



21 September 2017

(Term 4 ends on Friday 15th December and
Term 1 begins on Wednesday 7th February 2018)

Welcome to our first Newsletter of Term 4. We trust you had a restful break and are ready for a fun-filled Term 4! We would like to take the opportunity of welcoming all our new families to Trinity this term. We are transitioning another 9 new families to Trinity this term and we wish them all a happy and fun time with us. Please take note of the closing date for this year as well as the opening date for 2018.

We are all excited, enthusiastic and rearing to get going with all the fun festive activities planned for this busy term ☺. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to enjoy all of these wonderful experiences with your children ...we treasure all of the special memories you and your lovely children are creating at Trinity Kindy. It is hard to believe that we are already practising for our Rising Stars Nativity and sharing the wonderful gospel of Christmas with your children. We hope that you have started your Christmas shopping and are excitedly planning your wonderful, relaxing summer holiday.

Last term our teachers thoroughly enjoyed witnessing the absolute amazement and delight not only on your children's faces but also on your amazed expressions when you walked through the gates for our Shining and Rising Stars SNOW DAY. Thank you to the dads for all their help! We look forward to sharing this experience once again next year. Please have a look at our website for all the wonderful photos of your children.

During Term 4 Trinity Kindergarten will be reviewed by the Education Review Office (ERO). As soon as we have a date from ERO we will let you know.

Important dates to note:

- 23rd October - Labour Day - Kindy closed
- 24th November - Trinity Annual Nativity Play - For Rising Stars Only
- 6th December - Christmas Party for the Shining and Rising Stars
- 7th December - Christmas Party for the Mini Miracles
- 15 December - Last day of Kindy for Term 4 - **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**

All of our Rising Star children have started rehearsals for the annual Nativity Concert. The Nativity is for Rising Star children only and will take place on Friday 24th November at 5.30. **There will be NO Rising Stars session for our children on that Friday and all children are to be collected by 12.45pm to allow them time to rest and eat before returning to Kindy for the Nativity. Costumes will go home after session.** Rising Stars must arrive at Kindy by 4:15pm on Friday 24th Nov already changed in their costumes to have photographs taken before the Nativity starts. Parents of Rising Stars are asked to please bring a plate or two of food for a shared supper in the hall after the Nativity. Please cater according to the number of family members you bring.

Our Trinity Kindy kiddies are invited to enjoy a Christmas party at Kindy. So for our Tuesday and Thursday session this party will be on Thursday 7th December during session time. Our Monday, Wednesday and Friday session children will be attending the party on Wednesday 6th December during session time. Parents are not required to stay for the party; however parent help would be greatly appreciated. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate siblings at the parties.

Please pack your child their normal lunch box on that day as we will not be serving any food.

Many of our Rising Stars will be leaving Kindy towards the end of this term to start school in the New Year so we will have farewell ceremonies throughout weeks 7, 8 and 9 this term. Dates will be advised shortly.

There is a new updated Te Whāriki Curriculum - this will be available to view at the sign-in register or you can view below:

<https://education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Early-Childhood/ELS-Te-Whariki-Early-Childhood-Curriculum-ENG-Web.pdf>

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:

- Please supply Pull-ups if your child is not yet toilet trained as we do not supply these at Kindy. We urge you to please use the benefit of these warmer summer months to work alongside your child and the Trinity teachers to toilet train your child as we aim to have as few children as possible in Pull-ups in Term 1 next year.
- 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 loose 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.**
- No children to play on the playground after session - this includes siblings coming along for pick up. Thank you
- Please be extra vigilant in the car park. The Minister from the Church has kindly asked that parents please slow down when entering and exiting the carpark.
- Please collect your child's art from the Artwork box during the term.
- During Term 4 and Term 1, in accordance with our sun safe policy, we insist that all children wear sun hats at Kindy and we ask that you please apply sunblock before bringing your child to Kindy. If your child arrives without a sunhat they will be asked to play in the shade and inside in order for us to keep them safe.
- A change of clothes is also imperative during the summer months when we encourage water play at Kindy.
- 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 will be starting a laundry roster and asking parents to please assist us in getting our dirty towels/dress-up washed and dried after session. Thank you in advance for this.
- **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.

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to help us.

- 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

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."

