



NEWSLETTER

PANUI

TERM 3 2022



From Gaylene Brownlie

Tenā Koutou all

A warm welcome back to Kindergarten everyone. I hope you had a restful break and are ready for another exciting term at Kindergarten. We have some really exciting experiences booked for the term such as Living Eggs, Super Sports, Kindergarten Art Exhibition, Fotoman, trip to Ambury Farm and our Kindergarten Disco.

I would like to thank everyone for their support during Term 2. We noticed considerable absences due to illness, including the teaching staff. Not only was it COVID, but also coughs, colds and the flu. We definitely needed the holiday break to rest and recover.

IMPORTANT - We still require all adults entering Kindergarten to be wearing a mask. We appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

Please continue to encourage your child's independence when they arrive at Kindergarten as it helps with the transition to school.

Some ways you can encourage this independence is by -

your child carrying their own bag (preferably one bag which is much easier for them to manage);
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 4 years old and over.

Due to the increase in illness within our Community, we have decided to postpone our Kindergarten disco to Friday 9th September. More details are on page 5 and 6, but we look forward to seeing everyone there.

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 text (020 415 93212), phone call (09 6388760) or email (gardner.rd.kindy@xtra.co.nz) as soon as possible in the morning to let us know.

There are several nasty bugs going around at the moment. In addition to COVID there is also ILI (Influenza-like Illness), and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). As yet we have not been notified of anyone attending Kindergarten having this illness.

The symptoms of RSV infection include:

a runny nose, coughing, sneezing, fever, wheezing and difficulty breathing, loss of appetite or difficulty feeding due to breathlessness.

If your child is unwell please keep him/her at home until they have been completely well for at least 24 hours. We appreciate this very much.

ENTRY/EXIT SAFETY

We would like to stress the importance of taking care when you enter and exit the Kindergarten through our blue door. Please ensure no children follow you out the door when you leave. We will be stressing the importance of the children holding an adults hand when they leave, as it is straight out into our carpark. Also, please be aware that some of our staff leave promptly at the end of the session as they also have children to pick up. Please do not let your child/children run around the carpark after Kindergarten.

Thank you.

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.

Take care everyone

Nga mihi
Gaylene Brownlie
Ka whāngai, ka tupu, ka puāwai. *That what is nurtured blossoms and grows.*

Important Dates

TERM DATES for 2022

Term 3 Monday 25 July—Friday 30 September
Term 4 Monday 17 October—Friday 16 December

Important Dates to Note:

Hearing & Vision Tests	Thursday 4th August (for specific 4 year olds)
Super Sports	Wednesday children—every second Wed beginning 3rd August
Fotoman Individual & Class	Thursday 11th, Friday 12th August
Fotoman Family Photos	Saturday 13th August
Living Eggs	Monday 22 August to Friday 2nd September
Kindergarten Disco	NEW DATE Friday 9th September

Important Information

ART PROJECT—Little Picasso's

Your little Picasso's will be delighting us all with a self-portrait painted on a canvas for you to purchase and showcase off at home.



In week 3, they will all be displayed at the kindergarten for you to admire, and then you can purchase your little Picasso with a \$20 internet banking payment. Collection of artworks will be in week 4, or once payment has come through.

They will be \$20 each and the profits will be going towards maintaining the Kindergarten.

LIVING EGGS

We have Living Eggs booked in 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 22nd 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.

5th BIRTHDAY/GRADULATIONS'

The 'Graduation' celebration will look a little different for now. Usually at the end of the ceremony the birthday child stands at the post at the end of the day and all the children either shake his/her hand, give a high five, or hug, and wish him/her all the best for school. This will still happen, but after music time on the day of their celebration so that all the children can wash their hands directly afterwards before they have their morning tea.

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.

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.

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.

ME TREE

Thank you to everyone who has brought in a photo. 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.

STORYPARK

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

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.

RESOURCES

We are accepting resources from home now. 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.

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.

FEES AND FUNDING RATES

Our funding rate from the Ministry of Education is \$13.52 per child per hour and \$8.29 for non 20 hours children respectively.

Our session charges are:

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

\$52.98 per session for non 20 ECE or part thereof @ \$8.84 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 30th September,

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

There are 10 weeks in term 3

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 Tuesday to Friday in order to maintain our ratio of at least 1 adult to 8 children. Four Teachers work on Monday, as we have reduced our roll to a maximum of 30 children for that day.

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.



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. This will be back to face to face now we are in the Orange setting.

**Dallas Milne, Alexander & Victoria Stanners, Harper Wiltshire,
Chloe & Lachlan Boivin, Finn Monahan, Wyatt Seeney, Billie Sharp,
Eddie Maher, Jake Woon & Max Laird.**

Child's Voice & Art

When the children returned to Kindergarten last week, Miss Fergus was at the activity table and asked a child, **What was the best thing about your holidays?**
This was their reply, which we thought was gorgeous.

"Seeing a spider in my bedroom!".



From our Fundraising Team

New Date for the Boogie Nights Disco Friday 9th September

This was very popular last year, and the children love it



*Leaving before the
Disco date, no
problem, you can
still come along.*



**Don't
forget to
dress up**

\$5
PER CHILD
Payable at the door

DISCO NIGHT!



FRIDAY 9TH SEPT | 5 - 7PM
GARDNER ROAD KINDY HALL

Food, drinks, glow toys & raffle tickets for cash sale

All kindergarten children and their siblings are welcome, don't forget to dress up!

Parents are invited to come along and hang out in the kindy with Ms Brownlie while your child/children dance the night away next door.

If you wish to have something to drink, please bring it along to drink/share. Wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverages welcome.



