



# NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 2011

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## WELCOME

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Welcome back to kindergarten everyone. Auckland has been an exciting and busy place over the past few months. We have thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of the Rugby World Cup!

### Congratulations to the ALL BLACKS

This term will be action packed and only eight weeks long! Please take note of the dates for our Christmas parties and morning group concert. The concert will be in the church and shouldn't be missed so invite the extended family and put the date in your diary now!

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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### Term dates -

Term 4—25 October—16 December	8 weeks
Term 1—1 Feb 2012—5 April	10 weeks

### Morning Children Activities:

Starfish Christmas Show 10.30am	Thr 24 Nov
Christmas Party and Concert	Wed 7 Dec

### Afternoon Children Activities:

Starfish Christmas Show & Party	Tue 6 Dec
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## SUNHATS

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Now that the sun is out (we hope) our sunhat policy comes into force. Please send your child with a NAMED sunhat. NO SUNHAT, NO OUTSIDE PLAY! Also please apply sunscreen to your child before coming to Kindergarten as staff are unable to do this for you. We do not provide sunscreen due to the high numbers of children with allergies.

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## COMMITTEE 2012

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If you are interested in being on our Committee in 2011 or would like to know more about it, please see Gaylene Carson. New Committee members are elected at our AGM in February.

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## STAFF

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Your teachers are Mrs Carson, Mrs Wright, Mrs Graham, Mrs Priestley and Mrs Anderson.

Karen Day, our office manager, is available in the office on Wednesday and Thursday plus Friday morning.

Please feel free to talk to staff at any time about any issues or concerns you may have. Gaylene is available if you would like to make an appointment to discuss a specific issue or just to find out how your child is progressing. Also, she is usually available in the office on Monday mornings so pop in and see her.

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## FOOD WARNING

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We still notice some children coming to Kindergarten with food more suitable for home. Please do not send your child with nuts, eggs (including egg sandwiches), yoghurt, chocolate, lollies and jelly. Also no drinks are needed as we have cooled water available for them to drink through out the session. We appreciate your cooperation with this. Thank you.

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## SUITABLE CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR

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Our morning group may be going on impromptu walks to the park and around the neighbourhood so please ensure your child has suitable shoes for walking. Our outdoor surface does get hot during summer so it is important that the children have shoes to protect their feet and shoes suitable for climbing.

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## FATHERS WEEK

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THANK YOU to all the Dad's who took the time out to visit kindergarten during Fathers Week. The children enjoyed showing you around the kindergarten and were very proud to introduce you to the teachers. Please feel free to come back anytime and don't wait for a written invitation!



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### SOME REMINDERS

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#### Resources.

Your 'junk' is our treasure! We need - bottle tops (metal & plastic), wrapping paper, lace, chocolate wrappers, ribbons, buttons, nails, dried and plastic flowers, **small boxes**, and natural resources. We are also short on clean white card and coloured card. If anybody has a source for this, please let us know. We do not use toilet rolls, tissue boxes, polystyrene (exception of meat trays), or medicine boxes/bottles.

#### Letter of the week. AM Children Only.

This term we continue with the alphabet for the morning children. 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 at story time. This encourages literacy skills, fine motor control and confidence to stand up in front of their peers. Due to time constraints, your child can only have ONE TURN A WEEK. If we have a birthday celebration, the alphabet may be postponed on that day. We begin Week 1 with Ee.

#### 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. Also, please keep the driveways clear on either side of the church at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Notice Board Information.

Please check the notice board on a regular basis. This is how we inform you about up and coming events. All around the front door are policy folders, ERO Review, Committee Minutes, fundraising, parent help roster, and health and education pamphlets. Please take some time out and have a read. You will also find a suggestion box there; we always welcome your feedback.

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### SOME REMINDERS

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#### Parent Help Roster.

A huge Thank you to those of you who help during the session. We need and really do appreciate your help. The parent help rosters are on the wall by the front door. We would appreciate one or two helpers each session. Please put your name down on a day that suits if you can help. It gives you a chance to see what happens during the session and your child will love having you there!

