



Cambridge Early Learning Centre

August 2018

Kia Ora & Welcome!

What's happening this month and beyond:

Wednesday 8th - Penny the Penguin from the BNZ Closed For Good project will be visiting

Monday 13th – The yellow brick road from the Castle to the Pagoda begins.

Friday 31st— Daffodil Day, **Yellow day** in the Centre and our Father's Day celebrations

Monday 17th September – Photo day

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Cancer Society
Daffodil Day
With your help there is hope



Staff News:

- Congratulations to Brooke who is starting her studies towards the Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) this month.
- Mikayla will be heading back to Auckland later this month. Thanks for joining us for the last few months.

Thank You:

- Thank you to all our centre families who updated their family contact details.
- Many thanks to those families who supported Plastic free July by purchasing a wet bag.

Yellow Brick Road/ Daffodil Day:



Friday 31st August is Daffodil Day ... please bring in your coins (10 & 20 cent pieces are good) to help us build our yellow brick road and raise some money for Daffodil Day and the Cancer Society.

Policy review:

This Month we are asking for your feedback on the Centre's **Procedure for dealing with Fevers and febrile convulsions.** Febrile convulsions are scary for everyone so this policy is very helpful. The information is based on St John recommendations and checked by Helen Smith –our public Health Nurse

Trust News:

Last month was the Trust AGM. Many, many thanks to the following office holders: Eric Deakins—Trust Chairperson; Shelley Scrafton—Trust Treasurer; Astrid Veltman, Tracey Hazelton, Rian Thomas and Zara Schofield—Trustees.



Oxford Pies Fundraiser:

We had our second Oxford Pies Fundraiser during July and this was extremely well supported by our Centre families, past and present. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser—we hope you are enjoying your pies, sausage rolls and lamingtons 😊

A special thank you to Carlene and Mark Jones (past Centre parents) who sold over \$1,000 worth of pies. Mark also assisted on delivery day sorting and packaging all of the orders.

We raised a total of \$343 which will go towards resources for the children—the teacher's always have a wish list that we continue to chip away at.

Our last Oxford Pie fundraiser for 2018 will be in October, an order form will be included with our October newsletter 😊

Absences for Illness or Holiday:



With the winter months providing an increase in illnesses we feel it is timely to remind you of our retainers regarding absences.

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 holiday absence exceeding 21 days (three weeks) will be charged at full fees.

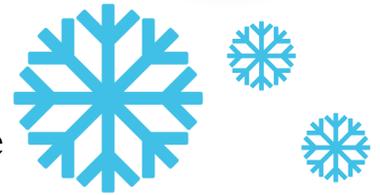


The Nursery

0-18 months



Welcome to our Nursery Whanau; Layla and Gus. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your family. Farewell to Wyatt who is transitioning to the Toddlers later this month—we will see you over the fence!



We have been experimenting with a variety of art resources in small group and individual situations. Great fun for those cold or wet days.



Reminder:

If your child has been prescribed antibiotics we are happy to administer them for you as long as they have had the first 24 hours of medication before returning to the centre, and you have filled out and signed the medicine book to give us written permission.

We currently have several children who are teething. We use chilled teething rings and can apply teething gel to the gums as directed on the tube if you supply it and fill in the medicine book.

However, we are not permitted to give pain control medication unless it has been prescribed by a doctor to work alongside an antibiotic for a specified reason; such as an ear infection.

If you feel that your child is not coping due to fevers or pain then please keep them at home where they can rest and see a doctor if required.

Unfortunately these types of medicines can mask an infection or illness that needs attention.

Please call us if you are unsure.

We had a fun day in our PJ's celebrating Norman's Birthday with a teddy bears picnic!

The Toddlers

18 months–3 years



Welcome to our new friend Wyatt who will be transitioning from the Nursery this month.

Last month we said goodbye to Imogen, Darcey, Hunter and Skyla who started their new adventure at the Pagoda.