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

Week No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday's date	25/07	01/08	08/08	15/08	22/08	29/08
Visits, Trips Important Dates		Thr 4 Aug Hearing & Vision Tests <i>(specific 4 year old's that have been Contacted)</i> Wed Supersports	Thr 11 Aug Fri 12 Aug Fotoman Individual & Class photos Sat 13 Aug Fotoman Family Booking Sheet on notice board		Mon 22 Aug Living Eggs arrive	Fri 2 Sep Living Eggs end Wed Supersports
Week No	7	8	9	10		
Monday's Date	05/09	12/09	19/09	26/09		
Visits, Trips Important Dates	Fri 9 Sep DISCO 5PM—7PM \$5 per child	Wed Supersports		Wed Supersports Fri 30 Sep Last day of Term 3 & final day for Fee Payment		

Programme topics for this term

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

- * Commonwealth Games
- * Self Portraits
- * Keeping ourselves fit and healthy
- * Chickens
- * Our Dads

Please remember to refer us to friends and family if they are looking for a Kindergarten & Like us on Facebook and Instagram



It is COLDER now, grab a sweatshirt, very cool design and excellent quality brand (AC Colour)

Sweatshirts (AC Colour brand): size 4 and 6 in stock now @ \$40 each.

These look amazing on and are a great option for winter warmth at Kindergarten
See Karen if you would like to order one.



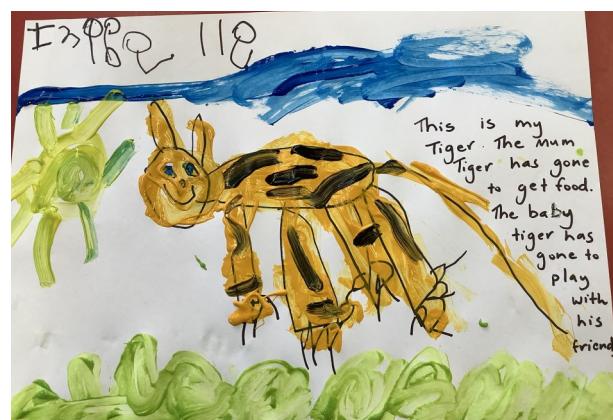
We have had a few siblings start this term and enjoy time together



The carpentry shed is always popular with the our new children



The children always enjoy getting back into producing artwork



GORGEOUS

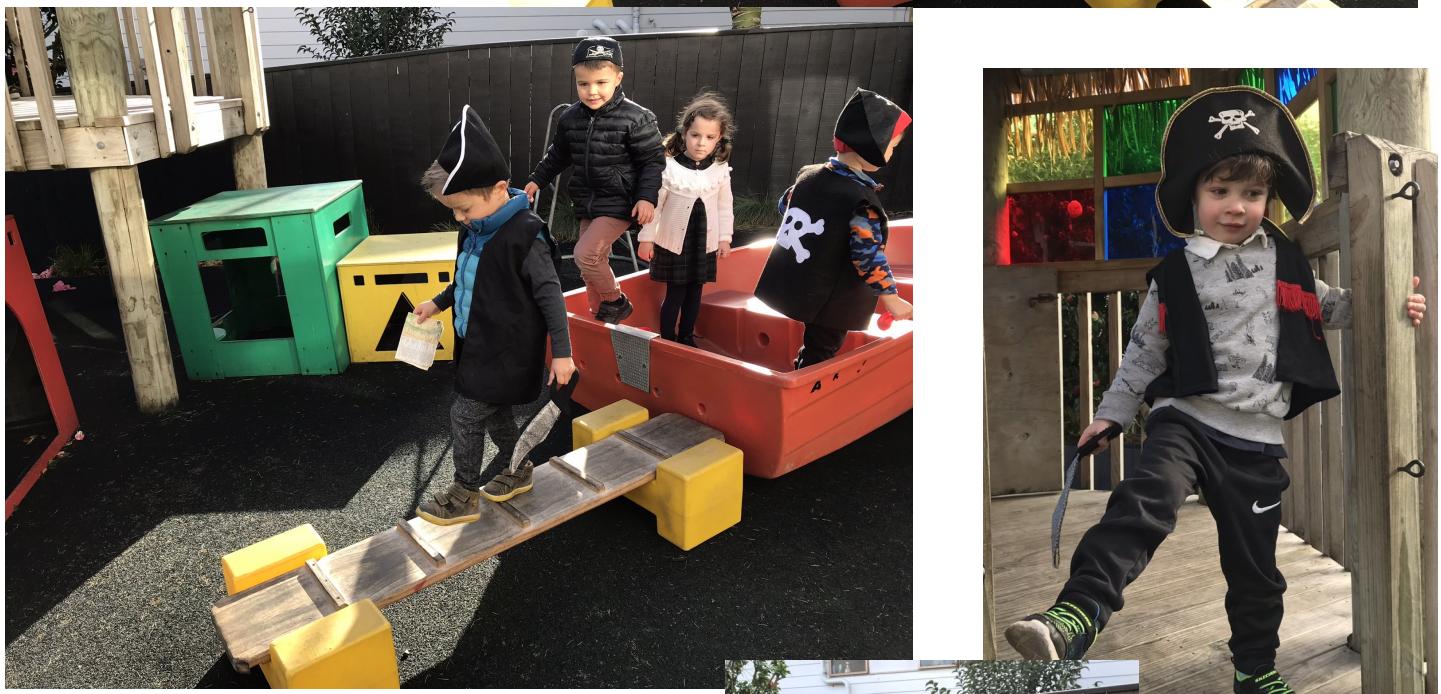


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Pirate play has been very popular



Walking the plank !!!

