



A home away from home

8th May 2019

*Come, little leaves,
Said the wind one day;
Come to the meadows
With me and play.
Put on your dresses
Of red and gold;
For summer is past,
And the days grow cold.*

Dear Kowhai and Tui whānau,

Welcome to the final month of Autumn! Isn't our city of Hamilton truly a display of beauty at this time of the year with fiery red and orange and brilliant yellow leaves!

Here at Kowhai and Tui, we are always striving to improve our practice and the service we offer. We continue work to strengthen our philosophy and our rhythms to provide security and happiness to all who come to our centre both children and adults. Knowing what to expect is such a critical part of the day for our children and we are finding ways to minimize disruption and distraction from the day and to create and maintain a strong connection to this place and each other and what we do altogether. We thank you for your cooperation as we make small alterations as we evolve.

"A rhythmic home life has pattern and a flow. Its cadences are recognizable, and knowable, even to the youngest members of the family. Because the primary patterns- daily, weekly- are so well-established, life's other sequences- seasonal, annual- fit smoothly over well-worn grooves... [through our family rhythms] we are connected by the things we do together. "

- Kim John Payne from Simplicity Parenting

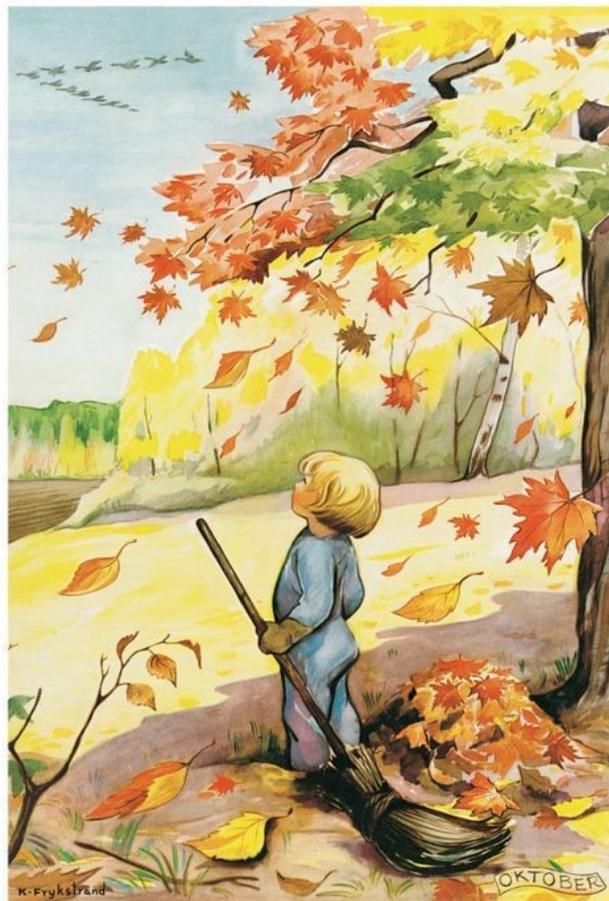
One part of our weekly rhythm is wet on wet painting which lets the child experience the purity of moving colours not restricted by form. Wet on wet allows for the child to have an experience perfect to their developmental age. We focus on single colours matching the colours of the season around us. This lets the child get to know the quality of the colour well and also know the nature of the child themselves. This is a wonderful experience for both the child and the adult so please try wet on wet painting one day for yourself.

At the end of this month is our Kowhai Tui Childcare Trust AGM on Wednesday 29th May at 7:30pm in Kowhai Whare. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Rebecca.

We have made some exciting and delicious adjustments to our Winter Menu which the children are starting to really enjoy. Please see our notice boards to see what is on the new menu. Big thanks to Justine for her effort with this.

Our Matariki Evening is fast approaching on the 12th of June. We will be putting more information out about this soon and be making requests for soup makers to bring along a pot of yummy soup. This is a favourite celebration for many of our staff and families so it would be great to share this with all of you.

Warmest of blessings to you and your family,
Justine, Genine, Cheryl, Stephanie, Laura, Brooke, Georgia, Rebecca, Victoria, Cai and Yvonne.



*Tui Whare has seen a lovely increase in children this year so we have decided to have **Genine** permanently join the Tui Teaching Team with Brooke and Stephanie. Everyone is excited about this change! We have appreciated Genine over the year stepping in wherever she was required.*

Coming Up!

- ⇒ Wednesday 29th May, 7:30pm. Kowhai Tui Childcare Trust AGM. Kowhai Whare.
- ⇒ Friday 31st May. WAIKIDS Hearing and Vision Visit for 4 year olds.
- ⇒ Monday 3rd June: Queen's Birthday. Centre Closed.
- ⇒ Wednesday 12th June: Kowhai and Tui's Matariki Evening.
- ⇒ Parent Aspirations Meetings July.

AUTUMN MEALTIME BLESSING

For the golden corn,
and the apples on the trees 
For the golden butter
and the honey from the bees
or fruits and nuts and berries,
we find along the way
We praise and thank Mother Earth,
each and every day
For sun and rain
And grass and grain
For all who toil 
On sea and soil
That we may eat
This daily food
We give our loving thanks.

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 **plain woollen beanie** for cooler mornings.
- ⇒ A rain **jacket**.
- ⇒ **Gumboots** are best over wet months.

⇒ Knitted slippers and hats for sale. \$4 each. Funds to The Uriel Trust.

⇒ Please remember to follow our philosophy of plain clothing and personal items for your children while they are here. Thanks!



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Five Little Leaves Finger Song

(to tune of Five Little Ducks)

Five little leaves so bright and gay,
Were dancing about on a tree one day.
The wind came blowing through the town,
And one little leaf came tumbling down.

Four little leaves so bright and gay...
and so on.



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