



NEWSLETTER

PANUI

TERM 2 2022



From Gaylene Brownlie

Tenā Koutou all

Welcome back to Kindergarten everyone, and welcome in to the building! It is great to have you all back in our space. I hope you had a lovely Easter and relaxing holiday from Kindergarten. Term 1 was our first full term for some time so everyone was definitely ready for a break!

It has been a really nice and settled start to the term. We have several new children and families who we would like to welcome to our Kindergarten community. We look forward to getting to know you all. Please just ask if you are unsure of anything.

It has been quite evident this week, that after so long dropping at the door, the children have become very independent and are used to organising themselves at drop off times. Please continue to encourage this independence 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.

Autumn has definitely arrived with a much cooler start to the day. Please dress your children in layers as we will be spending as much time as possible outdoors and it can warm up considerably during the day. It is now up to you whether your child needs a sunhat or not. Our shade sails are still up but they will be removed soon for an annual clean and then stored for winter.

We have really appreciated how you have kept your children home if they have been unwell. Please continue to do this as we move through Autumn and Winter. We have seen notable absences this week due to illness.

Please remember to name all of your child's items - including lunch boxes and drink bottles. If you do misplace something, our lost property baskets are by the entrance door.

We are thrilled to welcome back Super Sports this term. Dan and his team will be coming in every second Wednesday to take a ball skills session with all the Wednesday children.

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.

Nga mihi
Gaylene Brownlie

Ka whāngaia, ka tupu, ka puāwai. That what is nurtured blossoms and grows.

Important Dates

TERM DATES for 2022

Term 2	Monday 2 May—Friday 8 July
Term 3	Monday 25 July—Friday 30 September
Term 4	Monday 17 October—Friday 16 December

We are closed for the following holidays this term:

Queens Birthday	Monday 6th June
Matariki Holiday	Friday 24th June

Important Dates to Note:

Super Sports	Every second Wednesday beginning 11th May
Pet Safari Visit	Friday 10th June <i>Sally and her menagerie of interesting animals</i>
Fotoman Individual & Class	Thursday 16th, Friday 17th June
Fotoman Family Photos	Saturday 18th June

Important Information

SUPER SPORTS

During Term Two we have Coach Dan and Ethan from Super Sports visiting. They will be coming in every second Wednesday to take some sports sessions with all the children that attend a Wednesday session. Each session includes their four key values - Coordination and sport technique, listening and communication, respect, fun and enjoyment.

Each session the coaches will use methods, equipment and coaching techniques that teach children these core values. 'Co-ordinating kids and developing well rounded individuals' is their aim.

5th BIRTHDAY/'GRADULATIONS'

The 'Gradulation' 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.

WINTER BUGS AND ILLNESS

Already we are noticing children with running noses and coughs. Because illness spreads rapidly in this environment, it is very important that you keep your child home if they are unwell – **EVEN IF THEY WANT TO COME**. If you are unsure give us a call and check with one of the teachers. Please text, (020 415 93212), phone (09 6388760) or email kindergarten if your child is going to be absent as this enables us to monitor the types of illness going around and what our roll numbers will be for the day.

RESOURCES

We are happy to say that 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.

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.

SUNHATS /CLOTHING

Sunhats are now optional for Terms 2 and 3. We will be spending as much time outdoors as possible so please ensure your child is dressed in layers for those cold days. She/he may need a warm hat later in the term. We talk with your children about being aware of their own body temperature and taking a layer off or putting one on if they are uncomfortable.

Please also ensure that your child has spare clothes in their bag and that they are named.

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

Our ME TREE is looking fantastic! 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.

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.

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 8th July, unless you are leaving during the term and then they are due by your child's leaving date.

There are 10 weeks in term 2

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.

**Julius Merlino, Bella Klink, Lamonte Tindall, Caleb Chiang,
Bo Billy Kunac, George Mason, Peter Smith,
Harper Wiltshire, Luke Kempes & Victoria Elliot.**



Child's Voice & Art

Today when Mrs Anderson released the children after lunch, one of our boys went to leave the mat without his lunch box. Mrs Anderson called him back and asked him to put his lunch box back in his bag. This was his reply, which we thought was gorgeous.

"It's hard work being a kid".

Fundraising

A Big Thanks to Fresh Choice, Greenlane

They kindly donated the beautiful food hamper for our raffle that is currently running until Friday 20th May, details are on the next page.



Harriet & Kathryn picking up our hamper.

This money will be going towards the cost of replacing some of the old sunshades outside.

Gardner Road Kindergarten
sweatshirts, bags and sunhats
celebrating 50 years in our community.

It is getting COOLER 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.

Bags in stock now in red, cream and blue @ \$10 each.

Hats in stock now in Navy blue XS, S, & M @ \$10 each

See Karen stock samples, ordering form attached



Great to have on hand for shopping.



Good quality hats with great sun protection



These look amazing on and are a great option for winter warmth at Kindergarten

\$150 FOOD HAMPER RAFFLE

**TO HELP TOWARDS THE
COST OF NEW SUN SHADES**



Fresh Choice in Greenlane have kindly donated a food hamper to the value of \$150, filled with delicious pantry delights and tasty new treats to enjoy with the family.

