



NEWSLETTER

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TERM 3 2020

From Gaylene Brownlie

A warm welcome back to Kindergarten everyone. I hope you had a restful break and are ready for another exciting term at Kindergarten. Let's hope it's a quiet, settled, 'normal' term.

I would like to thank you for your continued support of the Kindergarten and the patience and cooperation you have consistently shown us. We were so impressed by how easily your children all settled back into the Kindergarten routines after lockdown. They displayed resilience and the ability to cope with change - qualities that are necessary to help them grow and cope with our ever changing wider world.

As I said in my last newsletter, your child's health is of utmost importance to us, therefore we will continue to adhere to a strict zero tolerance for illness. Please continue to keep your children at home even if they are only a little unwell. We would appreciate a phone call or email to let us know.

We had 15 children turn five during Term 2 so we have a large number of new children starting Kindergarten this term. If you are new to us, we welcome you to our Kindergarten Community. If you are a returning family, we are thrilled to have you back. We are really looking forward to getting to know you all.

Remember, please chat with us if you are unsure of anything or would like to know how your child is progressing. Your input and feedback is very valuable to us so please do not hesitate to ask. If you would prefer to speak directly with me, I am in the office every Wednesday or, alternatively, you can make an appointment that works for us both. I am also happy to have a quick chat anytime.

We are now almost back to running our Kindergarten sessions as normal, including accepting resources from home, etc. When you do bring in your empty boxes etc, please hand them to a teacher rather than unpack them yourselves as we need to check that they are safe for all the children to use. For example - no residue left in the boxes. At present we are specifically **NOT** accepting **tissue boxes, medicine boxes, egg cartons, toilet rolls, polystyrene or hummus containers.**

We have continued with our extra professional clean each week and the increased daily cleaning of surfaces, equipment, etc.

Your child still needs to bring a drink bottle as we are not going to provide cups as we did prior to the lockdown - unless a child forgets their drink bottle. This is not only due to health and hygiene reasons but also because it is good preparation and practice for your child starting school.

We have got some exciting things happening at Kindergarten this term which I am looking forward to enjoying with your children.

Be Kind - Kia atawhai
Help others - Āwhinatia ētahi atu



Important Information

LETTER OF THE WEEK -

We will resume this in Week 2, 27th July, with the letter L.

This is a four-year-old activity on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday only**. We would like to encourage each child to draw a picture of something beginning with the letter of the week. Your child needs to name their picture, write the letter of the week, put it on the alphabet table at the beginning of the session and share it with their peers during mat time. This encourages literacy skills, fine motor control and the confidence to stand up in front of their peers. Due to time constraints your child can only have one turn a week.

SUPER SPORTS

Fortunately we are able to welcome back Coaches Dan and Reid from Super Sports. They will be coming in every second Wednesday, starting Week 2 (weather dependent), to take some sports sessions with all the children that attend a Wednesday session. Each session includes their four key values - Coordination and Sport Technique, Listening and Communication, Respect, Fun and Enjoyment. Each session the Coaches will use methods, equipment and coaching techniques that teach the children these core values. 'Coordinating kids and developing well rounded individuals' is their aim.

LIVING EGGS -

We have Living Eggs booked in again for this term. We are eagerly awaiting the delivery of the incubator, brooder and 10 chicken eggs ready to hatch. These will be delivered on Monday 31st August and, for the following two weeks, we can all watch the hatching process, participate in the care and welfare of the chickens and hold them from time to time. This is such an exciting and educational experience for us all.

FRENCH LESSONS WITH SANDRINE -

We are so thrilled to welcome Sandrine Ferrao back to Kindergarten. Sandrine is Leonie's Mum. Each Friday Sandrine will take a short French lesson with our Friday Big Peoples group. We are "très excités".

FATHERS WELCOME -

During our last two weeks of the term we would like to welcome in all the Dad's, Grandad's, Uncle's or any special man in your child's life. If you/they could spare half an hour or so to come and visit your child at Kindergarten between 9am and noon, that would be great! It is a great opportunity to see what happens during our day at Kindergarten.

