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Dear parents, whanau and friends,

Thank you very much for your support and participation in our curriculum activities over the past month. Our children were fascinated by the tie-dyeing of their T-shirts and they had great fun in our annual Colour Run. We hope you had a great time getting colourful on the day with our tamariki, kaiako and whanau and we are looking forward to having more fun events together.

### Lighthouse Holiday Programme

As many of us have siblings who are at school and will be involved in school holiday programmes, we are also going to have a fun holiday programme at the Lighthouse in the second week of the term break.

Term One: Lighthouse Holiday Programme  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Centre Closed	Picnic Day	Baking & High-Tea  (welcome food from home)	Centre Closed	Pyjama Day  & Movie

Both Keas and Tuis will be participating the Term 1 holiday programme. If you have any questions to the programme above, you are more than welcome to come chat with our head teachers.



### Upcoming Events

From 8<sup>th</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> April  
**Afrikaans Language Week**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**  
Ministry of Education visit

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**  
Lighthouse Easter Hunt

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**  
10:30am Howick Fire Station  
visiting the Lighthouse

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
Good Friday – Centre Closed

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Easter Monday – Centre Closed

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Lighthouse Term 1 Holiday Programme starts

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
ANZAC Day – Centre Closed

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
New Zealand Music Month

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
Mother's night

## Policy Updates

We are continuing to review our policies. There is a copy of these 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.

## Permanent Lockers & Treasure Baskets

To look after the belongings of our Kea's we are introducing special baskets and individual named lockers to encourage our Keas to put their belongings away in one place as part of our self-help skill programme.

We are so proud of our tamariki for being more responsible with their belongings and also helping each other out. Well done!

We would also like to thank all our parents and whanau for labelling all your children's belongings to support this learning opportunity. Without your support, this programme will not run so smoothly.

## What we have been up to . . .

### Tui Room

We are focusing on transport as many of our TuIs are intrigued by how to get the cars and trains moving around. As part of this learning, we are especially looking forward to seeing the Fire Engine at the Lighthouse.

We are also getting ready for Easter and Anzac Day with various kinds of fun activities. We are looking forward to all the conversations and new discoveries while exploring these topics with our TuIs. Come and have a look at our curriculum walls!

Transitioning older children to the Kea's and welcoming new babies into the Tui's are also our focus.

This month we farewell Miller to Kea's.



## Important Announcement

We are expecting the Ministry of Education to visit the centre on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 as part of the process of change of ownership from last year.



## Kea Room

In the past weeks, we designed and produced lots of amazing outfits from different sources of recycled materials. The fashion show was BRAVO! Congratulations to all our New Zealand top models for a successful show. It was fantastic to see the confidence in the children when displaying their creations.

Tie-dyeing was one of our favourite activities last month. It allowed us to observe the chemical and colour changes during the process and to produce a 'new' tie-dye t-shirt for the children. We are extending this current interest in colours, moving the focus to colour in nature. We will look at the plants in our garden, insects and animals and we welcome any colourful plants from home for our up-coming experiments.

During April we will also be preparing for Easter and Anzac Day with various activities.

This year we are so lucky have the firemen from the Howick Fire Station visit us on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am to show us their fire truck and equipment and to speak to us about fire safety. We welcome whanau to join us for this special experience at Lighthouse.

We welcome Hunter, Jayden and families to the Kea's room



### Regular pick up & drop off times

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 on occasion.

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

## Story Park

We are actively posting our up-coming events and important notices on Story Park. Please remember to follow us on Story Park 😊

## Lighthouse Photos

We are in the process of booking 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 a confirmed date and time, we will notify you on story park. If you have any questions about this please speak to Crystal.

## Our Lighthouse Team

We are lucky to have such dedicated staff. Last week seven of our staff took up the opportunity to attend a professional development session in the evening. It was a very informative workshop and with many useful ideas around transition and routines we look forward to trying at the Lighthouse.

We look forward to welcoming Zelda and Lydia back over the holidays while some of our permanent staff take a few well deserved days leave.



Whāngaia ka tupu, ka puāwai.

That which is nurtured, grows and blossoms.