



# NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4 2023



From Gaylene Brownlie

Welcome to Term 4 everyone. I hope you had a restful and relaxing break after our super busy term three! Hopefully everyone has recovered from the illnesses that seemed to affect so many of us during the winter months.

Now that the weather is warming up, our sun safety policy takes effect. This means all children need to bring a named hat each day. We shade our outdoor area as best as possible with umbrellas and shade sails, which will be installed asap. Please remind your children to bring a hat each day. We believe they need to take responsibility for this. After a couple of weeks - No hat, no outside play.

We are thrilled to welcome back Dan and his Super Sports team for Term 4. This begins in week 2 and will run every 2nd week.

As mentioned in my last newsletter, during terms three and four, all staff are participating in Professional Development through ENGAGE focusing on children and self regulation - emotionally and socially.

ENGAGE places strong emphasis on the use of language - to enhance the effectiveness of games and techniques for self-regulation, and to support positive oral language development in early years.

We are really enjoying participating in this programme and have been working with the children on various techniques and games such as Superhero breathing, Silence, Memory and Listening games. We may look at running a parent evening in Term One 2024.

It is great to see that many of our children have increased the days they are attending Kindergarten. This encourages social connections, independence and helps ready your child for school. Our rolls are looking very full for the term which is fantastic!

### **SANTA NEEDED!**

**Do you know anyone who could be SANTA for us on Wednesday 6th December?**

**A Dad, Grandad, Uncle? Please let me know if you do.**

We have got a really busy and exciting term ahead of us. In no time at all I am sure Christmas will be upon us. Thank you everyone for your continued support of Gardner Road Kindergarten.

Gaylene Brownlie

### **COMMITTEE 2024**

If you are interested in joining our Committee for 2024 please let Gaylene know. We have several spaces available as many of our current Committee will be moving on to school. There are a variety of roles available, big or small. As a Community Kindergarten, our Committee is an important part of our structure. The new Committee will be elected at our AGM in February. If you would like more information please just ask. It is a great way to meet new people and get involved in the Kindergarten.

## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Wednesday 6th December, 10am**

The children will be performing a play and some of their favourite songs to you. It is not to be missed so invite your friends and family along!

ALL Kindergarten children are welcome even if they do not normally attend a Wednesday session.

Please drop your child off at Kindergarten between 8.45 – 9.15am. The concert begins at approximately 10am **IN THE CHURCH.**

SANTA will arrive between 10.30-11am. He will have a gift for all Kindergarten children.

Unfortunately we cannot cater for siblings.

At the end of the concert the children who attend a Wednesday session will continue with their normal Kindergarten day, the others will need to be taken home.

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

This is part of a normal Kindergarten day and only for the Kindergarten children. Parents do not need to stay. This year we will be having one Christmas Party and one Show for all of the children. Details are being finalised now so more information will follow soon.

**ABSENCES** - If your child will be absent from Kindergarten for any reason, please either text Gaylene on **020 41593212** as soon as you can in the morning, or email Karen at **[gardner.rd.kindy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gardner.rd.kindy@xtra.co.nz)**.

This way we can monitor our roll numbers and know if we need to book a Reliever or not.

Please only use the mobile number for absences.

If you have any queries during the day either email Karen or phone us on **09 6388760**.

If you are going away on holiday or will be absent for any reason for a week or more, we do need a written note for the absence. This goes on your child's file for when we are audited. Written notifications should be emailed to **[gardner.rd.kindy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gardner.rd.kindy@xtra.co.nz)**.

## **SIGN IN SHEETS**

The sign in and out sheets are a Ministry of Education document that gets checked by their Auditors. It is really important that the sign in and out times are recorded clearly and that you sign in and out each time your child attends. Please do not let your child scribble on the sheet. We appreciate your support.

## **FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM**

If you would like to keep up to date with what is happening at Kindergarten, here are the ways to keep you in the loop:

The Teachers put a white board out in the foyer most days before the end of session. It tells you what the children have been doing during the day.

On a Friday, we post organically to our **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages. These are often photos and a blurb about what we have been doing, helpful information and/or tips. It is a great way to stay engaged and provides some dinner time talk with your child. Often by the time the children get home, they are too tired to tell you what they have done during the day! The posts go up at around 7pm each Friday evening, so if you are not following us on social media, please do so, and we hope you enjoy the content.

## **FOOD ALLERGIES**

We have some children at Kindergarten who have allergies to various foods.

**Please do not send peanut butter, hard boiled eggs, loose nuts, yoghurt in pottles** (pouch is OK).

**These foods put other children at risk.**

Also, don't forget to pack a drink bottle filled with water only!

Thank you.

**DON'T FORGET TO PACK A SUNHAT, SPARE CLOTHES AND PUT SUNSCREEN ON YOUR CHILD**

# Important Dates

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## TERM DATES for 2023

Term 4 Monday 9th October—Friday 15th December

## TERM DATES for 2024

Term 1 Tuesday 30th January — Friday 12th April

Term 2 Monday 29th April—Friday 5th July

Term 3 Monday 22 July—Friday 27th September

Term 4 Monday 14th October—Friday 20th December

## Important Dates to Note:

Super Sports

Begins in week 2—Wednesday 18th October

Labour Day

Monday 23rd October

Bikeathon

Sunday 12th November—ROPS

Children's Christmas Concert

Wednesday 6th December @ 10am

Children's Christmas Parties

Date to be confirmed

# Important Information

## SUNHATS/CLOTHING

Sunhats are compulsory for Term 4. **NO HAT, NO OUTSIDE PLAY.** Please also ensure that your child has spare clothes in their bag and that they are named. We have very little spare clothing at 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. We put Community posts on Storypark so don't forget to read those when you get an email notification. Also don't forget to check your communication pocket at Kindergarten regularly. We also have a daily whiteboard that tells you what has happened throughout the day. We hope this prompts a discussion between you and your child about what they have done during the day - rather than 'nothing'!

