

Monthly Newsletter, May 2022

Welcome!

Yijun and Yihong

This week we welcomed two new friends, and their family to the centre. Yijun and Yihong have joined us from their Montessori school in Hong Kong. We are so happy to have you hear with us at Little Earth Montessori Rosedale and we look forward to supporting and guiding you as your learning journey continues in New Zealand!



Kind reminders

Parent—Kaiako Meetings are taking place this **Thursday 9 June, and Friday 10 June**. We look forward to sharing our observations and assessments with you, including your child's strengths and current learning and development, and where to next, and look forward to your questions, comments and feedback. We really appreciate your efforts to prepare for these valuable meetings by filling in the feedback form provided and thank you for your time, in advance. Shared communication between home and centre is a key aspect of our practice as Kaiako and we value your insight and aspirations for your children greatly.

Curriculum planning

This month we are beginning a curriculum planning focus on **Self Help and Independence skills** related to hygiene, dressing, self care, food preparation and grace and courtesy skills. With the Winter season now upon us we felt it very appropriate to revisit hygiene awareness and practices first. We have so far focused on safe and hygienic nose blowing and hand washing. We have also been working further on our table manners in handling and sharing of food during our kai time, as well as related manners including using cutlery, holding, and eating food and expected behaviour at a shared table. Our children are developing and displaying wonderful practices in these areas, which builds their self esteem, confidence and mana. Older children also support younger children daily in these areas, in a tuakana/ teina relationship and are excellent at role modelling. Ka pai tamariki!



Our **Little Scientist** programme has begun! Our first weekly session with teachers Jess and Jean was all about Goo! Children were amazing with how their mixtures resulted in transformations into goop, goo, slime and sludge. This educational and hands on programme will teach our children about various areas of science through experimentation and play.

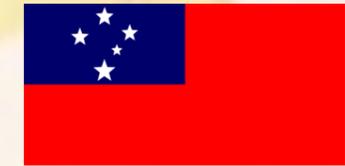


We are continuing to develop our physical skills during our **Playball** sessions where each week children are guided through a game based physical education programme to learn to move confidently and gain control over their bodies. Each session we see children challenge themselves physically whilst having fun and exploring their capabilities.



Events and celebrations

This month we celebrated **Samoan Language Week**. Teachers introduced the Samoan flag to children, and highlighted the geographical and cultural features of Samoa. We listened to songs in Samoan language and practiced greetings with each other.



Nicky Shave from the **Rosedale Park Restoration** project met with us at the Centre this month and shared the vision, plan and aspirations for this exciting and inspiring project happening in our local area. As a centre we are honoured to be a part of the diverse community of individuals and groups that will work together in the years to come to see the project to fruition. For more information please check their [website](#). We look forward to the opening event at the project site celebrating the projects' beginning. This will take place on the morning of our first **Matariki** public holiday in Aotearoa on **Friday 24 June, from 8.45am**. Invitations and details have been extended by teachers and we warmly welcome your attendance as part of the Little Earth whanau.

