



# KOWHAI TUI CHILDCARE CENTRES

*A home away from home*

12th December, 2018

## The Lights of Advent

*The First Light of Advent is the Light of Stone—Stones that live in crystals, seashells, and bones.*

*The Second Light of Advent is the Light of the Plants—Plants that reach up to the sun and in the breezes dance.*

*The Third Light of Advent is the Light of the Beasts—All await the birth, from greatest and to the least.*

*The Fourth Light of Advent is the Light of Humankind—The light of hope that we may learn to love and understand.*

- Rudolf Steiner

This time of year is one that calls for everything we live and breathe here at Kowhai and Tui. Gratitude, reverence and kindness. As the anticipation builds for the arrival of Christmas and all that it means to you and your family we encourage dedicated times to slow down and practice these beautiful virtues with each other. Our staff always begin every team meeting sharing our blessings from our week in our Centre's. Creating an attitude of gratitude is very important to us all. And we are very appreciative of the support we have received from all of our families over this transition period for our Centre's. This has not been easy for all involved but we are very happy to be able to continue to offer a place where your children are able to be relaxed in who they are. We commit to enhancing our programme as best we can over 2019. We are excited about the new year and all that we will be able to bring you and your child!

We hope to see many of you next Friday for our Special Person's Morning Tea!

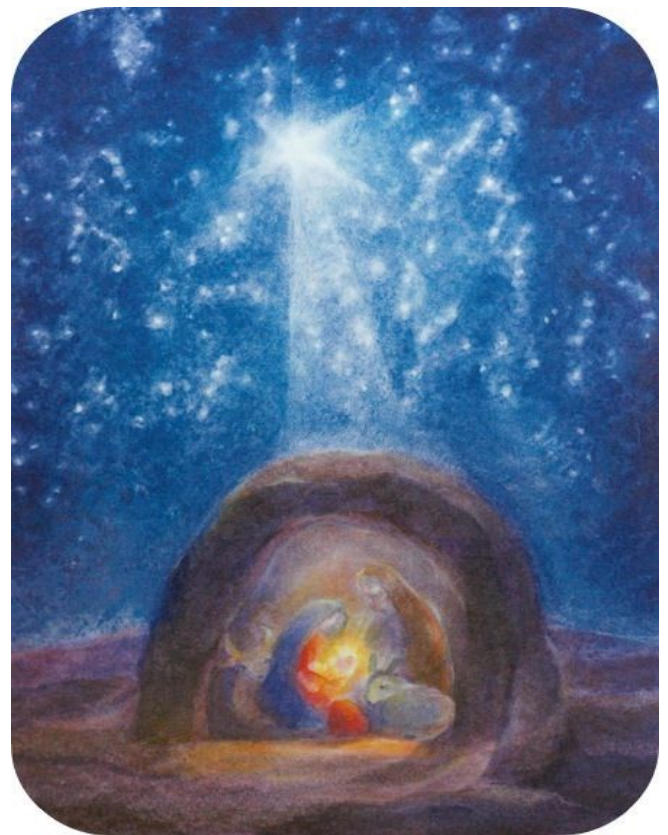
Festive Blessings to you all and have a safe and joyful holiday break!

Aroha nui,

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



**Kowhai Tui**  
Waldorf Childcare



**You are all invited to our  
Special Person's  
Morning Tea at  
Kowhai Tui Childcare!**

Friday 21st December  
as 9:45am

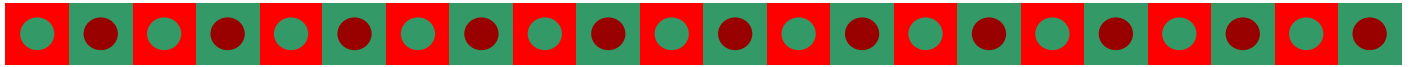


To celebrate the closing of the year and to continue the development of Whanaungatanga in our centre, to build respectful relationships with our whānau, and to honour the human realm within our Advent programme, we wish to invite you, or someone special in your child's life to our Special Person's Morning Tea on December 21st at 9:45am.



We would love to share with you the verse we say before our mealtimes throughout December here at Kowhai so that you may also practice it at home. My children and I still sing our Kowhai blessings before meals all these years later.

*We light one/two/three/four candles shining rays.  
Upon these holy Advent days.  
Fill our hearts with loving might.  
And lead us to Advent's shining light.*



Reminder that we CLOSE Friday 21st 5:30pm and RE-OPEN Tuesday 8th January 7:30

Please ensure you have returned your form if you are changing your child's hours for 2019.

Also please keep in mind, Casual Bookings are really to help you out when you find yourself in a pickle (once in a blue moon). We are finding that some children are being brought in for casual days every week even multiple times per week. This will not be accepted in 2019 because our rhythm is vital to our day which includes knowing the children who are booked for each day and ensuring our ratios are always at best.



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