#### Your Child's File.

Your child's portfolio is stored in the shelves directly opposite the front door - we encourage you to contribute at least once a term, with comments, photos or art/craft work, to be included with the additions we make during the session. We would prefer that these stay at Kindergarten, but if you do take it home, please let a Teacher know and please ensure it is returned the next day as staff often have things to add to it.

#### Kindergarten Washing.

We would like to thank those of you who take the kindergarten washing home for us. At pick up time the teacher on the door will be holding the bag of dirty washing. It would be great if everyone took a turn at washing this for us. The Ministry of Education requirements are that you wash this in a **SEPARATE, HOT WASH.**

#### Session Times

<b>Morning</b>	<b>9.00am to 12 noon</b>
<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>12.45pm to 3.15pm</b>

We recommend that all children be settled by 9.15am in the morning and 1.00pm in the afternoon session. Please pick up your child on time. If children need to be picked up early, then we request that you do so before story time, ie: 11.40am or 3.00pm.

[A reminder - please settle your child and leave as quickly as you can so that the kindergarten session can begin and run as smoothly as possible.](#)

We appreciate your support in supervising the younger siblings during the sessions as many activities are not appropriate for them.



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## **SPECIAL NOTICES**

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### **Self Management Skills**

To encourage independence we would appreciate it if you could

- ◆ Dress your child in trousers 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.

### **Kindergarten Enrolment**

We take enrolments for our waiting list at two years of age. Don't forget to remind your friends to put their child's name on the list. We occasionally have spaces for three year olds also, so if you have friends or family who may be interested, get them to ring Gaylene or Karen and we'll see if we can help them.

### **School Enrolment**

Don't forget to enrol your child at school when they turn four. The schools need this information so they know how many out of zone places they will have available and what their roll will be for the following year.

### **Signing in & Out**

Please remember to sign your child in and out at drop off time. A lot of people have been forgetting to sign out. Also if someone other than yourself is dropping off your child, please remind them to sign in and out. This is a government requirement and **MUST** be done. We appreciate your cooperation.

**Electronic Newsletter:** If you have signed up for an electronic copy, then you will no longer receive a paper copy. If you didn't receive an electronic copy and would prefer this method, please fill out a form at kindy next time you come in. If you are new to kindy and signed a form, your first electronic copy will be next term.

### **Student Teachers**

We have many student teachers coming in and out of kindergarten during their training. Thank you for welcoming them and supporting them with their studies. I know many of you have been approached and asked for permission so that observations can be done of your child.

### **Fees and Funding Rates**

Our funding rate from the Ministry of Education is 6.20 per child per hour and \$4.81 for non 20 hours children.

Our session charges are:

\$17.00 per session for 20 ECE

\$22.00 per session for non 20 ECE

You are welcome to pay your term fees in instalments over the term if you prefer and please remember 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.

**FEES ARE DUE FOR PAYMENT ON OR BEFORE  
DECEMBER 1st THIS TERM**

### **Children Leaving in Term 4**

Our leavers this term are:

**Nathan and Zoe. Alexander, William, Danielle, Isabelle, Mugdha, Dylan, Ben Mottershead, Fin McIntosh, Parum and Jasmine.**

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 Mrs Carson if you would like to have a parent discussion prior to your child leaving.

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## **IN CONCLUSION**

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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, Rozana, Robyn, Sandi, Zara & Karen.*



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### Term 4 2011 - Timetable of Topics and Events

Week No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday's date	24/10	31/10	7/11	14/11	21/11	28/11
Visits, Trips Important Dates					<u>Thr 24 Nov</u> Starfish Show AM Children	
Letter for week	Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj
Week No	7	8				
Monday's Date	5/12	12/12				
Visits, Trips Important Dates	<u>Tue 6 Dec</u> PM Xmas Party & Show <u>Wed 7 Dec</u> AM Xmas Party & Concert					
Letter for week						

#### *Programme Themes for this term*

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

Spring,  
Planting,  
Christmas,

### Epsom Community Church Garage Sale

**SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER 8.00AM TO MIDDAY**

**Pick up a bargain      real barista coffee      homemade goodies      clothing/toys**

**If you have items to donate, drop them to the church hall on Friday 28th October from MIDDAY or we can pick up large goods FOC, phone Don 021 894315 for collection.**

**YOUR SUPPORT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**