



**(Term 3 ends on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September and Term 4 begins of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October)**

Welcome to our 1st newsletter of Term 3. We trust that you had a good, relaxing break and are refreshed for a busy, fun filled Term at Trinity ☺ We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new families to Trinity - we look forward to getting to know you and your child and are excited at all the things we have to offer this term.

### Staff News:

We would like to welcome Hazel Spinnler back to Trinity. Hazel will be joining us full time as from week 3 of the term. Many families will know Hazel as she worked with us last year and has been a regular reliever for Trinity too. We are thrilled to have her join our amazing team again. WELCOME BACK HAZEL ☺

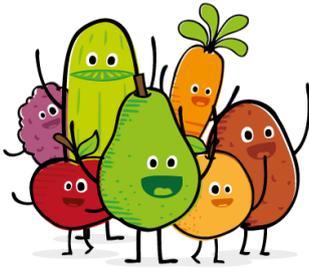
### Term 3 dates to note:

- **22<sup>nd</sup> Aug - Rising Stars Chats** - More info to follow
- **31<sup>st</sup> Aug** - Pappa's Pizza Night - all dads welcome. Invitation to follow
- **8<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Snow Day for the Shining and Rising Stars. **This is a surprise** - no telling kiddies please! More info to follow
- **29<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Red Nose Day
- **29<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Last day of Kindy for Term 3



**JULY** we celebrate "Plastic Free July". This is in support of our sustainability topic that we have been concentrating on in Term 2. "Plastic Free July" is a national campaign to help create awareness of the problems with single-use disposable plastic and challenges people to do something about it. We will extend this into Term 3 and will have Reusable Shopping Bags available for parents to purchase. We would like to encourage parents to use these bags in their child's Kindy bag instead of plastic packets. We will endeavour to use these bags too instead of plastic packets. These reusable bags can be used for spare clothes and we can put any wet clothing in these bags too when they go home. Your support of this initiative is very much appreciated. **We will be sending home a pack of 15 reusable bags in different colours and patterns for you to sell for only \$5 per bag. Any unsold bags can be returned to kindy ☺**





## Nude Food

As an extension of this we will also be promoting "nude food" or rubbish free lunch boxes.

The benefits of packing a rubbish free lunch are wide-ranging:

- Reducing your environmental footprint
- Teaching children about the need to reduce, reuse and recycle
- Having fun creating delicious lunches and snacks
- Looking after your health
- Providing mums with an easy lunch packing solution

Check out the following link for ideas on Nude Food:

<http://www.nudefoodmovers.com.au/product/rubbish-free-lunch-box/>

## Reading our notice boards

- Our large notice board is strategically placed in the area where many whanau members wait just before collecting their children. We are asking you to take just a few minutes to read some of the notices on the board because these displays will give you insight into our current programme and our emergent curriculum. It is so rewarding to see parents share these photographs and stories with their children so please consider pausing for a moment and reading just one or two of the displays when you have the time. Feedback through Kid Reports is also valued, so thank you for taking the time to do that too.

## Some general reminders:

- Once again we request that you please remember to sign your child in and out for each and every session with the correct time recorded as this is a Ministry requirement and it ensures that we are able to keep your child safe in the event of an emergency (e.g. a fire or earthquake). We are noticing that more and more children are arriving after 9:00am. We lose funding for the children who do not arrive on time - please ensure that you arrive before 9:00 am.
- When collecting your child, please collect their bag and then enter through the door closest to the office and exit the other one. This is for safety reasons please.
- With the change in weather, please ensure your child is warmly dressed and spare warm clothes provided in their bag.
- Please keep your sick child at home. Sick children = sick teachers ☺ Thank you for your consideration. If you have a sick sibling, we are more than happy to collect your child at the gate to eliminate bringing the sick sibling into the kindy.
- Please check the lost property regularly and please kindly ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled as this helps us to easily locate the owners. **All unclaimed/unnamed lost property items will be bagged and sent to the clothing bin at the end of each term.** We also request that your child does not bring any toys, jewellery or "cuddlies" to Kindy as these can easily go missing and this may distress your child.
- Please continue to check your child's Kindy pocket for any communication that needs to go home.



- "Helping Hands". We welcome any parent help throughout the year! Please see the office if you can give any time at Kindy or are able to take a small job home to do for us (cutting, pasting etc.). Any help will be greatly appreciated.
- **We are also seeking someone who loves garden work and can spare a few hours to help us in our garden 😊**
- We are always in need of empty cereal boxes etc. for our craft activities. Any paper for artwork will be greatly accepted too.
- Please check our website regularly as we try to update the photographs and newsletters as often as possible. You can find us at: [www.trinitykindy.co.nz](http://www.trinitykindy.co.nz)

*Ka kite ano ... until the next time!*

*From your committed, enthusiastic Trinity Teaching Team*

*Engela, Bernice, Debs, Debbie, Pippa and Hazel*

*"Trinity Kindergarten aims to develop in each child, a healthy mind, body and spirit and to build a sense of belonging for the child and the family, based on the principles of the Christian faith."*

