

Monthly Newsletter, April 2022

Hari huritau, Happy birthday

This week we celebrated Samuel's 4th birthday in the classroom together with his Mum, Sarah and his brothers. Samuel, we are wishing you a very happy and healthy year ahead!



We also welcome our friend Clayton back into the centre next week. We are looking forward to reconnecting with him and his Whanau.

Kind reminders

The Autumn season has brought changes to our weather and outdoor environment. Please could we ask all families to repack children's bags with both warm and cooler clothing changes, as the weather can be quite varied over the day. Jumpers and longer pants are essential items. Please also consider packing a raincoat/ jacket and gumboots. These can be kept at the centre during the week and taken home on weekends. We continue to incorporate outside activities into our daily routines in most weather and the right clothing really helps support us!

Curriculum planning

We have some fresh changes happening at Little Earth Montessori Rosedale this month. We have updated and redesigned our indoor classroom, in response to our observations of children's learning and overall wellbeing. In addition to our main classroom given a fresh new look, we are redesigning our second classroom ahead of new enrolments in 2022.



We have also begun to remodel areas of our outdoor environment. We have dug up our garden beds after a dormant winter and planted new seedlings. Children have been involved every step of the way and learnt about all areas of gardening, from digging and clearing beds, learning about soil health and composting, growing new seedlings from seed, planting, watering and harvesting. This work has been really engaging for our children and we will continue to focus on learning across many areas, including botany, health, care for the environment and sustainability as the year continues.



We have also recently laid new a new soft fall surface outside and are looking forward to new physical play resources arriving soon. These additions to our outside space will support the Playball programme coaching sessions that will commence soon on a weekly basis. Thank you for your interest in and support of this programme!

We are really excited on how all of these changes will support and positively benefit our children's learning and development. We hope you can come in to enjoy them soon!

Events and celebrations

This month we celebrated both the Easter holiday and ANZAC day together with the children.

For Easter, we focused on learning about the cultural and symbolic aspects of the holiday as it is celebrated in New Zealand.

We learnt about the lifecycle of the chicken, explored the practical use of eggs through boiling, peeling and eating, as well as painting and dyeing them. We shared stories and fables about the Easter Bunny, and enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt of our own, using handmade baskets. We completed our celebration with a morning tea of warmed hot cross buns.



We acknowledged ANZAC day this year through exploring stories with themes about the past, and traits of bravery and remembrance. We crafted poppies to wear and baked ANZAC cookies as our tribute to the occasion.

This week we will show our gratitude and love for our treasured mothers and grandmothers, in the form of a Mother's Day tea event, this coming Friday. We are really looking forward to welcoming our lovely mothers' into the centre to share in activities, treats and afternoon tea, on this very special day.

