



# Cambridge Early Learning April 2024 Centre

## Kia Ora & Welcome!

Autumn has well and truly settled in with some much cooler days, soon we will start to see the leaves fall which always brings extra outdoors fun. ☺

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- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**— Easter Monday, the centre will be closed.
- **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**— Daylight Savings ends, don't forget to put your clocks back 1 hour.
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**— School Term 1 ends
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**— World Book Day
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**— ANZAC Day, the centre will be closed today. "We will remember them".

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Daylight-Saving Time Ends



Lest we forget...

## STAFF NEWS:

- Bon voyage to Maddi who is heading on an 'OE' mid April for a couple of months. We wish you safe travels and a wonderful experience of a lifetime.

## THANK YOU:

- Thank you to all our centre families that supported our first Oxford Pie fundraiser of the year. This has always been a popular way for the centre to raise some additional funds for the children's resources.



## WET BAGS:



We are currently putting together wet bag orders ... there are order forms on the Castle reception counter should you wish to order a wet bag for your child. There is a choice of wet bag colours (red, lime green, pale blue, pale pink and royal blue), font and print colour. These bags have been tested by our teachers, and have great capacity with no leaking. Cost including printing \$17.50 which can be added to your account.

## POLICY REVIEW:



There has been a delay getting our March policy out for review. This is our **Late Fee policy**, and the April policy for review is our **Illness & Immunisation policy**. Both policies will be uploaded to the community page in Storypark and displayed on the Castle front counter for your attention. **Please read and email any feedback** you have to:

[reception@cambridgeearlylearning.co.nz](mailto:reception@cambridgeearlylearning.co.nz)

Thank you 😊



# **NEW CHILDCARE SUBSIDY** **THRESHOLDS & RATES:**

**Effective from 1st April 2024**—Work & Income NZ have increased the income thresholds and rates for families. Please look online at the new thresholds as these have increased significantly to prior years, or alternatively pop in and see Julie at the office.

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/benefit-rates/benefit-rates-april-2024>

**Existing clients:** If you already receive childcare subsidy for your child you do not need to do anything as this will automatically be reviewed and any change required will be implemented.

## **FAMILY BOOST ANNOUNCEMENT:**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 the Government announced its intention to introduce a new childcare payment, FamilyBoost, as part of Budget 2024.

FamilyBoost is a new payment made by Inland Revenue to partially reimburse eligible families for their ECE costs.

Families would be able to claim and receive FamilyBoost reimbursements every 3 months. The first reimbursement would be paid in October 2024, covering the three-month period from 1st July—30th September 2024.

Families will need to hold on to their invoices from the centre from 1st July 2024 in order to claim the first payment.

Below is a table indicating levels of eligibility.

Household income	Maximum weekly rebate	Amount refunded, paid three-monthly
Up to \$140,000	\$75.00	\$975.00
\$150,000	\$56.25	\$731.25
\$160,000	\$37.50	\$487.50
\$170,000	\$18.75	\$243.75



# The Nursery

## 0-18 months



Kia Ora Nursery whaanau,  
We hope you all had a wonderful Easter long weekend and enjoyed some precious family time.

The months are flying by ... there are signs of Autumn with our tree leaves changing colour and soon they will start to fall.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Daylight Saving time ends in the early hours of Sunday 7th April morning, so remember to pop your clocks back 1 hour.



*As the cooler weather starts to approach please remember to name or initial your child's clothing and have a spare change of clothing packed in their bag as we are still setting up lots of messy play.*

Nau mai haere mai to Della-Mae, Ensley, Marcus and their whanau who join us in the beginning of April. We are excited to have you all as part of the Nursery!

We say haere raa to Oakley, Beau, Kauariki, Brodie and Adalyn as they move on to the next phase of their learning journey in the Toddler room!  
Have the best time.

# The Toddlers

## 18 months-3 Years



Welcome to Oaklee, Kauariki, Beau, Brodie, Adalyn and their families who will be transitioning from the Nursery this month.

This month Pippa and Marco head to the 'Goda. Have the best time!!

### Teacher News:

At the end of April, start of May our teaching team may look a little different.

We have Brooke and Christie heading to the Nursery, and Juju is heading to The Pagoda. We will have Stacey joining our Toddler team again, as well as Charlie from the Nursery. We will also be welcoming a new teacher to our team next month.

