

Newsletter

14th August 2020

Term 3 — Week 4

Dear families,

Have you noticed our new bush-tucker garden? Where once we had lawn, then a patch of mud, we now have a beautiful garden thanks to Uncle Tamaru and his friends. We are looking forward to the plants growing bigger in the spring! Uncle Tamaru has also planted several knobby club-rush sedges that we will use for weaving when they are bigger. Our next project is a mural on the wall in the locker area—exciting!

We also have a brand new sign on Strathalbyn Road to help our local community know where to find us—we know that we are a bit hidden away! Not everyone is aware that we are our own separate site (we are not managed by the school, even though we are on the same grounds). It's easy for people to presume we are the school's kindergarten, but we aren't! Each year, children go on to attend up to nine local primary schools. So please encourage people to get in touch with me to take a look, even if they live outside our catchment area. We are currently taking enrolment registrations for 2021. Thanks!

Ngaitalya, **Bianca**

EXCURSION REMINDERS

We are off to the theatre next Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th August—how exciting!

The forecasted weather has changed our plans slightly on Tuesday 18th—it's likely to be too wet for a picnic in the Torrens Parade grounds. Instead we will be leaving Kindergarten at 11:45am (pick up at usual time)

For both the 18th and 19th, please pack lunch and snacks as you usually do (we will eat at Kindy) but ensure that your child has a clearly named water bottle!

NOTE: Early departure on Wednesday 19th! Please make sure you are at Kindy no later than 8:40am, as we need to be on the bus just after gam to get there on time! *Thanks everyone.*

WELCOME!

To these children and their families, who have joined our Kindy community in recent weeks/months:
Benaiah, Patrick, and Celeste (Tuesday/Thursday)
Rory (Monday/Wednesday)
Marni naa pudni! (It's good you came!)

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Calendar dates

Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th August

Excursions to the theatre (city) PLEASE RETURN YOUR CONSENT FORMS!

Monday 24th August

Uncle Tamaru visit 9-11am

Tuesday 25th August

Uncle Tamaru visit 9-11am

Thursday 27th August

Hayley away, Jen relief teacher

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th September

Excursions to Cleland Wildlife Park (forms to come soon!)

Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd September

Gardening with Rebecca

Friday 25th September

Final playgroup for term. Last day of term 3.

Monday 12th October

First day of term 4. Uncle Tamaru visit 9-11am

Tuesday 13th October

Uncle Tamaru visit 9-11am

Tuesday 20th October

STUDENT FREE DAY

What's new in our little Wirra?

We have created a new path through the Wirra, to enable up-close viewing of some interesting plants. There is a Tall Sundew currently wrapping itself up a native sedge. Some of the children have gently touched the sticky red flowers last week— there is something fascinating about the Sundew's food source, can you find out what it is? Come take a look if you can.



We also have lots of Maroonhood orchids beginning to flower. See if you can find them! We've been doing some weeding so that they are easier to see. In the coming weeks you may even spot some other types of orchids growing!

Flower



Leaves



Friday kindergarten sessions

A reminder that the Friday Kindergarten sessions are held in weeks 1-4 each term. The Monday/Wednesday group has the first two Fridays, the Tuesday/Thursday group has weeks 3 and 4. All sessions are 10:30am-3:30pm

Final session for the term:

Tuesday/Thursday group:
14th and 21st August

FYI:

Did you know why we have two Friday kindy sessions per term? We are required to offer children 30 hours per fortnight as part of the Universal Access program. Our model is to offer 2 x 7 hour days per week and "bank" an hour a week for each group,

rather than offer longer days. 7.5 hour days would be very tiring for both children and staff, as well as making drop off and pick up times clash with the school.

So in a nutshell, we have 40 weeks of preschool over the year, so we "bank" 40 hours. Each term, we have 2 x 5 hour Friday sessions (10 hours)

As we highly value our playgroup as an essential community service and transition program and we cannot offer it at another time, we start Friday Kindy at the later time on Fridays following playgroup.

It's been fantastic to see such excellent attendance in these sessions!!