



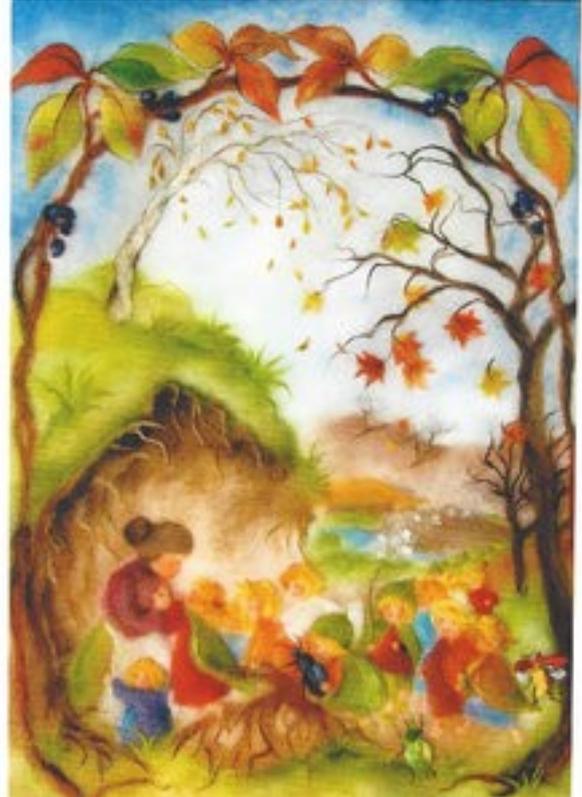
A home away from home

18th April 2019

Yellow the Bracken

*Yellow the bracken, golden the sheaves.
Rosy the apples, crimson the leaves.
Mist on the hillside, clouds grey and white.
Autumn good morning, summer good night.*

These stunning Autumn days are such a treat for us all before we move into the Winter season. I have been listening to Kim John Payne, creator of 'Simplicity Parenting' and I was interested in his thoughts on low key holidays as we enjoy our Easter Break. Kim suggests having more minimalistic, relaxed holidays with more space. He recommends that parents spend the first day or two staying close to the child and engaging with them until they start to self-create in their play more and sink deeper into their wonderful space of play. He says that over the first day or so the child is decongesting and unpacking the busyness of their usual life of car trips to day-care/school and hobbies and visits and playdates and supermarkets. Once you can see they have unwound and cut through the expected boredom (which is actually a gift) you can back off, watch their imagination take flight and enjoy your holiday too.



Laura, Cheryl, Genine and I were blessed to be a part of the Waldorf 100 Conference for Teachers at Michael Park School this weekend just gone. We got the opportunity to listen to experts in this education, explore our artistic side and use reflective poetry to build our own well-being. Being around so many like minded yet hugely diverse people who have all been pulled towards this rich and life changing education was exciting and inspiring. It also highlighted how unique our centre is as the only childcare represented there and what an honour it is to be on the leading edge! Walking around the school we felt like we were in another land and enjoyed seeing how Waldorf Education looks and feels at Michael Park. We came away filled with ideas and hope and inspiration.

In the coming term, I will endeavour to have a teacher from our school come to discuss our school and all that it offers as I know a few of you have been asking and were unable to get to the Journey evening last month.

Have a blessed and safe Easter!

Aroha nui,
Justine, Genine, Cheryl, Stephanie, Laura, Brooke,
Georgia, Rebecca, Victoria, Cai and Yvonne.



Coming Up!

- ⇒ April 19th & 22nd: Good Friday and Easter Monday. **Centre Closed.**
- ⇒ April 25th: ANZAC day. **Centre Closed.**
- ⇒ Waikato Waldorf School Holidays: 13th–28th April.

Fundraiser!



We are selling Wet Nappy Bags in our centres.

These were an idea to replace the plastic bags we use to send home any wet or soiled clothing with your child each day.

We would love your support in raising some funds for our centre and reducing the plastic in our environment.

Cost \$9 each (\$2 from each bag goes to KTC)

Please see samples on the sign in tables and fill in order form and money in jar if you wish to purchase one. Any questions please see Victoria. Orders in by April 29th please. Thanks!



Make an Autumn Leaf Mobile and hang it in the sunshine and near a window and watch the leaves dance and glow in the light,



As the weather changes and cools down, please remember to continue packing at least one spare set of clothes.

Also include:

- ⇒ A sun hat for warm afternoons and a woollen beanie for cooler mornings.
- ⇒ A rain jacket
- ⇒ Gumboots are best over wet months



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