Get your tickets at Kindergarten

1 ticket \$2

OR

3 tickets \$5



Drawn on Wednesday 20 May

(make sure you include your phone number on your ticket tab)

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

Week No	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday's date	02/05	09/05	16/05	23/05	30/05	06/06
Visits, Trips Important Dates		Mon 6 Jun Queens Birthday Closed				Fri 10 Jun Pet Safari
Week No	7	8	9	10		
Monday's Date	13/06	20/06	27/06	04/07		
Visits, Trips Important Dates	Thr 16 Jun Fri 17 Jun Fotoman Individual & Class photos					
	Sat 18 Jun Fotoman Family	Fri 24 Jun Matariki Day Closed		Fri 8 Jul Last day of Term 2		

Programme topics for this term

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

- * Autumn/Winter
- * Our Mums
- * Space
- * Pets and other Animals

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



Onehunga One Tree Hill
Rotary
Club



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**



The Rotary Club of Onehunga - One Tree Hill has donated a number of **SANDPIT DIGGERS** to various kindergartens and early childhood centres in the area. The homemade diggers were built with the assistance of the Rotary Club of North Harbour.

We hope that the use of the diggers will provide much enjoyment for the children and assist in the development of their hand/eye skills.

Rotary is a service organisation working in the local community
and is actively seeking **NEW MEMBERS**

JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Contact: Iain McCrae (Club Secretary) Mb: 021 963 899, Email: djainz.mc@gmail.com
www.rotaryonehungaonetreehill.co.nz

Enjoying the new digger kindly donated by Onehunga Rotary

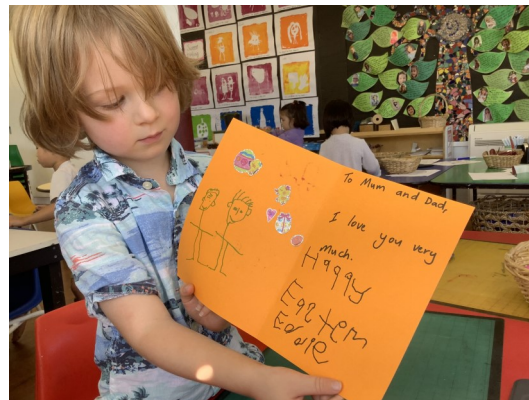
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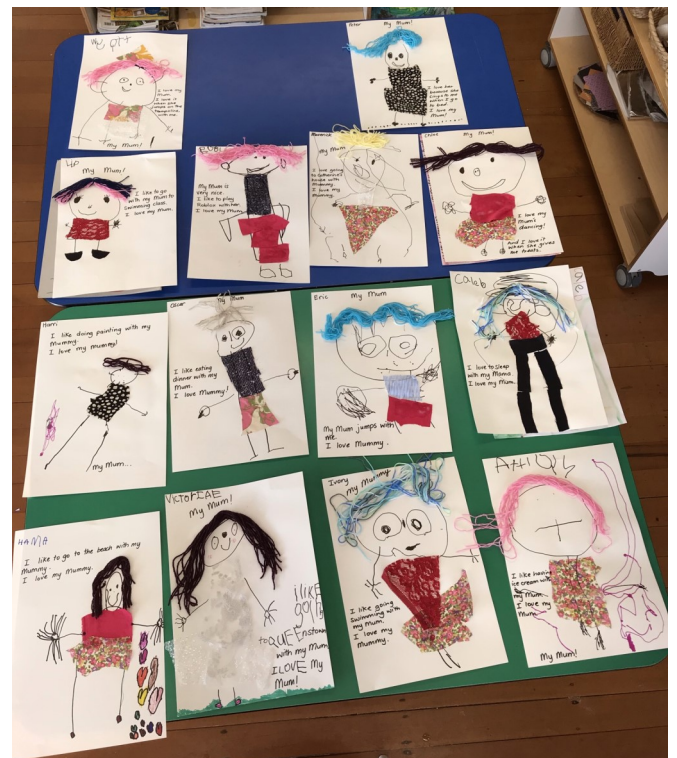
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GORGEOUS



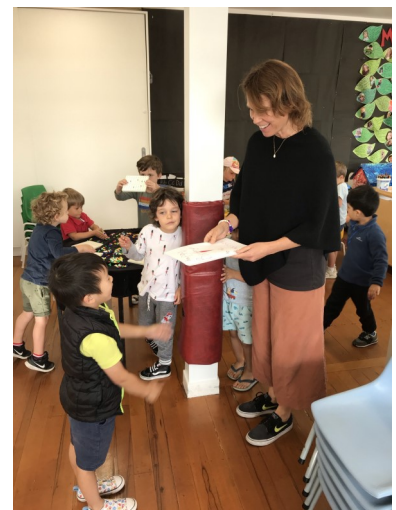
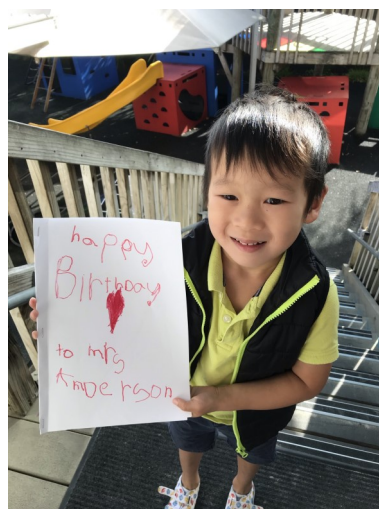
When we returned we made beautiful pictures of our Mum's



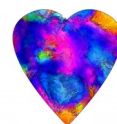
We are getting really good on the Monkey Bars



It was Mrs Anderson's birthday



and a special card was given to her



It is fun to be back with our Friends too



Super Sports are back—YAHOO



Look at the amazing artwork

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your children are producing



We are busy making things, showing things & learning things

