



Cambridge Early Learning Centre

March 2018

Kia Ora & Welcome!

What's happening this month and beyond:

Sunday 4th March – Children's Day

Monday 5th March – We are celebrating Children's Day in the Centre, see inside for details

Wednesday 7th March – Reuben the Road Safety Bear is coming to visit

Friday 16th March - We are having a **Green** Day to celebrate St Patrick's Day

Friday 30th March – Good Friday, the Centre is closed

Sunday 1st April – Daylight Savings ends

Monday 2nd April – Easter Monday, the Centre is closed

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Staff News:

- Anna has moved from the Toddlers to the Nursery. Anna is a welcome addition to the Nursery teaching team.
- Priscilla has started her early childhood teacher training at the University of Waikato. We may not see much of Priscilla as she will be busy with classes.
- Congratulations to Stacey and Nick who are getting married early March and congratulations also to Nicole and Hayden who are getting married Easter weekend.

Thank You:

Thank you to all the children who dressed up for our Kiwiana Day last month - we hope you had an enjoyable day.

Easter Weekend:

The Centre will be closed for Good Friday (March 30th) and Easter Monday (April 2nd), re-opening Tuesday 3rd April morning at 7.30am as usual. Traditionally we celebrate with a visit from the Easter Bunny prior to Easter weekend.



St Patrick's Day:

We will be celebrating with a **GREEN** theme on Friday 16th March for St Patrick's Day (Saturday 17th March). We will dress in **green**, eat **green** and think **green** ... lots of fun on our **GREEN DAY!!**

Policy review:

This Month we are asking for your feedback on the Centre's **Getting ready for bed procedure**.

Thanks to all who read and signed our **Procedure for dealing with child, staff and visitor accidents** which we had out for review last month.



Children's Day:

This year Children's day is officially Sunday 4th March . We will be celebrating Children's day on Monday 5th March with a special day in the centre. Please feel free to dress up, in centre we will be having a bouncy castle and picnic lunch.

Students:

We welcome Gill to the Centre. Gill is a Year 1 Wintec student and will be at the Pagoda completing her teaching experience.

We also welcome Rochelle who is a Gateway student from Cambridge High school. Rochelle will be helping in the Toddlers.

Entertainment Books:

The new Entertainment memberships are almost here and these are bigger and better than ever! We will have books available from the office following the launch at the end of March or you can purchase a digital membership securely online via www.entbook.co.nz/1w54069 for a total cost of \$65.00—(20% from every membership we sell contributes to our fundraising).

EARLY BIRD OFFERS are now available and these include meal deals for Sloth, Cambridge; Two Birds, Hamilton East; The Chilli House, Hamilton Central (which comes highly recommended) to name a few. These early bird offers can be collected from the office if you are purchasing a book membership or alternatively they will be automatically available when you download the Entertainment App and log in for digital memberships. Please complete the enclosed order form and return to the office to ensure you receive these fantastic offers.

Entertainment memberships are a great fundraiser for the Centre and the teachers are making a wish list of resources they would like for the children. Thank you in advance for your support



The Nursery

0-18 months



A warm welcome to Mackenzie, Gabriel and their families.

We have also welcomed our colleague Anna into the Nursery who has come across from the Toddlers area and will be teaching with us 3 days a week.



The Nursery will go green for St Patricks day on Fri 16th March. Join us and wear green if you like!



Things can change often in this age group so if you have any special requirements for your child, such as food intolerances, please speak to Mel or your child's key teacher so that we can discuss a plan.



With the weather changing and some cooler times in our day please remember to pack a jumper just in case it's required.



Whanau contribution: We have been sending home a summer page for whanau to add photographs and stories about the things that have been happening. It is entirely up to you what you would like to share, one copy will be filed into the portfolio and another will be laminated and displayed on the wall for the children to access. You are always very welcome to add content pages to your child's portfolio as this will belong to you and become a lovely record of events and milestones. Thanks so much!



The Toddlers

18 months-3 years



Welcome to Ed, Lucy, Hope, Brody and their families that have recently started in our unit. Farewell to Jackson and Matthias who will be transitioning to The Pagoda this month.

Lost property- Please keep an eye out for your child's lost items. They are found by our gate, in the foyer.

If you could also have a look at home for any belongings that might have ended up in your child's bag. We are currently missing a pair of gumboots and girls sandals.

Planning- This months planning is Creativity. Keep an eye out on the planning wall for updates and exciting things we have planned.

Art boxes- We have some new art boxes, they are located by our gate in the foyer. This is where you will find any artwork your child has created. Creativity is our focus for March so there may be a bit more then usual!!

Rochelle, a student from Cambridge High School, will be joining us this month to experience Early Childhood Education. Welcome Rochelle 😊

Please remember to write any messages regarding your child in the diary on the front desk, e.g. sleeps, change in contact person for the day, change to collector for the day. Thank you.



The Pagoda

3-5 years



Welcome to Matthias and Jackson who are transitioning from the Castle this month. We look forward to getting to know you and your families during your time with us at The Pagoda.

Planning

Our new planning cycle will be focusing on
Relationships—Nga hononga.

On this note, a big thank you to all those who have returned their amazing creations for Katie's family chandelier, they look incredible and we appreciate all the effort that has gone in to making them. If your child did not bring a little packet of wire and beads home please see one of the teaching team. A big part of this idea was to gain a better insight in to your aspirations and goals for your children—some of the stand out areas that came through were about children being kind, being happy, being resilient and showing understanding and empathy towards others.

Reminders:

- **Please ensure your child has several changes of clothes each day**
- **Please do not let children wear clothing that has spaghetti straps or singlets and please ensure that sunblock is applied prior to children arriving at the Pagoda, as per Centre policy**
- **If your child's dietary requirements have changed, please speak with us or the office to see how best we can work together to support these changes**
- **Please ensure your child is not bringing toys from home**

IMMUNISATION REGISTER

In a bulletin received from the Ministry of Education on Monday 26th February it states that—all early learning services must keep an immunisation register, which must record the name of each child and whether or not they are fully immunised. This is a requirement of the Health (Immunisation) Regulations 1995.

It is not compulsory for children to be immunised in New Zealand. Services cannot exclude children from enrolling if they are not immunised. If there is an outbreak of an infectious illness in a centre, then children who have not been immunised against that illness may need to be excluded for a period.

Chicken Pox (Varicella) vaccination:

From 1st July 2017 this vaccination has been included as one of the vaccinations received when a child turns 15 months old. Children who turned 15 months prior to this date needed to have the vaccination paid for by parents/carers if they wanted their child to receive it. Parents/carers will still be required to pay for any children over 15 months that to date have not received the vaccination.

We review our immunisation register on a regular basis and parents/carers are advised via letter or email if an update to our records is required. We are happy to photocopy your child's record from their Plunket book or alternatively you can request your Doctor's practice to email or fax the record to us directly.

Our email address is: celc.kids@xtra.co.nz

Our fax number is: 07 827 4828





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

