



# Cambridge Early Learning Centre

## May 2019

### Kia Ora & Welcome!

It's the last month of Autumn so there will be lots of leaves falling and cooler days ... It's great to experience the different seasons at the Centre ☺

#### What's happening this month:

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - NZ Sign Language week
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - We are celebrating Mother's Day, see inside for details
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Scholastic orders are due back
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Mother's Day, relax and enjoy!
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Queen's Birthday, the Centre will be closed

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## **STAFF NEWS:**

- Carla is now on maternity leave, after welcoming a beautiful baby girl.
- Welcome back to Gill.
- Welcome to Kate who has been relieving in the Centre in recent weeks and welcome to Dawn who is joining us and will be spending her time at The Pagoda. It is great to have you both as part of our team.
- Welcome back to Lauren who is back on deck after a lengthy absence for illness ... it is great to have you around the place again 😊

## **THANKS:**

- Thank you to all of the children and families who supported 'Gumboot Day' to help raise funds for Mental Health. We raised \$35.20 and this has been deposited at the bank.
- A big thank you to all of the families that supported our first Oxford Pie fundraiser for 2019. There was a fantastic effort by several Centre families, we hope you are enjoying your scrummy goodies ... we raised a total of \$237.00 to go towards resources for the children 😊

## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:**

Several books and digital memberships have gone out the door already, thank you to those families who have purchased a book.

These are fantastic books with a lot of wonderful discounts on offer.

A sample book is on the front counter at The Castle if you wish to have a look through. The books can be purchased from the office, or the digital books are available via our online page [www.entbook.co.nz/1w54069](http://www.entbook.co.nz/1w54069) for \$65.00 with \$13.00 from each book towards our fundraising goal.

This year we are raising money to go towards outdoor equipment to help the children with their gross motor skills. Our goal is \$325.00 (selling 25 books) but we would love to pass this goal! Your support is greatly appreciated 😊

## **POLICY REVIEW:**

This month we are asking for your feedback on the Centre's **Nappy Changing Policy**. Please see the sign in counter for a copy of the policy, we appreciate your time reading, commenting and initialling this.

## **MOTHERS DAY:**



We are planning a Mother's day celebration for Friday 10th May. Please see either the Nursery, Toddlers or Pagoda news for further details.

## **WET BAGS:**

Has your child started at the Centre recently? Or did you miss out on one of the wet bags when they were first introduced last year?

Wet bags are available from the office in either red or lime green at a cost of \$10.00, these are named and great for popping your child's wet gear in. The bags are machine washable and the teachers have found them to be ideal as a lot can fit in the bag with NO dampness seeping through. An added benefit is the reduction in plastic bags we would need to use. An order form is on the front counter at The Castle and the cost can be added to your account 😊

## **WORK & INCOME CHILDCARE SUBSIDY:**

Work and Income (WINZ) 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 on

[www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz)

### **Points to note if you already receive Childcare Subsidy:**

- Annual reviews are completed every 52 weeks. The forms are sent out one month before they are due and **must** be completed regardless. If you are working, please provide an updated payslip with the annual review form.



# The Nursery

## 0-18 months



The Easter Bunny visited the Nursery



It is definitely cooling down so please pop extra layers in your child's bag.



Welcome to our friends Avery, Cruz, Cooper and Jackson.

Farewell later in the month to Zoey and Layla who will be transitioning to the Toddlers area and best wishes to Oliver & his family who are moving away.

### Mother's Day Invitation

We are looking forward to our Mother's Day celebration and invite you to join us on Friday 10th May

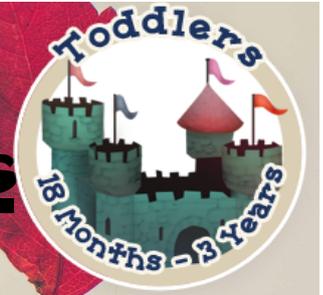
Stay and play for a little while or have a quick photograph with your child in our 'photo booth' at drop off or pick up time.