FOOD GUIDELINES -

This term we have two children attending Kindergarten with severe allergies. One has allergies to dairy, egg, peanut, almond, salmon and pineapple. The other to sesame. Both children could have anaphylaxis (a severe allergic reaction) if they have contact with these products. Whilst we cannot eliminate all food stuffs containing these products from coming into Kindergarten, we would like to draw your awareness to them and ask that you consider the safety of these children when packing your child's lunchbox. Please also stress the importance to your child of not sharing their food. We do sit these children separately from their peers at eating times and they are constantly observed by a teacher.

We have also observed an increasing problem with food being spilt on the mats at Kindergarten due to the nature of the food. We do recommend finger food which is much easier managed by your child.



Important Information

CLOTHING/SUNHATS -

Sunhats are optional during Term 3. We would recommend a warm hat for those colder mornings as we will be spending as much time outdoors as possible. Please dress your child in layers so that they can remove them as the day warms up. Our rules for shoes are - shoes and socks either on or shoes AND socks off. Our floors are slippery so children must either have bare feet or their shoes on indoors. Our indoor temperature will be a minimum of 18 degrees. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable shoes for walking as we may go on impromptu walks to Cornwall Park to make the most of this beautiful weather!

KINDERGARTEN WASHING

We would really appreciate it if you could take a turn at least once a term to wash the bag of towels and tea towels that is left at the door each day. There is no hurry for these to be returned the next day. Please wash them in a hot, separate wash. Thank you.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Drop off time - Our session starts at 8.45am. We would appreciate it if you are on time, quickly settle your child and leave. Not only does this help to free up parking but more importantly it helps the children settle into their Kindergarten day more quickly and ensures a quiet start to the day.

Pick up time - Because the children are on the mat having a story at the end of the day, we ask that you only come in earlier than 2.45pm if you would like to take your child straight away. Otherwise, please wait outside until the teacher opens the door at approximately 2.40pm. If you do come in, please leave as quickly, quietly and promptly as possible. Hopefully this will mean there is as little disruption as possible at story time. It is very difficult for the children to focus on the story and difficult for the teacher to sustain the children's attention with so many interruptions. During a child's 'Gradulation' ceremony it is particularly disruptive so please be patient if we ask you to wait. We really appreciate your cooperation with this.

STORY PARK

We love it when you engage with our posts on story park, please continue to comment and give us your feedback.

OUR ME TREE

Our ME TREE is looking very bare! If your child's photo is not on there, please bring us a photograph of your child that we can cut up and add to our tree. If you are unsure what our Me Tree is, just ask a teacher or come and have a look. It is an important part of your child's belonging at Kindergarten and used in their celebration when they turn five and graduate.





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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM DATES for 2020

Term 3 Mon 20 Jul—Fri 25 Sep

Term 4 Mon 12 Oct—Fri 18 Dec

TERM DATES for 2021

Term 1 Wed 3 Feb- Fri 16 Apr

IMPORTANT DATES

Hearing & Vision

SuperSports

Living Eggs

Father's/Grandad's Welcome

Friday 24 July @ 9.15am

Every 2nd Wednesday starting 29 July

31st August to 11th September

Mon 14 Sept thru to Fri 25 Sept

INTRODUCING OUR 2020 COMMITTEE

It has been a rocky start but we do appreciate all the support from our committee this year.



From left to right:

Stephen Walker, Kate Vickery, Katie Darlington, Sarah Collins, April Purdon, James McQueen, Bex Moyle, Summer Haycock (Chairperson), Sukhjit Gill, Jono Pol.

Absent: Angie Banks (Treasurer), Paula Milne & Lorna Simmonds.

Congratulations to our Chairperson Summer on the birth of her 4th daughter—Blythe. We wish Summer, Tim, Molly, Odette and Adaline all the best and we can't wait to meet Blythe and all have a cuddle





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Now the Repetitive Stuff !!!!

SOME REMINDERS

SELF MANAGEMENT SKILLS

To encourage independence we would appreciate it if you could

- Dress your child in trousers/shorts with elastic waists so that they can pull their own pants up and down.
 - Provide a lunchbox that your child can open by themselves
- It is beneficial for your child to master these skills before leaving kindergarten.

KORERO/COMMUNICATION

We communicate with you in a variety of ways - email, noticeboards, communication pockets, Storypark, Facebook and Instagram. We try to keep these all

updated and current. Don't forget to check your communication pocket at Kindergarten regularly!

SIGNING IN & OUT

Signing in and out is back to normal but it is still very important that children are signed in and out of each session with the time of arrival and departure.

