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## February 2020 Newsletter

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### Haere Mai Welcome Back

Dear parents, whanau and friends,

Welcome back!

We hope you and your family had a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to another wonderful year with our Lighthouse children and whanau with lots of activities and events planned.

A few plans for the year ahead include improvements to our outdoor play areas, introducing a designated art area on the deck and planning on a trip with our Kea children later in the year.

#### Water play

The Tui room and Kea rooms both have new water play troughs this year. They have been loving their water play activities and are fun exploring different scientific concepts through these activities. While we are focusing on water play, can we ask our parents to please pack extra spare clothes and a towel clearly labelled with your child's name.

#### Lost Property

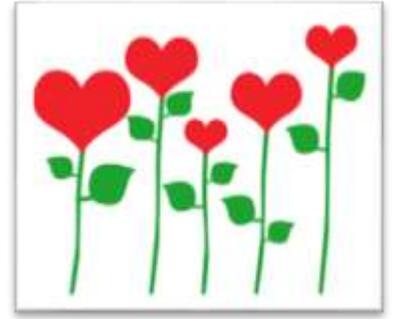
We have gathered a large collection of unclaimed and un-named clothing from our shoes and clothes baskets. We are moving to a new system of placing lost items in the foyer for parents to go through on a weekly basis. Any unclaimed items will then be donated to charity at the end of the month.

#### Healthy Eating

We are committed to encouraging healthy eating at the centre and plan to introduce new snacks and lunch ideas in our weekly menu. We encourage our 4-year olds to limit 'treat' foods on lunch box days and ask all parents to be aware we are a nut-free centre.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Kea 4-year olds  
excursion to Bucklands  
Beach Rest Home

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Colour Run at  
Lighthouse

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Good Friday  
Centre closed

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Monday  
Centre closed

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## Teacher updates

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### New Teacher

Big welcome to Deb who is joining our Lighthouse family this month.

**Deb**, also known as Nanny Deb, has been relieving at our centre since late last year. She is now a permanent team member in the Kea Room. Deb is primary trained and has been working in both the Primary and Early Childhood sectors for many years. Deb is passionate about innovative and creative play as well as music and dramatic play.

Please feel free to introduce yourself to Deb 😊

At the same time, we have Ramiza returning to tertiary studies. Ramiza is working through distance learning towards a degree in Primary Teaching. At times, Ramiza will be away for a block course and practicum placements. One of our regular teachers will be supporting Katie, Dilani and Sonja in the Tui Room at these times.

We are looking forward to Ange, our Kea head teacher, returning from her maternity leave around March/April.

To support our ongoing professional development in teaching and learning (ako), all Lighthouse staff are attending a curriculum planning course with InterLead this Saturday. We are all looking forward to the day and bringing back exciting new ideas to work on with our children and families.

What we have been up to . . .



Physical Development



Cognitive Development



Relationships



Problem Solve



## Tui Room

We have been focusing outdoor play and water activities to expand our body control and foster our confidence. We love water!

We welcome Mila, Emma, Emelia and their families to the Tui Room.  
We farewell Matilda and Bella to the Keas.



Friendships



Physical Development



Lunar New Year Celebration



Sharing Knowledge

## Kea Room

We have been busy welcoming our tamariki and whanau back from their holiday. We have been focusing on connecting events between home and the Lighthouse with all the water play as well as celebrating the Lunar New Year and Waitangi Day. Together with our tamariki we made a new treaty for the year. It is displayed in the Block Room, so please come in have a look.

We welcome Meinie, Karsten and their families to the Keas.

Happy graduation to Elina who recently graduated.  
We wish you a wonderful and fun journey at primary!

Whāia te mātauranga kia marama.  
Seek knowledge for understanding.