



NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 2020

From Gaylene Brownlie

Tena Koutou. Welcome back everyone.

It was great to be back at Kindergarten last week, seeing everyone and catching up on your news. It has been a really unusual few weeks for us all but it sounds like most of you enjoyed the valuable family time and slower paced life. I definitely enjoyed my time at home with Pete and Oscar, reading, exploring our local neighbourhood, supporting local by shopping on line, doing jigsaw puzzles, cross stitch, crochet, and enjoying home cooking (you may be able to tell!) and Zoom meetings with friends and family. It has been really valuable reading the All About Me forms and finding out what your child has been up to whilst at home.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we settle into operating under Level 2. Obviously there are new routines and processes we have to comply with so we appreciate your support with these. Of utmost importance is your child's health. As stated in our Level 2 Safety Plan, we have to adhere to a strict zero tolerance for illness so if your child is even 'a little bit sick' please keep them at home. We know that it is the season for winter illnesses such as running noses and coughs but we really appreciate your cooperation with this.

We have some new families who have joined our Kindergarten community. A warm welcome to you all. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child.

Our focus for the next few weeks is to support your children as they settle back into the Kindergarten routine, reestablish relationships with the Teachers and their peers, reinforce the importance of safe hygiene practices and enjoy their time back at Kindergarten.

Thank you to those of you who have Volunteered to be on our Kindergarten Committee. Once again we have fantastic support from our parent community

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.

LETTER OF THE WEEK -

We will resume this in Week 2, 25th May, with the letter Ff.

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.



Important Information

A BIG WELCOME TO PENNY GRAY

We are very excited to welcome Penny Gray to our team. Penny (Mrs Gray) will be working every Monday because Mrs Piaggi has reduced her days. Penny is an experienced, fully qualified Early Childhood Teacher. Please introduce yourself and your child to her if you come in on Mondays. We are really looking forward to working with her.



CLOTHING/SUNHATS -

Sunhats are optional during Terms 2 and 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!

DRINK BOTTLES -

Just a reminder - the children need to bring a drink bottle while we are operating under Level 2 as we will not be having cups available. We recommend continuing to do this when we are back to normal operation although the water will be freely available as well. The drink bottle needs to be filled with WATER ONLY, named, and kept in their bag during the session.

RESOURCES -

During Level 2 we are not accepting any resources from your home but when we are 'back to normal' we welcome these again. Please note, we do not accept toilet rolls, tissue boxes, meat trays, medicine boxes, polystyrene and anything that has obvious residue such as milk powder or egg - this is due to the risk to children with allergies.

PARENT HELPING -

At present we are unable to have Parent Helpers at Kindergarten. We look forward to being able to welcome you back in the near future.



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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM DATES for 2020

Term 2 Tue 28 Apr—Fri 3 Jul
Term 3 Mon 20 Jul—Fri 25 Sep
Term 4 Mon 12 Oct—Fri 18 Dec

IMPORTANT DATES

Queens Birthday

Monday 1st June

FOTOMAN

Thur 11th Jun & Fri 12th Jun

Individual & Class only

Sorry to advise that there will be no family photo options this year.

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.

**IS YOUR CHILD'S PHOTO ON OUR
'ME TREE'?**





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NEW RESOURCES

We do not have many new resources to show you since our last newsletter but we did manage to get our new bean bags before lockdown and the children love them, take a look.



STORY PARK


We love the engagement we had with families on story park over the closure period. We hope you enjoyed our posts and we certainly enjoyed all the lovely responses we had.

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


This is what makes Story park such a great addition to our portfolio system and

Walking Rainbow Experiment 🌈

I hope you enjoy making a walking Rainbow 🌈
Watch the video to find out how 🍷
One video below:
3 photos below:



JL Jasmine Langdale (Lenox) 8 days ago
This was great - thanks Kirsty! We didn't have the right colours but Lenox loved watching them walk over to the empty glasses. :)



KF Kirsty Fergus 7 days ago
Glad you enjoyed this experiment Lenox 🍷 See you next week

these profiles
make wonderful
keepsakes for you
to keep forever.

A Penguin Story....



How many Penguins do you see?



RL Rochelle Lawrence (Rico) 17 days ago
Very cool. We hope you're having a great time. Rico wanted to share with you the penguin/iceberg creations he made with Hannah.



SP Susan Piaggi 16 days ago
Rico i love the Penguin/ Icebergs you have created. Maybe you could show the children at Kindergarten how to do this when we return.



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.

Last term we also used the Text Facility to alert you to emails that we have sent you. We hear this worked successfully. It is really important that all your details are kept up to date such as email addresses, mobile phone numbers etc, as we use this form of communication in an emergency.

SIGNING IN & OUT

At the moment you will notice that signing in and out is a little different. Drop off and pick up times are flexible at the moment to help with other commitments you may have, especially school pick ups. The current process is:

Sanitise your hands
Sign your child in and record the time;
Record the time and your name on the Contract tracing register.

This is a legal requirement so we really appreciate that you complete the register.

Please do not stop and chat when signing in and out as it causes congestion behind you, feel to chat outside afterwards, thanks.

SOME REMINDERS

STAFF/KAI AKO

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

Admin Email gardner.rd.kindy@xtra.co.nz

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 working in the office Monday to Friday during session hours. 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 2

Our leavers this term are:

Darcy Machell, Scott McQueen,
Henry Easterbrook-Wong, Zoe Menzies,
Calum Buddell, Anna Lyu, Oren Laird,
Aarya Gill, Kira Parag, Mia Ngau Chun &
Rico Lawrence,

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 \$11.82 per child per hour and \$6.93 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 @ \$7.99 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 3rd July 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 2 2020 - Calendar and Topics

Week No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday's date	27/4	4/05	11/05	18/05	25/05	1/06
Visits, Trips Important Dates	CLOSED 	CLOSED 	CLOSED 			Mon 6 Jun Queens Birthday Closed
Letter for week					Ff	Gg
Week No	7	8	9	10		
Monday's Date	8/06	15/06	22/06	29/06		
Visits, Trips Important Dates	FOTOMAN Thr 11 Jun Fri 12 Jun Group & Individual 			Last day of Term 2 Fri 3 Jul		
Letter for week	Hh	Ii	Jj	Kk		

Programme topics for this term

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

Dinosaurs
Insects, Spiders, Lizards
Wheels
Science
Autumn/Winter



Internal Evaluation for this term

Induction procedures for new children
Assessment and evaluation practices

