
August 2019 Newsletter



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New School Fees

As of 01/09/2019 our fees increase by 5%.

Along with our standard daily rates we have reinstated the option of shorter days for children under 3. Anyone requiring the shorter days please see Crystal to amend your child's enrolment.

	Under 3 Years 9.00 AM – 3.30PM	Under 3 Years Daily Rate	3 Years & Over Daily Rate
2 days	\$ 126.00	\$ 141.75	\$ 73.50
3 days	\$ 179.50	\$ 195.25	\$ 100.75
4 days	\$ 204.75	\$ 225.75	\$ 152.25
5 days	\$ 236.25	\$ 262.50	\$ 173.25

Please amend your bank account details, to reflect changes, prior to attendance the week of 2nd September 2019.

Father's Day

Dear Daddy and Grandpa,

You are my SUPERHEROS! Thank you for all the amazing and silly games you share with me. The Lighthouse would like to invite you to a delicious breakfast at Lighthouse on **Friday 30th August** from 07:30am to 08:30am. We are looking forward seeing you!



Upcoming Events

Friday 30th August

Father's Day Morning
0730am – 0830am

Friday 30th August

Daffodil Day
Please wear yellow

From 2nd Sept – 6th Sept

Tongan Language Week

From 9th Sept – 13th Sept

Te Reo Maori Language
Week

From 16th Sept – 20th Sept

Conservation Week
Let's plant together!

Friday 20th Sept

Friendship Day

Teacher's Holiday

Sue is going on 4 weeks annual leave from 19th August 2019. We wish Sue and Aiden a wonderful holiday visiting family.

Local community walks

To extend our learning and promote relationships within our local community, and according to our curriculum, Te Whaariki, we are planning to take small groups of children on walks around our neighbourhood. These walks will be impromptu, based on the weather and staff numbers. As they are impromptu, there will be no notice or permission forms prior to the walk as consent, or otherwise, for these walks is granted in our enrolment form upon enrolment. We will notify parents & whanau of those children involved in walks through Story Park at the end of the day. If you have any questions please see Crystal.

Howick Library

We were so grateful to have Andy, the librarian from Howick library spend a day with us at Lighthouse. We all loved his ukulele performance, his puppet show and all his treasured books. We hope to see Andy and other librarians again sometime.

Mangere Mountain Visitor Centre Kaiako

A big thank you to Leilani and Thor for re-visiting our Kea children at Lighthouse. They demonstrated titi torea (stick games), poi kani (poi dancing) and the Mataoho/Haka story to us. We were all engaged and had a wonderful time, especially the 2 year-olds. It was a privilege for our little ones to experience this bi-cultural programme without the wait to be 3 or 4 years old to go on an excursion.

Video and photos are available on Story Park and our Facebook page.



Friendly Reminder

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 on the tablet at the entrance as you enter the building. This is to ensure we have the correct number of children on the premises, at any time, for any emergency roll call.

If you have problems signing in please see one of the teaching team.

What we have been up to . . .



Tui Room

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

We welcome Aiden, Ayden-J, Aurelien, Matilda and family to our Tui room



Kea Room

Dramatic play has been the focus of our Keas lately. We enjoyed the "Going on a Bear Hunt" story and bringing the whole scene alive into our setting. This role playing and props making fosters our creativity, sense of belonging, understanding of our environment, social interactions, turn-taking, language and literacy skills. We are looking into another bear story, creative arts and while we continue to observe any new interests of our children.

We are also preparing a special event to celebrate with our daddy and grandpa on Friday 30th August 2019 at 0730am. Please join us for a fun breakfast with your child.

Please feel free to chat to any of the teachers about our story telling planning and learning outcomes for your child at any time. We encourage parents and whanau 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 Josh and family to the Keas.

Lighthouse Photos

Lighthouse photos are still in progress and will be ready in few weeks. We will notify you on Story Park or by email when the photos are ready for viewing and purchasing. If you have any questions about this please speak to Crystal.

Birthday Cake

Birthday celebrations are special and important time for our tamariki. Cake is usually a part of this event but given the high quantity of sugar in cakes we are looking at reviewing our birthday celebrations at Lighthouse to promote healthy eating to our tamariki. We would like to introduce a new birthday celebration routine for our under 5's. We will have playdough cake with a real candle, and a special birthday hat made at the Lighthouse for our birthday boy/girl. For the big 5th birthday, children can bring a real birthday cake to share with the friends at the Lighthouse.

Kea Review

As part of our continuous improvement, we are currently reviewing the Keas. We are looking at daily routines including meal times, mat-time and learning moments. Teachers will now be responsible for a particular group of children based on age and will work with these children to reach their milestones. We are looking at introducing these changes progressively over the next few months and will be reflecting and reviewing as we go. We welcome your feedback at any time. If you have any questions please see Crystal or Ange.

Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu

Adorn the bird with feathers and it will fly

Measles in East Auckland

You can now immunise your children early

As you may be aware there are few confirmed cases of measles in East Auckland. You can now immunise your children early.

The regular schedule for MMR vaccination is at 15 months and the 4 years, however, due to the outbreak in Auckland you may contact your GP to bring the schedule forward. Children may now be vaccinated at 12 months and before they turn 4 as long as there is one month between the two vaccinations.

We want to protect all our children, including our babies under 12 months, so we encourage our whanau to consider the early vaccinations now available.

Children exposed to measles at an early learning service may be asked to stay home for 1 to 2 weeks, if they are not fully vaccinated. They may be developing measles and infect others.

Symptoms: Cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.

If you suspect measles, tell your GP or after hours clinic before you arrive, so you don't infect others. Please also keep us informed as we are required to advise the Ministry of Health of any cases at the centre.