



Cambridge Early Learning Centre July 2018

Kia Ora & Welcome!

What's happening this month and beyond:

July 9th -20th – School holidays

Wednesday July 18th – Norman's 3rd birthday, we are celebrating with a **Pyjama Day** and Teddy Bear's picnic.

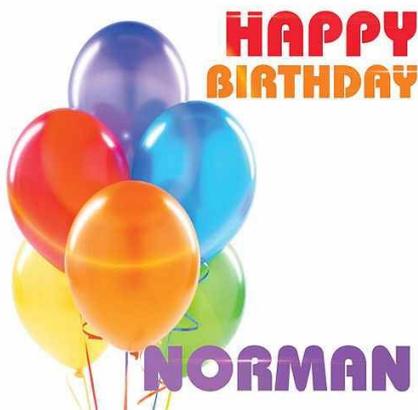
Thursday July 19th – Oxford Pie orders due

Monday July 23rd – School Term 3 begins

Thursday July 26th – Oxford Pies delivery day

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Staff News:

- Congratulations to Brooke who is starting her studies towards the Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) this month.
- Mikayla is re-starting her studies at Wintec this month.

Thank You:

- A big thank you to all our centre families who supported Matariki across the centre. We had a shared meal of soup which the children helped prepare, as well as a shared morning tea.
- Many thanks also to Helen Smith, Public Health nurse for the Cambridge area- Helen is a great support to the centre and recently came to teach the children about hygiene and nose blowing.

Norman's Birthday:



Norman is a bear who lives at the Pagoda. A much loved bear that is included in the children's play as well as family holidays and other adventures.

Norman's birthday is in July (he alternates between being 3 or 4 years old) and to celebrate we have a Teddy bears picnic for him. This year Norman is 3 and our Pyjama party and Teddy bears picnic is on Wednesday 18th July. The children may wish to bring their own teddy bear with them for this special day.

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. We have had this policy checked with Helen Smith –our Public Health Nurse.



Plastic Free July:

In support of 'Choose to refuse single-use plastic during July', the Centre has purchased some Wet Bags (on display in the foyer) which can be ordered from the office for \$10 each. We can then order pre-printed name labels.

The teachers have tested these bags with wet clothing and found them to be both waterproof and a good size.

If we can eliminate some of the plastic bags we send home daily this will be one of the ways in which we will support Plastic free July.

Update of Family details:

This month we will be aiming to check with all of our Centre families that their contact details are up to date. A printout of the current details we have will be given to each family—please check this, make any changes necessary and return the printout to the office so that we may mark your details as confirmed.

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



The Nursery

0-18 months

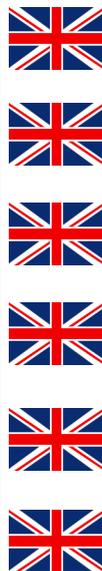


JULY



Welcome to our new friends Savannah, Xanthe, Nash, Jed, Harlequin and Tilly who join us in the Nursery this month.....and their families.

What a fun dress up day we had to celebrate the Queens Birthday!



Our planning: We will be sending home an acorn shape for you to create a collage of words and images to display your child's interests and the aspirations that you have for them.

This will shape our planning as we work in collaboration with you to support your child's learning.



More suggestions for infant & toddler nutrition

Around 6 months of age first tastes could include cooked fruits, vegetables and meat; pureed or mashed.



Dairy foods and cooked eggs may be included from 7-8 months of age.

Minced or finely chopped fish and meat are recommended to be introduced to children from 8-12 months of age.

Source: www.arph.govt.nz

Please let us know if your child's dietary requirements have changed.



Thanks for your generous donation of vegetables for our soup that we shared as part of our Matariki celebration. Yum!

The Toddlers

18 months-3 years



We welcome Johnny, Kyra and Noah who have transitioned from the Nursery. We also welcome Finnley, Ryder, Oscar, Lucas and their families to the Centre.

This month Hunter, Skyla, Darcey and Imogen will be transitioning to the Pagoda. We wish them all the best on the next part of their learning journey.

Our latest planning is focused around celebrating Matariki, we have recently made some yummy soup to share.

The children helped prepare the vegetables. We invited the Pagoda over and had a picnic outside over a small fire in the sandpit. Thanks to the families that brought in vegetables for the soup.

We have some more exciting things planned so keep an eye out on the planning wall for updates.

Over the last few months we have been doing weekly visits out to the Velodrome.



The children have really enjoyed their trips and talk about all the fun they had.



 **If you have a spare minute, please take the time to have a look at our sock collection - these are all lost socks that need a home. Socks and other lost property is located at the gate to the Toddlers in the foyer.**

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.

The Pagoda

3-5 years



Welcome to:

Hunter, Jack R, Imogen and Darcey, we look forward to getting to know you and your families during your time with us at The Pagoda.

Happy School Days:

Elizabeth, Seira, Victoria and Clara—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.

Thank you:

- A big thank you to Brad Payne for the amazing sharing table he has created for the Pagoda—it is much appreciated. We will explain the concept behind this in the August newsletter
- Thanks to those of you who have ordered the Wet Bags we have for sale, if you would like to place an order or have any questions please speak with a teacher
- Thank you to Izzy's Nana who created some beautiful new linen bags for our sleeping children

Norman's Birthday:

We are celebrating Norman's 3rd birthday on Wednesday 18th July with a Pyjama Day and Teddy Bear's Picnic

For those of you who are new to the Pagoda, Norman is our much loved Teddy Bear who often spends his weekends on exciting adventures with the Pagoda children



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