Please take into account your children's sleep times so that when you come they are awake and can have fun with you.



**The children's Whanaungatanga wall photographs are looking amazing with your comments framing them. It is a great way for us to get to know your children on a deeper level so that we can plan for their interests and provide appropriate resources and learning environments. Thanks so much for your contribution.**

# The Toddlers 18 months-3 Years



*Many congratulations to Carla & Marcus on the birth of their beautiful baby girl! We are super excited and can't wait to meet her :)*



## Welcome

*In May we welcome Zoey and Layla to the Nursery Toddlers, we look forward to supporting them on the next part of their learning journey.*

## Pagoda

Farewell to Amelia as she continues her learning journey at the Pagoda. We wish her all the best, and are sure she will enjoy catching up with friends that have already transitioned over.

We had a visit from the Easter Bunny! this was heaps of fun, and we all received a small chocolate egg along with a pair of bunny ears to wear.



*While Carla is away on maternity leave we welcome Tanya to our unit from the Pagoda. Tanya has already been over teaching in our unit on the odd day so some of you will recognise her. Tanya is a super friendly, approachable teacher and we look forward to having her with us while Carla is away.*

**Being a role model:** If you want your child to behave in a certain way, they need you to show them. If you want them to behave in a kind and calm way, they need to see you often being kind and calm. This is how they learn.

Taken from: [www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz)

**We will be celebrating Mothers Day on Friday May 10th with a special afternoon tea. Please feel free to come and join us between 2:30 - 3:30 if your child attends on this day.**

# The Pagoda

3-5 years



## What's happening in May?

- Welcome to Amelia who will be transitioning from the Castle later in the month, we look forward to getting to know you and your family
- Mother's Day morning tea—we welcome all the special women in our children's lives to join us for morning tea from 10-11am on Friday 10th May, please RSVP
- We welcome Dawn to the Pagoda teaching team, we look forward to having her as part of the team. Please feel free to introduce yourselves to her
- Lots of group play with imaginations running wild outside using construction and art.

## Kindness

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted" – Aesop

The current focus at the Pagoda is "Kindness" and what this looks like in our interactions with others. The children are learning about "filling each others buckets", through kind words, gestures and actions and are beginning to reflect on how they can make a positive impact on someone else's day.

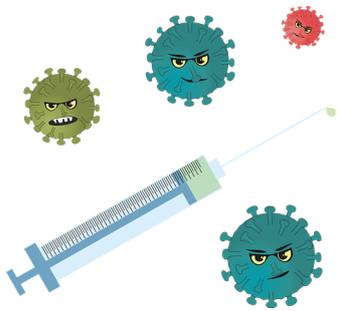
## Things to note

- If there are any changes to your child's routine or dietary requirements please speak with a teacher.
- A reminder with the colder, wetter months on the way—this does not stop our children from exploring outside, we get out there in all the elements so please ensure your children come dressed appropriately
- If you have any empty boxes, cereal boxes etc we would love to have them please.

# IMMUNISATIONS

*Cambridge Early Learning Centre supports the parents' right to choose whether or not to immunise their children; and no child will be excluded from the Centre because they are not immunised (unless in cases of an outbreak as advised by the Ministry of Health). In the event of an outbreak in the Centre of a notifiable disease, the Centre will work closely with the Ministry of Health and follow their guidelines. Details of individual children's immunisations are recorded on their enrolment forms. Parents are required to update these records as their child's immunisation status changes.*

- Extract from our Centre Illness and Immunisation policy



Our Immunisation Register is reviewed on a regular basis, and parents are advised via letter if our records need updating. Last month several families would have been sent a letter requesting an update to the immunisation record we hold on file. Given the recent Measles outbreak in the South Island, we ask that all families who have received a request for updated information please attend to this ASAP. To those families who have already provided the information requested—thank you 😊

## MISSING CARSEAT

We have one of our Centre car seats missing ... it is a blue velour fabric car seat with belts. If you have borrowed this in the past few weeks can you please return this as soon as possible. Thank 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.**

