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## May 2019 Newsletter

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Dear Mothers and Grandmothers,

Thank you very much for joining us for our Mother's Night celebration and the feedback. We hope you all enjoyed the party and had some time catching up with friends and teachers. We are looking forward to sharing more events with you later in the year.

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### **A Big Thank You To Howick Fire Station**

We were very lucky to have firemen from the Howick Fire Station visit us at the Lighthouse just before ANZAC day. We all enjoyed the *Nee Naw* story book and loved all the demonstrations of how to rescue people with the real tools and equipment. All the children got to sit in the fire truck and some children even got to use the fire hose!

### **Term 1 Holiday Programme**

Our first holiday programme of the year was really successful. Thank you to all our lovely parents and whanau who participated and brought in kai to share with all of us. We are looking forward to another holiday programme in mid-July.

### **Mother's Night**

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## Upcoming Events

**May 2019**

**NZ Music Month**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Pink Shirt Day  
(Anti-bullying Day)

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Samoa Language Week

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Queen's Birthday – Centre Closed

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Matariki Begins  
Maori New Year

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## Update on MOE visit

**The Ministry of Education had a visit to the centre recently as part of the process of change of ownership from last year. We received positive feedback from The Ministry of Education and they are very happy with the service we are providing.**

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We had a wonderful evening with our Mothers, Grandmothers, and Aunts last Friday. In the weeks before, the children were very busy making beautiful soaps and cards and in the Tui room, decorating bags. Much fun was had on the evening, decorating cupcakes, planting a palm to take home, relaxing hand treatments and of course photos! Thank you to all those who made it such a fun night for all!



### Winter menu

With the approaching cooler months, we will be reviewing our summer menu to reflect the change of season.

### Excursion

We are planning a Matariki excursion to the Mangere Mountain Visitor Centre for our 3 and 4 year-old non-sleepers in the first week of July. We will be travelling by bus. The aim of this excursion is to enhance a unique bi-cultural experience for the Maori New Year; traditional dance, harvesting, clay, and traditional stories.

There will be a cost for both the educational programme (\$7 per child) and transportation (TBC). Adults are free. Parent helpers are most welcome to join us for this excursion.

We invite your thoughts on this proposed excursion so please add your comments to the Excursion page of the planning/curriculum book in the foyer or please speak to one of the teachers.



### Friendly Reminder

As we are slowly heading into winter, sunhats will no longer be required and we will be sending all the sunhats home. As the weather gets colder, you are welcome to bring in a winter hat for your child as well as a spare jumper and warm jacket.

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### Centre update

In the coming weeks we will be installing heat pumps and acoustic panels in the main area of the centre. This will help maintain a consistent temperature and reduce noise levels throughout the centre.

## What we have been up to . . .



### Tui Room

As our Tui's continue to show an interest in ways to express themselves, we are focusing on building our communication skills through various media; music, books, movement and visual clues.

At the same time, we are getting ready for Matariki and Samoan Language Week. Please come and have a look at our curriculum walls!

Transitioning older children to the Kea's is also a current focus over the next month or so.

We welcome our student teacher, Melissa, to the Tui room. She will be doing a 4-week practicum from 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019.



### Kea Room

We have been following the children's interests in building and design. We are keen to extend this interest and are looking for cardboard boxes of any size the children can use to design and construct new projects. So far we have one group keen to build a jet ski!

We are also preparing for Matariki with a proposed trip and activities in the Centre to celebrate and enhance our understanding of Matariki. We will also celebrate Samoan Language Week at the end of the month.

We would like to thank our parents and whanau for all your feedback on our recent planning. Please continue to add your feedback and comments to our planning/curriculum book in the foyer, or speak to our teachers. We really appreciate ongoing feedback, suggestions, and news from

home as it is an essential part of our Centre's self-review process and contributes to our curriculum planning.

We welcome Ariel, Kendrick and their families to the Kea's room

We also welcome our student teacher Sarah to the Kea's. She will be doing a 4-week practicum from 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

### **Lighthouse Photos**

We have found a photographer to take our annual photo. Our photographer usually takes some informal individual photos while our tamariki are playing. We will then have a photo of all the tamariki and kaiako at the Lighthouse. Once we have finalised the date and time, we will notify you on Story Park. If you have any questions about this please speak to Crystal.

### **Regular pick up & drop off**

To meet the health and safety needs of our staff and children, please advise us of any changes to your nominated drop off or pick up times in advance so we can ensure we have enough staff available. Unfortunately we are not able to sign children in before 7.30am.

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 times, but within our operational hours.

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



**Popoia te kakano  
Kia puawai**

**Nurture the seed  
and it will blossom**