From time to time we also need to use the Text Facility to alert you to emails that we have sent you. We hear this has worked successfully in the past. 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.

## DROP OFF/PICK UP TIMES

**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 'Graduation' ceremony it is particularly disruptive so please be patient if we ask you to wait. We really appreciate your cooperation with this.

When you do come in at the end of the day, please move forward to the mat area where the children are waiting. This makes it much easier for the teachers to see you and farewell your children.

We would also like to remind you that our carpark is not a playground. Please discourage your children from running around the church as there are vehicles often moving in this space. Please keep this area clear at the end of the day. **Thank you.**

## CHILD SELF MANAGEMENT

Please continue to encourage your child's independence when they arrive at Kindergarten as it helps with their transition to school. We have noticed a lot of parents and caregivers carrying their child's bag. We will be encouraging the children to do this themselves so please reinforce this at home.

Some other ways you can encourage this independence is by -

- > choosing their own hook and hanging up their own bag,
- > providing a lunch box and drink bottle that your child can open and close independently,
- > dress them in clothes and shoes that they can manage to put on and take off themselves,
- > encourage them to greet the teacher at the door by name, especially if they are four years old.

## 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 just inside the front door. 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. Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, etc are also welcome!

## 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.

## STORYPARK

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

## FEES AND FUNDING RATES

Our funding rate from the Ministry of Education is \$15.19 per child per hour and \$9.32 for non 20 hours children respectively.

Our session charges are:

\$21.60 per session for 20 ECE or part thereof @ \$3.60 per hour

\$56.82 per session for non 20 ECE or part thereof @ \$9.47 per hour

**We welcome paying your term fees in instalments during the term and we prefer payment by the internet banking option: 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 8th DECEMBER,**

**unless you are leaving during the term and then they are due by your child's leaving date.**

**Fees in term 4 are due one week earlier, after 9 weeks, to be paid in full, unless you are paying by auto payment, then 10 weeks of instalments are perfectly fine.**

*There are 10 weeks in term 4.*



**RESOURCES**

We love to reuse and recycle at Kindergarten so please think of us when you are throwing away boxes, paper etc. Your junk is our treasure! 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. We are always in need of cardboard, untreated wood, ribbons, wrapping paper, small boxes, buttons, etc.

**Staff/Kaiako**

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

Zara Anderson	Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri.,
Susan Piaggi	Tue, Wed, Thr & Fri
Tania Wickens	Mon, Wed, Thr & Fri.
Kara McNeil	Tue, Wed & Thr.



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 during school hours. If you do not catch her in the office, please email her on [gardner.rd.kindy@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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.



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 contact Ms Brownlie if you would like to have a parent discussion prior to your child leaving.

**Margaux Duguay, Zachary Chiang, Stella Crawford, Harriet Jackson, Mila Hoskins, Noah Fong, Ella-Victoria Brolly, Ivory Leaver, Maverick Leulu & Sadie Balemi.**



### Have you joined the Parents Facebook page?

It is a great way to meet other families and connect.

The group is used as a chat group and to organise play dates or catch ups.

The link is below and if you would like to join, click the link and you will be accepted into the group.



**This Private Facebook group is called, Gardner Road Kindergarten Parents group**

[https://m.facebook.com/groups/2425686494397274/?](https://m.facebook.com/groups/2425686494397274/?paipv=0&eav=Afaf78L9215iJ02QwuNcRHTRZbjXumYlJunDASCw-XaGcXAvnliqdVKqSu-uEWhpn78&_rdr)

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## Child's Voice

The children were spinning around on the swing, when one child said...

**"I can spin you faster than I can spin a roti".**

A child came and said to the Teacher after going to the toilet .....

**"I think the toilet has run out of batteries!"**

After a child returned from holiday, this was her story about her Uncle ...

**"My Uncle got bitten by a frog and then he got eaten by a snake!"**

**We have great quality summer bucket hats & tote bags for your shopping & general use.**

**\$10.00 each**



Navy only



Available in Red, Blue or cream

*See Karen for hat sizes & bag colour options.*

Print this out and put it on your fridge or notice board

Week No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday's date	09/10	16/10	23/10	30/10	06/11	13/11
Visits, Trips Important Dates		Super Sports Wed 18 Oct	Labour Day Mon 23 Oct	Super Sports Wed 25 Oct		Super Sports Wed 9 Nov  BIKEATHON  SUNDAY 12 November Royal Oak Primary School
Week No	7	8	9	10		
Monday's Date	20/11	27/11	04/12	15/12		
Visits, Trips Important Dates		Super Sports Wed 23 Nov	Annual Christmas Concert Wed 6 Dec @ 10am	Super Sports Wed 13 Dec  Fri 15 Dec Last day of Term 4		

*Programme topics for this term*

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

- \* Spring Planting
- \* Self Regulation
- \* Christmas

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

& LIKE US on Facebook and FOLLOW US on Instagram





