You have 15 minutes either side of session time before funding is affected so we do encourage children to get here on time as they settle so much better when on time. The same goes for leaving early, pick up at the end of session if possible, but if leaving early, then please leave quickly and quietly, thanks.

PARENT HELPERS

As a Community kindergarten, we really need and value your help during our session, even if it's just for an hour. If you are able to help anytime between 9am - 12 please put your name up on our roster. Parent helping gives you a chance to see what happens at kindergarten but most importantly, your child loves having you here. You are welcome to bring younger siblings also, although you need to be responsible for them.



STAFF/KAIAKO

Your full time teachers are Gaylene Brownlie and Kirsty Fergus both working Monday to Friday.

Zara Anderson	Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri.
Susan Piaggi	Tues, Wed, Thr, Fri
Tania Wickens	Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri.
Kara McNeil	Tues, Wed & Thur.
Penny Gray	Monday

There are five teachers working each day in order to maintain our ratio of at least 1 adult to 8 children.

Gaylene is available in the office on Wednesdays if you would like to make an appointment to discuss a specific issue or to find out how your child is progressing.

Karen Day is in the office Monday to Friday. If you do not catch her then, please email her on gardner.rd.kindy@xtra.co.nz and she will respond as soon as she is able.

Please feel free to talk to the staff at any time about any issues or concerns you may have or if you need information about anything, no matter how large or small. We are here to help you and really value your feedback.

PARKING

The church is a very busy place these days with much happening in the church hall. This means that parking continues to be a problem. The hall users need your park so please be prompt and move quickly to free up your parking space. Parking is available on the street and in the angle parks in front of the church.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK OR DRIVE ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS.



USEFUL INFORMATION

CHILDREN LEAVING TERM 3

Our leavers this term are:

Theo Bennett, Aria Moyle,
Matthew Wilson, Milo Smith,
Jordi Blanco & Jasmine Klink.

We wish these children all the best for their next step in their life journey. We know they will do very well at school. Please see Ms Brownlie if you would like to have a parent discussion prior to your child leaving.



Please remember to refer us to friends and family if they are looking for a Kindergarten



Fees and Funding Rates

Our funding rate from the Ministry of Education is \$12.09 per child per hour and \$7.09 for non 20 hours children respectively.

Our session charges are:

\$18.60 per session for 20 ECE or part thereof @ \$3.10 per hour

\$47.94 per session for non 20 ECE or part thereof @ \$8.10 per hour

We welcome paying your term fees in instalments during the term if you prefer and we prefer payment by the internet banking option:

Include your child's initial and surname.

A/C no. is 12 3025 0190983 00
(ASB Bank)

A/C Name: Gardner Road Kindergarten.

Please include child's initial and surname and their info-care account number (on invoice) as your references.

FEES ARE DUE TO BE PAID BY:
Friday 25th September unless you are leaving during the term and then they are due by your child's leaving date.

IN CONCLUSION

We look forward to another exciting term with your children. Any queries or concerns you have please talk to any of the staff members as we are here to help in any way we can.

We thank you for your ongoing help and support.

Regards, Gaylene, Susan, Kirsty, Tania, Zara, Kara, Penny & Karen.



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Term 3 2020 - Calendar and Topics

Week No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday's date	20/7	27/7	3/8	10/8	17/8	24/8
Visits, Trips Important Dates		Wednesday SuperSports	Wednesday SuperSports		Wednesday SuperSports	
Letter for week		Ll	Mm	Nn	Oo	Pp
Week No	7	8	9	10		
Monday's Date	31/8	7/9	14/9	21/9		
Visits, Trips Important Dates	Living Eggs 	Living Eggs 	Father's/ Grandad's Welcome Week	Father's/ Grandad's Welcome Week		
Letter for week	Qq	Rr	Ss	Tt		

Programme topics for this term

During the term, these are the topics we hope to cover:

Winter
 Literacy—making books & writing stories
 Chickens/Birds
 Keeping ourselves healthy
 Our Dad's

Internal Evaluation for this term

Induction procedures for new children
 Assessment and evaluation practices



Super Sports is back every second Wednesday



Our new children this term have settled in.



Fun times in the sandpit with Mrs Piaggi



Siblings and cousins enjoying time together



Your talented and creative children at work