Maddi will be heading out on her OE this month and returning June.

During April we also have a Gateway student coming to join us from Cambridge High School. Maddy will be coming once a week on a Wednesday from Term 2.

Maddy attended the centre as a child, with some of our current teachers being her teachers back then, which is very cool.

### Winter Time:

We still love to get outside during the winter months. If you could please pack gumboots and a rain jacket for the next few months that would be great!!

Please name these as it makes it easier for us to find the right owner.

If your child is not well enough to be outside and participate in the programme please keep them at home.



### Lost property:

Lost property is going to be donated April 26th to keep on top of it over winter. Please take the time to have a look through our already growing pile.

# ***The Pagoda 3-5 years***



## **A Big Welcome**

We welcome **Pippa & Marco** to our Pagoda family as they make their transition over to us this month. We also extend a big Haere Mai to **Elsie** and her family, who are new to the centre.

We are looking forward to getting to know them and their families over the coming weeks.

## **Happy School Days**

We farewell **Lincoln, Miles, Emerson. L & Lila** who are off on their school adventures next term, we wish you all the very best.

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### **New Pagoda Team**

You may notice a few changes happening within our Pagoda team in the coming weeks, as we FAREWELL Maria to the Nursery team and Stacey to the Toddler team.

They will be missed greatly here at the Pagoda by the teachers and children, however it's not goodbye, just a see you over the fence.

We WELCOME Sue and Juju to our Pagoda whanau from early April / early May. We are really looking forward to them both starting with us and bringing with them a wealth of knowledge, experience and fresh ideas.

We're sure the Castle children transitioning to us later in the year will be happy to see their smiling faces again.

### **Schoolies Morning Tea:**

We have our Schoolies morning tea coming up in the first week of the school holidays. This is when our Koru Club kids create invitations and send them out to our school friends to come back and visit us. Our school friends enjoy sharing with us what school life is like and we get to have a catch up on their adventures after leaving the Pagoda. We are looking forward to seeing everyone, we have a large group this time around.

### **MUD KITCHEN**

We recently purchased a new outdoor/ mud kitchen. This has been a huge hit with the children and they have been enjoying making all sorts of cooking and baking in it. Last week we had a pizza shop, which even took orders and offered a delivery service.

# Winter Illness



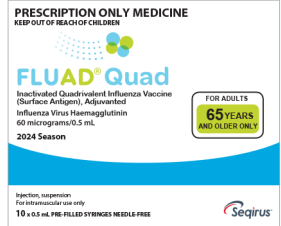
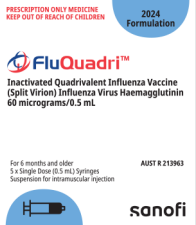
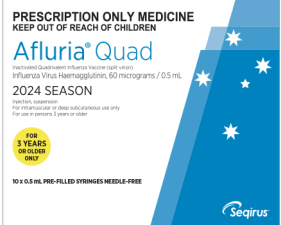
Recently we have reviewed our Illness and Immunisation policy, and this will be loaded onto the Community page of StoryPark for your perusal.



A couple of points to note from the policy:

- In the event of an infectious disease outbreak, and we do not have your child's up to date immunisation record we will assume your child is not fully vaccinated and will therefore be excluded from attending. Unimmunised children would also be excluded from attending- both instances will be in conjunction with advice from the Ministry of Health.
- **Measles**—should a child contract measles there will be a minimum stand down of 5 days after the appearance of the rash.

In addition, we have been made aware of the vaccines available to combat the flu season, please see the below table outlining what is available from the pharmacy or your medical practitioner.

Vaccine brands			
<p><b>Influvac Tetra</b></p> <p>Approved for use in children and adults, 6 months of age and over. Funded for those who meet Pharmac eligibility criteria. Can also be purchased by those not meeting funding criteria.</p>			
<p><b>Flucelvax Quad</b></p> <p>Unfunded only, approved for use in children and adults, 6 months of age and over.</p>		<p><b>Fluad Quad</b></p> <p>Unfunded only, approved for use in adults aged 65 years and over.</p>	
<p><b>Fluquadri</b></p> <p>Unfunded only, approved for use in children and adults, 6 months of age and over.</p>		<p><b>Afluria Quad</b></p> <p>Unfunded only, approved for use in children and adults, 3 years of age and over.</p>	



# 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.**

