



Cambridge Early Learning Centre

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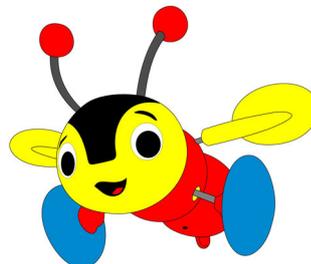
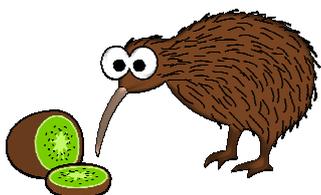
Kia Ora & Welcome!

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Welcome back to all our Centre families. We trust you had a fabulous Christmas, New Year and summer break. Welcome to 2019 and an exciting time ahead.

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- 3rd March (Sunday) - Children's Day
- 4th March (Monday) - Children's Day celebrations in the Centre. Details to follow in March newsletter. Feature Article 7

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STAFF NEWS:

- Congratulations to Gill and Tristan who are having a baby in March.
- Congratulations to Carla and Marcus who are having a baby in May.
- Lauren is away from the Centre on extended sick leave. It might be a while before we see Lauren's familiar face around the place again. Laura, our Pagoda Head Teacher, will be covering the role of Centre Co-ordinator during her absence.



THANKS:

- Thank you to all the Centre families who joined us for our annual children's Christmas party. This was a lovely evening and one that the teacher's look forward to spending with the Centre families.
- A HUGE THANK YOU to Vege Fresh, Cambridge for donating the bread and onions, and to Chef Ready Meats, Hamilton for discounting the sausages for our BBQ dinner—we so appreciate the support from our fruit & vege and meat suppliers.

WAITANGI DAY:



We will be celebrating Waitangi Day with a 'Kiwiana Day' on Friday 8th February. Dress like a 'Kiwi' in your sports wear and/or beach wear and we will adapt the menu for the day and enjoy some 'Kiwi' foods—Kiwifruit, Pavlova, Vegemite ...

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

EARLY BIRD OFFERS are being released early February ... Pre-order your new Entertainment™ Book from February 21st 2019 to receive over \$150 in Early Bird Offers that you can use straight away! Please see Julie at the office if you are interested in taking advantage of these extra offers before the official launch.

POLICY REVIEW:

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

FEE INCREASE:

In the face of rising costs, ECE has only received a minimal increase of 1.6% to our funding from the Government in the last decade. We have managed to maintain the current fees for the last 2½ years, however, reluctantly it has become necessary to increase our hourly, daily and weekly rates effective from Monday 4th March 2019. This will enable us to retain our high proportion of fully qualified teaching staff and offer the quality of service that you expect, and which Cambridge Early Learning Centre is renowned for.

Our updated rates are—from \$8.50 to \$9.00 hourly, from \$47 to \$49 daily and from \$215 to \$225 weekly. Please see Julie if you have any queries.

Thank you for your support 😊

CHILDREN'S DAY:

We are working towards a celebration for Children's Day which is celebrated nationally on the first Sunday in March—this year will be Sunday 3rd March.

Children's Day in the Centre will be celebrated on Monday 4th March with details to follow in the March newsletter.



Work & Income Childcare Subsidy:

Work and Income may be able to assist towards childcare costs if:

- You are the main caregiver of the child(ren), and
- Your family is on a low or middle income, and
- You are a NZ citizen or permanent resident, and
- Your child(ren) has at least three hours of care a week.

You could get help with up to nine hours of childcare a week if you are not working, studying or training, and up to 50 hours a week if you are. Please see the office for a brochure to check eligibility or alternatively you could view details at www.workandincome.govt.nz



The Nursery

0-18 months



Happy New Year to all and welcome to Aiden, Angus, Cooper & Grayson who have joined us recently.

We have said farewell to Mackenzie, Gus, Kylo and Patrick who have now joined the Toddlers. Savannah, Jed, Hudson & Nash will be joining them soon.

We will apply sun block to your child as required during the day. During these warmer months please apply sun screen before coming to the Nursery.

Wearing a T-shirt that covers the shoulders is a requirement at the centre so please consider this when dressing and sending spare clothing, thanks.



