



# Cambridge Early Learning Centre

## September 2018

### Kia Ora & Welcome!

#### What's happening this month:

- **September 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)** – Official Father's Day
- **September 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** -Maori language week.
- **September 12<sup>th</sup>**—Scholastic orders due back
- **September 17<sup>th</sup> - (Monday)** - Photo day
- **September 19<sup>th</sup>**—Wacky Hair Day at the Pagoda
- **September 28<sup>th</sup>** - Last day of Term 3

#### 'Breathe Better September'

Asthma Waikato offers **FREE** asthma consults for families of children aged 0-15, living in the Waikato, who struggle with asthma. We accept self referrals.

If your child suffers from asthma and you would like some help getting on top of it, please visit

[www.asthmawaikato.org.nz](http://www.asthmawaikato.org.nz) and fill in the online referral form by clicking the



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## Staff News:

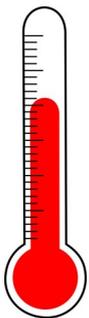
- Welcome to Jess Read who started in The Nursery at the end of last month. It's great to have you on the team.

## Thanks:

- Thank you to all our Centre families who contributed to the yellow brick road.
- A big thank you to the Stanley family for their kind donation of a slide, ride-on tractor & trailer and ride-on car. The children are enjoying playing with these.
- Many thanks to all the Dad's who were able to join us for our Father's day celebration.

## Maori Language Week:

Māori Language Week is September 10<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September is Māori Language Day. The theme will be 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' and we will be celebrating Maori Language week across the Centre with many new words and phrases. The teachers are also challenging themselves with having the children's books in Te Reo as the ones we use this week.



## Policy Review:

This Month we are asking for your feedback on the Centre's Procedure for administering medicines. We would appreciate your feedback.



## Wet Bags:

Thank you to all of the families that have purchased a wet bag in support of our centre aiming to decrease the use of plastic bags. The wet bags cost \$10.00 and come in either **red** or **lime green**, with your child's name tag secured to the handle -families are welcome to order a wet bag for other members of the family if required as these make great swimming bags for school. Please see the office or complete the order form on the sign-in counters should you wish to purchase a wet bag.

## Photo Day:

Masterpiece Photography will be in the Centre on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September to undertake our annual photo day. Both individual and class photos will be taken; photos are taken of all children (who are happy for this) and the proof and order envelope are available a week or so later.

*Please note: If your child does not have a booking in the Centre this day you will need to inform the office if you wish to join us for photos.*



## Christmas Closedown Period :



Recently we sent an email to all Centre families regarding the Christmas 2018 closedown period and requesting a response by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August if this plan would adversely affect your family. We appreciate that Christmas may seem a long way away, but with how fast the months are passing it will be here before we know it!

Based on the response to this email we can confirm that we will be closing our doors on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at 5.30pm and re-opening on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30am.

As per previous years, we will be putting a holiday notice in with the November newsletter asking each family to confirm their child's last day for 2018, first day back in 2019 and any additional holidays during January that may be planned. Please do not hesitate to contact Lauren or Julie should you have any queries regarding the closedown period.



# The Nursery

## 0-18 months



Farewell to Wyatt who has just transitioned to the Toddlers area. We are welcoming Stevie, Ramona & Mark who are joining us this month

We are excited to welcome Jess to our teaching team, and we farewell Mandy to the Toddler's teaching team.



### Father's Day

Thank you to all the 'blokes' who joined us for Father's Day!

