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Dear parents, whanau and friends,

Welcome back!

We hope you and your family had a relaxing summer!

We are looking forward to another amazing year with our Lighthouse children and whanau.

### **New Menu**

To reflect the lovely warm summer months, we have introduced a new 4-week lunch menu which includes yoghurt or cheese & crackers for afternoon tea. We hope our tamariki will enjoy the new cuisine!

### **New Teachers**

A BIG welcome to Nancy and Ange who are joining our Lighthouse family

**Nancy** has been relieving at our Centre since last year. She is now a permanent team member of the Kea Room. She has recently completed a Bachelor of Education (Teaching) specialising in (ECE) at The University of Auckland. Nancy is passionate in creative arts and early mathematics.

**Ange** will be joining our family in the Kea Room from the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Ange has been working as an Early Childhood Teacher for over 10 years and we are excited to have someone with her experience joins us. Ange's enthusiasm, knowledge and caring approach will support our tamariki to become confident and competent learners.

Please feel free to introduce yourself to our new teachers 😊



## **Upcoming Events**

### **6th Feb**

Waitangi Day- Centre closed

### **8th Feb**

Chinese New Year – please wear something red

### **14th Feb**

Valentine's Day

### **15th Mar**

St. Patrick's Day- please wear something green

### **21st Mar**

Lighthouse Colour Run

## **Important Announcement**

We are expecting the Ministry of Education to visit the Centre as part of the process of change of ownership from last year.

We will advise you of details closer to the time.

## Policy Updates

We are currently updating all our Centre policies to align with the Ministry of Education and our new Centre philosophy. There will be a copy available at the foyer for our whanau to look at. We encourage you to take a moment to look through these documents and we welcome your feedback.

## What we have been up to . . .

### Tui Room

We have been having a lovely time hearing all the holiday stories from our whanau. We are glad that you all had a wonderful summer break.

Transitioning older children to the Kea's and welcoming new babies into the Tui's have been our focus. Meanwhile, we are celebrating the Treaty of Waitangi and Chinese New Year through visual arts.

We farewell Riley and Aiden L. to Kea's. We also have three more Tui's in the process of moving across to Kea's.

We welcome Evelyn, Hailey, Favio, Bailee, Nico, Joshua and their families to the Tui room.

### Kea Room

We have been focusing on building connections between the home environment and the Lighthouse. Our tamariki have been sharing all their exciting holiday stories with their friends at the Lighthouse.

With Waitangi Day in February, Kea's are developing new concepts around the Treaty of Waitangi: the history of New Zealand including the idea of trading, negotiating rules, as well as introducing early mathematical ideas as part of the Treaty.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 with yummy kai.

We welcome Ane, Aiden B., Mila and families to the Kea's room

### Farewell

Our lovely teacher, Zelda is leaving to study full time. We are sad to say goodbye to Zelda and we will all miss her. Zelda's last day will be the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 but she will be back at times as a casual reliever. We wish Zelda the all the very best in her journey at Massey University completing a Degree in Educational Psychology.



## From Centre Owners:

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are settling back into the usual routines.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and in the next few months plan to complete the internal upgrade and along with updating the Centre's policies and procedures.

The new sign in process is up and running – thank you for your support in ensuring this has been a smooth process.