



Cambridge Early Learning Centre June 2018

Kia Ora & Welcome!

What's happening this month and beyond:

Friday 1st June - Right Royal Dress Up Day for the Queen's birthday

Monday 4th June – Queen's Birthday, the Centre is closed today

Tuesday 5th June— Helen Smith, Public Health Nurse is visiting re handwashing & nose blowing

June 13th -16th – Fieldays at Mystery Creek, watch out for traffic!!

June 15th—Matariki; the Maori New Year begins

June 21st – Shortest day

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Staff News:

- Last month we welcomed Mikayla to the Toddlers team. We are enjoying having Mikayla with us in the Centre.

Thank You:

A big thank you to all our wonderful Centre mums who joined in our celebrations for Mother's Day early May; we really enjoyed sharing this day with you all.

During May we also had our Pink Shirt Day—thanks to all who remembered to dress in **PINK**

Finally, a big thank you to Sam and his Farmyard Friends who joined us for a morning—the children thoroughly enjoyed their experiences with the animals.

Matariki:



This is the Maori New Year. Different people celebrate Matariki at different times; some when Matariki rises in late May or early June while others observe it at the first full moon or first new moon following the rising of Matariki. In 2018, Matariki begins on 15th June and we will be undertaking a range of activities across the Centre to celebrate.

Policy review:

This Month we are asking for your feedback on the Centre's **Procedure for dealing with child custody issues and unauthorised removal of a child from the Centre.**

Thanks to all who read and signed our **First Aid procedures** which we had out for review last month.



Plastic Free:

As we work towards plastic free July and our continued commitment to be environmentally aware we are looking at the option of reusable bags to use for the children's wet clothing. We have narrowed this down to a few options and are awaiting samples before the final decision is made.

Entertainment Books:

The new Entertainment memberships are here and these are bigger and better than ever! We only have a few books left ... these are available from the office 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).

Entertainment memberships are a great fundraiser for the Centre—The Nursery would like to have their inside water feature repaired, the Toddlers have started to upgrade their balance bikes and would like to continue with this, and the Pagoda hope to take the children on a trip. Thank you for your support ☺

Absences for Illness or Holiday:

Please remember that any absence notified **before** 8.30am on the day will be charged at 50% of fees. Absences notified **after** 8.30am will be charged at our full rate. There are several ways that an absence can be notified:

- Centre phone (07) 827 4727—there is an answerphone to leave a message.
- Centre cellphone 0273 649 482—for text notifications
- Email to celc.kids@xtra.co.nz

NB: Any absence exceeding 21 days (three weeks) will be charged at full fees.



The Nursery

0-18 months



Welcome to our new friends Felicity, Hudson, Henry, Caleb, George, Zoey, Harrison, Charlotte and their families. We are enjoying getting to know you all.

Lily, Piper and Pippa have transitioned through to the Toddlers—it's great to see you enjoying yourselves in your new environment.



We had a lovely walk through town for our Mothers Day celebration and then enjoyed a shared morning tea back in the Nursery. Thanks to those Mums and Nanas who were able to join us.

The Nursery are celebrating Matariki during June. We would be grateful if you could send a vegetable donation by Wednesday 6th so that we can prepare and share a delicious home



made soup together on Thursday 7th June.

Thank you for keeping your children at home when they are feeling under the weather. It is much appreciated as it should help prevent the spread of illness and it allows the children to recover in the comfort of their own home.

We are in the process of updating information regarding your child's diet.

We have been looking at nutrition recommendations and have found some information to share with you.

'The window of opportunity' is between 6 and 8 months, this is the best time to introduce new tastes and textures to your child. New foods are rejected on average twelve times, so keep trying! Source: www.arphs.govt.nz



The Toddlers

18 months–3 years



A warm welcome to the Toddlers for Lily, Piper, Pippa, Ayden and their families. We look forward to sharing our days with you.

Thank you to all the mums that came on our Mothers Day walk with us. It was so nice to get out for a walk around town.



As the weather gets cooler please remember to provide spare warm clothes for your child. We still like to get out and enjoy the winter weather so if it's raining feel free to bring in boots and rain jackets just in case we get a chance to pop outside for a play. We have been collecting spare jackets and boots so we can all get outside and explore. If you have any old winter gear you would like to donate we would really appreciate it.

Friendly reminders:

- Remember to check the art boxes for your child's artwork.
- We have 'Apples' on top of the lockers for you to fill with family photos, then we can add them to our Whanau Tree.
- Please check the lost property as there is lots of clothing at the moment. There are also numerous shoes and socks.
- Please don't bring toys from home as they can get lost or broken and can cause confrontation with other children.
- Remember your children's folders are available for you to take home and enjoy. Please just remember to bring them back so we can keep adding to them. Just let a teacher know if you taking it home so we can keep track of it. Thanks 😊

The Pagoda

3-5 years



A warm welcome to Jack and Lottie who will be joining us at the Pagoda. We look forward to getting to know you and your family during your time with us.

A big Happy School Days to Sam who is heading off to Roto-o-Rangi School, we wish you all the very best on your new school adventures!

We had a great turnout for our Mother's Day walk— thanks to all those who were able to come along and take a stroll through town with us.

Winter is beginning to make it's presence felt , with some very cold starts in the morning. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing, you are also welcome to bring in a woollen hat to leave here.



Our planning has changed direction and we are focusing on the children's emerging interest of "Socio-dramatic" play.

What are children learning through socio-dramatic play?

- how to see the world from a different perspective
 - Making sense of the world around them
 - Expand their imaginations
 - Increase vocabulary
 - Develop confidence
 - Build problem solving skills

WHY EARLY LEARNING IS A GREAT START

Early learning is the learning that happens from birth.

Your child learns everywhere and all the time through everyday activities such as cooking, shopping, going to the park and sharing stories and songs. You play a big role in your child's early learning, even by simply talking with them.

What your child learns in the early years makes a big difference to how they learn for the rest of their lives. This period is when children grow and develop their understanding of themselves as capable, competent learners and communicators.

BENEFITS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early childhood education (ECE) builds on your child's early learning.

ECE provides children with the chance to learn, socialise and interact with other children and adults. It helps your child to develop into a positive, confident and capable person with a love of learning that will help them at school and throughout their life.

Your child will learn how to:

- make friends
- play and explore
- listen to others, talk about their own ideas, be creative, and become independent
- get on better with other children and adults outside of their immediate family
- take turns, negotiate and share
- think, problem-solve and reason
- understand their own feelings and those of others
- develop language, reading, thinking and maths skills ready for school
- begin to understand and make sense of the world around them.

These are important skills that help children to be more confident and curious about the world.

Extract from Ministry of Education 'Choices' booklet

This booklet can be viewed using :

<http://parents.education.govt.nz/assets/Parents/Documents/Early-Learning/ECE-Choices-Booklet.pdf>



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