Remember that you are very welcome to give us a call to check on how your child's day is going or share information at any time



Ph:07 8274727/Nursery



Your child's portfolio is available for you to take home to share with your family & friends whenever you like. Just ask the teacher and then return once you have finished with it so that we can continue to add content.

The Toddlers

18 months-3 Years



Welcome back to 2019!!

We hope you and your whanau had a wonderful break.

This month we have welcomed Kylo, Patrick, Mackenzie and Gus who have transitioned from The Nursery. We also welcome Isla, Dana and their families to the Centre.

Over the next month we say goodbye to Ashleigh, Leo, William, Kea and Theo who are off to The Pagoda. Have fun!!

This month we are re settling in to life at The Castle.

Firstly we have a summer planning page. This will be in your child's page over the next few days. This is for you and your whanau to fill out so we can hear all about the children's summer break.

We use these at mat time so the children can share with their peers. It will then be added to their folder so you can treasure forever.

We also have a letter going home regarding our implementation of story park; online documentation of your child's learning while here that can be shared with your family and friends anywhere, anytime. If you would like more information please come in and see one of the teachers.

We have lots of children toilet training at the moment.

Can you please update one of the teachers with what you have been doing at home so we can support you and your child. Please also make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothes for undressing themselves for the toilet eg. a 'onesie' with domes or overalls they can't undo themselves are tricky.

Summer is here and the children love being outside. We have lots of water and messy play this time of year so please remember to pack spare clothes for them to change into.

Also children need to be sun blocked before arriving at the Castle. Teachers will reapply sunblock at 10am and 2pm. If your child requires a special sunblock,

please bring this in & talk to one of the teachers.



The Pagoda

3-5 years



Welcome

Welcome back to the Pagoda for 2019, we hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed some of the beautiful sunshine we experienced. It has been awesome hearing about all the exciting things the children have been getting up to while they were away.

We welcome Ashleigh, Theodore, Leo, William and Kea from the Castle over Jan/Feb. We look forward to getting to know you and your families during your time at the Pagoda.

We bid farewell to Oscar, Ruby M and Poppy who leave for school, we will miss you all and wish you all the very best for your new adventures

What's happening in Jan/Feb?

- Settling back in for the year
 - Lots of water play
 - Baking
- We will be celebrating Waitangi Day with our annual Kiwiana dress up on Friday 8th Feb

Things to note

- If there are any changes to your child's routine or dietary requirements please speak with a teacher.
- Feel free to load your summer holiday photos up on Storypark
- Jenny has started a paper recycling initiative—does anybody have a spare blender / food processor at home??
- Please remember to put in several changes of clothes/togs and a wet bag in to your child's bag each day
- We sunblock the children after morning tea, water play and again early afternoon. If your child requires special sunblock please ensure they have this with them each day

STORYPARK

The Castle is excited to announce that we will be implementing Storypark—a secure, private, online space to share your child's learning while here and you are able to be more involved and up-to-date with what your child's been up to.

Storypark provides each child with an online community which you control and have access to.

Storypark helps educators, children and families:

- improve understanding of each child's interests and abilities so they receive even better support
 - deepen relationships and strengthen communication
- share videos, photos and text capturing children's learning and development
- create a portfolio of your child's learning that travels with your child and can be accessed by you forever
 - reinforce experiences and deepen children's learning
 - capture family culture and heritage
 - involve the children in their portfolio
 - interact quickly and effectively through iPhone, Android & tablets
- create smooth transitions when your child moves from one centre to another.

You can choose to add your own stories or leave comments and feedback for children and our teaching team. You can choose to share these stories with family members if you wish. We hope that you will invite your extended family so that the children have an authentic audience who are genuinely interested in their learning.

Obviously we have considered the aspects of cybersafety and made sure our teaching team have the knowledge and skills to ensure we are cybersafe. Storypark takes security very seriously. Storypark is not open for anyone to read, it is a password protected private space for you, your child's teachers and your family.

Content we add will only be shared with our teachers and

the family members you choose to invite.

No personal information is shared with any third party.

We look forward to sharing Storypark with you 😊



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.