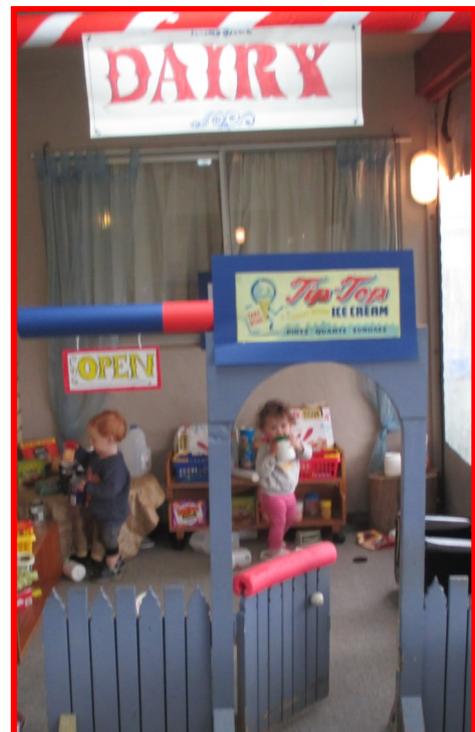
*Please let us know if you think that your child is not feeling 100% so that we may keep a close check on them throughout their session. We will call you if we are concerned.*



**Thank You!**

Thank you to the families who have recently donated toys and resources to us, we really appreciate your kindness.

**Thanks for making an acorn to display your aspirations for your child and the places, things and people that they love best. If you need another one, missed out on getting one or would like some help please let us know.**



# The Toddlers

## 18 months-3 Years



This month we welcome Connor and Wyatt—we look forward to our time with you both. Hunter, Ally and Chloe are heading over to The Pagoda. Have fun!!

Please be mindful of what your child is wearing to The Castle. Our learning programme is based around hands on learning, so it is ideal if children wear clothes they can get dirty in.

We believe in children being able to be included in all activities, please dress them in named clothes that are appropriate for the day ahead. We love being able to get outdoors when the weather permits, please ensure your child is dressed warmly for the colder winter temperatures.

If you feel they are too sick to take part please keep them home.

We will be celebrating Maori language week this month. During our annual celebration we will be promoting Te Reo more. Keep an eye out for new books and resources during this time.



### **Blokes/ Yellow Day Celebrations:**

**Thanks to all the families that participated in our yellow day / blokes day.**

**We had a great day with lots of special blokes popping in over the day.**

**We had a fire in the sandpit with marshmallows which was a great hit.**

**Welcome to Mandy who is joining our teaching team. Mandy has been teaching in the Nursery for the last two years so she is already a friendly, familiar face. It will be great to have her as part of our team.**

# **The Pagoda**

**3-5 years**



## **Welcome:**

Ally, Hunter and Chloe, we look forward to getting to know you and your families during your time with us at The Pagoda.

## **Happy School Days:**

Ruby McDonald—we wish you all the very best on your next learning adventure and look forward to you coming back to visit us.

## **What's been happening at the Pagoda??**

Lots of baking

We celebrated Father's Day - many thanks to all those that could join us

We took a few short walks out in to our local community

## **What's happening in September?**

To show support and awareness and help to raise funds for the many children and adults who are affected by Cerebral Palsy we are having a

**Wacky Hair Day!**

**When: Wednesday 19th September**

**Please bring along a gold coin donation if you are able to.**

## **Winter Activity**

### **Lux Flakes Slime**

- 1 -2 cups of lux flakes
  - Enough boiling water to cover the flakes
  - A drop or two of food colouring
1. Add lux flakes to bowl, cover with boiling water, add food colouring, let sit for a minute or two
  2. Using a whisk or wooden spoon beat the mixture until the lux flakes are dissolved and the texture changes to a slime consistency  
(be mindful of allowing the mixture to cool for a while as it will be quite hot!)

**“Research shows that sensory play builds nerve connections in the brain's pathways, which lead to the child's ability to complete more complex learning tasks. Sensory play supports language development, cognitive growth, fine and gross motor skills, problem solving skills, and social interaction”**

# **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.

## **Talking to the teachers about your child**

It is important that you talk with the teachers about how you can work together to best support your child. You may wish to tell them about your child's:

- ◆ Special words and ways of communicating
- ◆ Favourite ways of being comforted
- ◆ Sleep routines—when and how they like to go to sleep
- ◆ Toilet training
- ◆ Favourite foods and special food needs
- ◆ Favourite colours, toys, music and songs
- ◆ Life and family—important things that may be happening and anything that might be upsetting them
- ◆ Medication and allergies
- ◆ Things they like, don't like, are good at, find a challenge etc.





# **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.**

