



Cambridge Early Learning Centre

November 2017

Kia Ora & Welcome!

What's happening this month and beyond:

- Nov 3rd—Last day for calendar orders
- Nov 6th—Scholastic orders due
- Nov 10th (Friday)— Grandparents Day
- Nov 19th —Round the Bridges-walk and run
- Nov 24th —Holiday notices due back in
- Dec 3rd— Cambridge Christmas Parade at 2pm
- Dec 15th —Children's Christmas party



Christmas Closedown



Our last day for 2017 will be Friday 22nd December,
we re-open on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at 7.30am.

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Staff News:

- Last month we welcomed 3 new teachers. Brooke and Sam have joined the Toddler's teaching team and Michele can be found at the Pagoda. It's lovely to have you all with us.
- Helen has finished at the Pagoda, having her last day late October. We wish her all the best for future endeavours.
- Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Meg early December as they are moving to sunny Northland. Meg has been a friendly and familiar face in the Centre for 28 years and will be terribly missed. We wish Meg and Glen all the very best.

Thank You:

To everyone who helped to celebrate Teachers Day last month. We shared a lovely day together and proudly wore our new Teachers Day tees.

Round the Bridges:

The Hamilton walk/run around the bridges is to be held Sunday 19th November. Once again we will be wearing our purple t-shirts and many teachers are taking part in memory of Eleanor, our much loved and missed Centre Cook.

Photo Day:

We are expecting to see the children's photo orders back in the Centre early November. Thank you to Masterpiece Photography for again capturing the personalities of the children with adorable individual photos.



Grandparents Day:

Annually we celebrate Grandparents Day, we will try and keep the day as authentic as possible so our Grandparents can see how the children spend their time in the Centre. This year Grandparents Day will be Friday 10th November. Grandparents are welcome to pop in during the day and spend time with the children. Please be mindful if your child sleeps that a suitable time is indicated to your Grandparents.

Policy Review:



This Month we are asking for your feedback on the Centre's **Sun smart policy** which we review annually.



Abacus Art Fundraiser:

Last month your children produced some wonderful artwork which can be turned into 2018 Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Note Pads. They make perfect Christmas gifts and are great for sending overseas! Our teaching teams will catch up with you individually to show you the artwork. The last day for orders will be Friday 3rd November and delivery of the products will be by the end of November, early December to allow plenty of time to meet overseas mail deadlines for Christmas. Thank you for your support ☺

Holiday Notices:

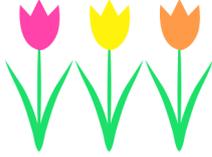
Please let us know your holiday plans so we can work out our rosters to accommodate the teachers plans (where possible). Please complete the enclosed Holiday Notice and return to the office by Friday 24th November. Thank you.



The Programme:



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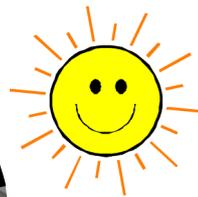


The Nursery 0- 18 Months

Welcome to our new friend Maverick who has recently joined our Nursery Whanau.

Transition visits are well underway for Breearna, Connor, Regan and William who we will say good-bye to later this month.

Thank you for returning the feedback form about your children's play. Our teaching team usually gets together twice a month to plan our programme. For us in the Nursery, the plans usually focus on resources and areas that we can set up in our environment to support children's current interests. Your feedback ensures that we are doing everything that we can to support your children's learning.



We celebrated 'Teacher's Day' with the children last month. It was a bright and colourful day that we all enjoyed together.

Our outside play has started to involve water, so please add more named clothing to your child's bag and check for bags of wet/dirty clothing.

Your child's portfolio folder is available for you to take home and share with your family at any time. Please just ask if you would like to take it. Thanks in advance for returning it so that we can add even more exciting stories and content! We love it when you share your own stories and events in the folder, sometimes we may ask questions at the end of a learning story for you to answer.

Thank you to the families who have donated toys, books and other resources to us recently, we really appreciate it.



The Toddlers

18 months-3 Years



We will welcome Connor, Breearna, William and Regan who are transitioning from the Nursery this month. Last month we had a large group transition over to the Pagoda; Indie, Harper, Zac, Olivia and Jimmy. We hear they are loving it.

What we have been up to this month:

We have had lots of slimey, slippery, messy play.



Now that its warming up we have had a lot more water play.



We have been doing a lot of planting and activities for our spring planning.



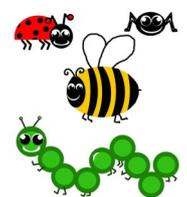
Last month we welcomed two new teachers into the Toddler unit; Sam and Brooke.



This month we say goodbye to Lucy who has been completing her 4 week practicum with us. All the best for the rest of your studies.

Grandparents Day : This annual event is being held on Friday 10th November. Grandparents are welcome to come and play throughout the day. A friendly reminder that the children will be having lunch and sleep / rest time from 12- 2.

This month for our planning we will focus on the living world. The children have been loving spending time outside and they have shown an interest in bugs and gardening. We will be doing a lot more around this interest over the next month.



The Pagoda

3½-5 years



A massive thanks to all who have ordered calendars, diaries etc - this is always a great fundraiser for the centre and we appreciate your support

What's been happening?

We welcomed our new teacher Michele, she is settling in nicely, hopefully lots of you have had an opportunity to meet her

We have lots of keen bug hunters at the Pagoda at the moment, there has been lots of exploring in the natural environment and transporting them to our bug hotel

Have you seen/answered the new question by the sign in sheet?

Grandparents Day

We would like to extend an invitation for Grandparents to join us at the Pagoda for a casual morning tea between 10 - 11am on Friday 10th November, please RSVP by Wednesday 8th

Reminders/ Information:

- We are in need of plastic bags please!!
- Please NO toys from home
- Please ensure that your child has at least 3 changes of clothes in their bag everyday, if you are able to provide a reusable/waterproof bag for their wet clothing to go home in that would be great

Staff News

It is with much sadness that we announce that Meg is leaving the CELC family after 28 years!! Meg is moving home to Whangarei to be closer to her mum. We will miss her dearly and her immense contribution at the Pagoda, details to follow for a special farewell morning tea.



COHORT ENTRY TO SCHOOL:

Local Primary Schools are starting to make their decision as to whether or not to introduce cohort entry. If you have a child close to heading to school please let us know their selected start date as soon as possible.

Cohort Entry is when new entrants start school in groups through the year, at the start of each school term, rather than on their fifth birthday.

When can my child start school under cohort entry?

Children will be able to start at a school with cohort entry at the beginning of the term closest to their fifth birthday, or the beginning of a later term. This means that some children, depending on when in the term their birthday falls, will be able to start school up to two months before they turn five, while other children will have to wait up to two months after their fifth birthday before they can start school.

For further details regarding when your child could start a primary school with cohort entry please visit the below web address, this has an easy to understand diagram.

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/your-child-at-school/cohort-entry/>





Finally...

We hope you are all enjoying your time with us.

We are certainly enjoying having your children at the Centre and getting to know you all.

Ten Attributes of Good Learners:

- ◆ **Attentive** - notice and listen
- ◆ **Curious** - ask questions, wonder, investigate
- ◆ **Resilient** - able to bounce back, cope with difficulties
- ◆ **Playful** - play around with materials, explore
- ◆ **Imaginative** - pretend, role play
- ◆ **Practical** - use common sense, make use of what they have
- ◆ **Sociable** - get on well with others
- ◆ **Empathetic** - can feel with others, see another view point
- ◆ **Self Regulating** - use internal controls
- ◆ **Thoughtful** - apply their mind to their world

