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## November 2019 Newsletter

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### Christmas Concert

The Lighthouse Christmas concert will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The concert will start at 11am, followed by a visit from Santa where each child will be presented with their gift. Light refreshments will then be available. We will finish around 12.30pm.

We welcome all families, whanau & friends to join us on this special day!

#### Christmas Gift

We ask parents to bring a small wrapped gift (under \$5) for their child/children so that Santa can present it to them after the concert. If you could please clearly name the gift and drop it off to the office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November it would be much appreciated.

#### Children

To help the teachers get the children ready for the concert, we ask children who usually attend on Fridays to arrive at your normal time. Children who do not usually attend on Fridays, please be at the centre by 10.30am at the latest.

#### Parents and whanau

Please arrive before 11:00 am. Please make your way to the outdoor play area through the gates to the left of the building (Tui Playground) and take a seat.

If you have any questions, please speak to Crystal.

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### Important Dates

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Named Christmas gift to office please

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Lighthouse Christmas Concert @ 11am

### LIGHTHOUSE HOLIDAY HOURS

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2019 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2020

Centre open shorter days  
8:00am – 4:00pm

#### Centre will be CLOSED

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2020

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

Resume normal opening hours 7.30am – 5.30pm

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## **Christmas Hours**

The Lighthouse will be open between 23rd December 2019 and 3rd January 2020, except public holidays. Our opening hours during this two-week holiday period will be 8:00am – 4:00pm.

We will be back to normal opening hours 7:30am – 5:30pm from the 6th January 2020.

## **Sun-smart**

With summer just around the corner, we need to be prepared for those sunny days. Please bring a labelled sunhat for your child and include more spare clothes for our upcoming water activities. If you choose to leave the hats at the centre, we will wash them each Friday ready for Monday. We supply Help-it Kids SPF50+ sunblock to our children. If you prefer another sunblock for your child, please send it in with your child with his/her name clearly labelled on it. We will keep it together with our sun-smart box.

## **Toys from Home**

PLEASE no toys from home. We understand children want to share their special toys with their friends, but unfortunately it can cause much anxiety for all if they are broken, lost or other's play with them. We currently have quite a collection of toys from home in the office so we ask parents and caregivers to please collect these and take them home. Many thanks for your support with this.

## **Teacher updates**

Congratulations, Ange! As you are aware, Ange is currently on parental leave. She and Baby Braith are both doing well and even came in to visit us last week. We cannot wait to see them again.

Ava and Zelda will be caring for the children from the Kowhai group while Ange is on leave. Ava is one of our permanent teachers who has both under 2s and over 2s teaching experience. Zelda is one of our regular part time teachers who is experienced with children and is studying child psychology at university.

We also look forward to Ramiza's return to our teaching team at the end of her parental leave in early December. We also have a regular reliever coming twice a week to maintain continuity for the children.

To support our ongoing professional development, Crystal, Katie and Ange attended a full day session with the well respected and inspiring Sue Kurtovich and we are also working alongside InterLead as part of our commitment to continuous improvement throughout the centre.

## What we have been up to...

### KEA ROOM



We have been busy celebrating different language weeks including Te Reo Maori, Korean and Chinese. We did art activities, listened to music, and watched dances from each of the cultures, and were also able to try on some traditional costumes such as the tipare (Maori headband) and hanbok (Korean dress).

We also celebrated Diwali and were lucky enough to have Ramiza come and lead this ceremony with traditional food, lights and a special blessing for health and happiness.

Happy graduation to Lucas who recently graduated and to Mila, Mika and Emajin who are graduating in December. We wish you all a wonderful and fun journey at primary school.

Water play, role-play and nature exploration are some of the current common interests identified across the 4 groups in the Kea's.

We love to hear of any new or updates on continuing interests your child may have at home, so please feel free to speak with the teachers at any time.

Please come and have a look at our curriculum wall displays with your child!

What we have been up to...

## TUI ROOM



Music and movement have been our latest interests. At the same time, we are getting ready for our Christmas concert and summer activities outdoors. Please come and have a look at our arts wall!

We welcome Chelsea, Shawn, Zayhan and families to the Tui Room and to the Lighthouse family.

Thank you to all our Lighthouse families for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Concert!

Whaia te matauranga kia marama.  
Seek knowledge for understanding.