July

Term 3 Holiday
Programme

Tuesday 23rd July

Lighthouse Class Photo

Congratulations & Good Luck Ramiza!

Ramiza finished her last week at Lighthouse in June to welcome her second baby. We will see Ramiza again early 2020. Sonja is the replacement teacher while Ramiza is on maternity leave. Sonja is a mother of two lovely daughters with relevant working experience with young children. She is also the sister of our holiday/ relief teacher, Lydia. We welcome Sonja to our Lighthouse family!

therefore kindly ask our parents and whanau to please be mindful of others when using the covered parking bay.

Matariki Excursion

We are going on an excursion to Mangere Mountain Visitor Centre to celebrate and learn about Matariki. This is being offered to our 3 and 4 year-old non-sleepers on Thursday 4th July 2019. We will be travelling by bus. The aim of this excursion is to enhance the unique bi-cultural experience of the Maori New Year; traditional dance, harvesting, clay, and traditional stories.

We are all looking forward to this experience together with our tamariki, whanau and kaiako.

Holiday Programme – Kea

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 15/07/2019 | 16/07/2019 | 17/07/2019 | 18/07/2019 | 19/07/2019 |
| Favourite Book Character Day | Teddy Bear Picnic Day | Muddy Gumboot Day | Book Sharing Day | Movie Day |

It is term break again. We are looking forward to another fun week of holiday programmes with our Kea children. If you have any questions regarding the programme, please free feel to ask Ange.

What we have been up to . . .



Friendly Reminder

Winter is here! Sunhats are no longer required, and we will be sending them home. You are welcome to bring in a winter hat, spare jumper and warm jacket for your child.

We welcome gumboots and raincoats on wet days to experience something new in nature.

Appropriate Play

Promoting friendship and positive relationships are key to our centre philosophy.

Currently we are aiming to reduce the "play fights" & "Power Ranger" type play. Instead, redirecting the children to other more appropriate interactions.

Tui Room

Communication remains our main focus in the Tui room. Our Tuis are identifying proper nouns through books, songs and daily conversations with peers. At the same time, we are getting ready for Matariki and focusing on transition with our new Tuis. Please come and have a look at our curriculum walls!

We welcome Dani and family to our Tui room



Kea Room

The Kea children's interest in dinosaurs, jet boats and transport has now come to an end. We have been observing the children over the last few weeks and have found that they are all enjoying books. Perhaps, this has come through from making a change in the environment where we have made a quiet area for reading. Therefore, we will be taking this interest further by starting with *The Bear Hunt* story and setting up activities around this. This includes role playing, making props, art puppets and many more creative art activities so that our tamariki can use these within the environment, alongside friends, to support social interactions, turn-taking, language and literacy skills.

If you have noticed at home your child has an interest in a particular book, we would love you to share this with the Kea teachers. We could then share this with all our friends at group time. We are also planning to have a dress up day during the upcoming school holiday programme where we can all dress up as our favourite book character.

Please feel free to chat to any of the teachers about our story telling planning and learning outcomes for your child at any time, as well as sharing any moments at home where your tamariki may revisit the learning, as this will support the teachers in linking the learning and development from centre to home environment.

We welcome Zach and family to the Keas.

Lighthouse Photos

We have finalised a date for our annual photo. It will be on **Tuesday 23rd July 2019**. We will start with the Tui room at 9am, followed by the Keas at 10am and finish with a group photo. Our photographer may also take some informal individual photos while our tamariki are playing. We do ask parents and children to arrive by 9am on the day to get ready for the photo. If you have any questions about this please speak to Crystal.

Daily sign in & sign out

To meet the health and safety needs of our staff and children at Lighthouse, we require parents and whanau to sign in, and sign out children promptly on the tablet at the entrance. This is to ensure we have the correct number of children on the premises, at any time, for any emergency roll call.

Regular pick up & drop off

We are in process of reviewing all children's average drop off and pick up time. You may be advised to amend your nominated drop off or pick up for health and safety purposes.

We can be flexible to meet requests if we have advance notice of the need to drop off earlier or pick up later than enrolled time, but within our operational hours.

If you wish to check, or change your regular pick up or drop off time please email us or speak to Crystal.

Popoia te kakano Kia puawai
Nurture the seed and it will blossom