There have been fun times at the Castle recently, we enjoyed celebrating Norman's 3rd Birthday with a pyjama and teddy bears picnic day.

The Pagoda children joined us for a picnic morning tea, and lots of fun was had by all :)

FRIDAY 31st AUGUST—YELLOW DAY

We will be collecting coins in yellow buckets during August to build our yellow brick road during the month ready for Daffodil Day.

As the weather is changing we are still trying to maximise our time outside so the children have the opportunity to experience nature's elements. Please include warm clothes, jackets and gumboots. Gumboots are the quickest, easiest and most suitable footwear for this time of year.



Important reminders:

- For safety reasons it is imperative that the children do not have any form of medication / creams / inhalers left in their bags, they are able to reach their bags at any stage of the day. Please check bags before the children attend.
- Comforters, dummies and blankets are kept in the children's bags or the sleep room for settling and sleep time but please encourage children not to bring in extra toys as they may get lost, broken or appeal to other children.
- If your child is toilet training please make sure they are wearing appropriate clothes eg. No onesies or anything hard for the children to remove themselves. Please talk to one of the teachers about any toileting needs or concerns you have.

Thank you.

Please remember to name your children's clothes. This enables us and the children to keep track of what belongs to who, especially with so many children owning the same type of clothing.



The Pagoda

3-5 years



Happy School Days:

Matthew and Alistair—we wish you all the very best for your new learning journey at school, we hope you come back to visit us and fill us in on all the exciting things you have been learning about.

Pagoda News

- We celebrated Norman's birthday with a special cosy pyjama day and teddy bear's picnic
- We had a visit from the St John's paramedics—they taught us about how they keep us safe and look after us if we are unwell. We also got to take a look inside their ambulance
- Wednesday 8th we have BNZ coming to the Pagoda as part of their "Closed for Good" day

Winter Activity

One of the children's favourite things to do while they are at the Pagoda is get messy—as you are probably well aware of with the amount of washing that often comes home!! We thought it would be a good idea to start sharing some of our messy play recipes with you all so that you can make them at home when the ever familiar "I'm bored", phrase can be heard!

Gloop/Magic mud—an oldie but a goodie!

Cornflour—1 cup should be enough for at home play

Cold water

Food colouring

Add your cornflour to the mixing bowl, slowly add some cold water—1/4 cup should be plenty! a little at a time...then a few drops of food colouring, you will notice the mixture thickens but the top still looks wet—this is ideal and your gloop is ready to explore—super easy to clean up as well

BENEFITS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early learning helps children to be confident and curious about the world. It also helps them do better when they go to school or kura.

Already your child is learning through:

- everything they do, see, feel, smell, taste and hear
- everywhere they go
- everyone who talks, smiles and plays with them.

Research shows that children who are involved in quality early childhood education (ECE) benefit in many ways, and that their family and whanau and the wider community benefit too.

ECE services build on the early learning your child is already doing and can help your child learn important skills that will help them become strong, happy, and successful in later life.

THE VALUE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Getting on with others

ECE helps your child learn to get on well with other children and with adults by learning to:

- make friends, to share and take turns, and to co-operate
- listen to others and to communicate their own ideas
- be independent and to take responsibility for others' needs as well as for their own.

Doing better at school

Children who take part regularly in quality ECE are likely to be confident and curious about the world, and this can help them do better when they go to school or kura. ECE supports your child to:

- become resilient—to manage challenges and to stick at it when things get difficult
- settle more easily at school or kura and to get the benefits of education more quickly
- become life-long learners, for example:
 - ♦ talking, singing, and listening to stories build children's language skills and help them to love books and reading
 - ♦ painting, dancing, making music, dressing up, and pretend play help to develop children's imaginations and creativity
 - ♦ puzzles, number play, and counting games help children to understand maths concepts
 - ♦ building or construction activities, helping to prepare food, caring for plants and animals, and playing with water and sand (measuring and mixing) support children to learn about maths and science concepts.



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

