



# Cambridge Early Learning Centre

## March 2025

### Kia Ora & Welcome!

Bye bye Summer and hello Autumn ... hopefully March will continue to provide an extension to our Summer months. What a busy start to the year we have had, with lots more fun ahead.

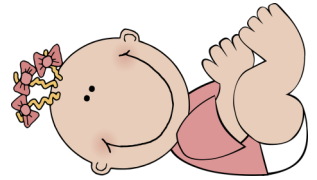
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## STAFF NEWS:

- Farewell to Claire who's last day was 7<sup>th</sup> March, Michele who's last day is 21<sup>st</sup> March and Katy who's last day is 28<sup>th</sup> March . Our excitement and best wishes to you all ... we can't wait to meet your little ones.
- Welcome to Allie, who has started teaching in our Toddler room from the end of February. It's great to have you as part of the CELC team.



## THANK YOU:

- Thank you again to Lions Club of Cambridge—the new shade sails have been installed in our Nursery and they look awesome. 😊
- A big thank you to Nathan Thomas from GT Civil for bringing his crane to lift a playhouse into The Pagoda playground. Our tamariki were so excited to see this take place from a safe watching distance.
- Thank you to Noah Walker and his Wintec course friends for making and donating the awesome playhouse that our tamariki are enjoying playing in.



## CHILDREN'S DAY



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We are celebrating this year on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March with a 'Beach themed Day'. Lots of water play so please pack your child's togs and a towel. We will also be enjoying fish and chips for lunch, with ice cream dessert.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY:



Monday 17th March is St Patrick's Day and we will be celebrating with a **GREEN DAY** in the centre. Wear **GREEN**, eat **GREEN** and play **GREEN** will be the theme of the day.

# CHILD ILLNESS:



Unfortunately it is coming to that time of year where illness seems to 'ramp up' again. We have already experienced one gastro bug which seemed to pass very quickly, but it was tough on the children and their parents.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for keeping their children home when they are unwell.

We fully understand it is difficult to juggle work and unwell children but following the couple of simple reminders below will ensure that any 'bugs' you get don't arrive at, or leave the centre as quickly as possible thus giving other families and staff the best chance of avoiding it.

## ***A few reminders:***

- ◇ if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea the stand-down period is **48 hours from the last symptom**. This also includes any episodes over the weekend—please do not send your child in on a Monday if they have experienced these symptoms over the weekend.
- ◇ if your child receives antibiotics from the Doctor there is a 24 hour stand-down period.
- ◇ **ALSO ...**
- ◇ if you phone or text your child in absent from sickness prior to 8.30am, fees will be reduced to 50%.
- ◇ we do not administer Pamol at the centre, if your child develops a temperature we will phone you to collect your child.

Each week the centre undergoes a 'fogging' process which is carried out by our cleaning company ... this is a sanitisation process in all areas to help reduce infection.

# The Nursery

## 0-18 months



Kia Ora Nursery whaanau,

We have had a rip roaring start to 2025 welcoming some new tamariki and whaanau. We officially welcome Lucas, Bowie, Te Hine-Arikura, Stella, Mac, Reeve, Jack, Henry & Arlo. We look forward to having you all join us in the nursery!

A couple of reminders:

- \*If your child uses re-usable nappies while at the nursery please ensure the nappies come already lined and that there is at least one disposable to use for sleep time.
- \*Our mornings have become quite busy so please bear with us while we do our best to settle in your tamariki.
- \*We would appreciate if you could name all your child's clothes—this makes it easier for us to keep track of belongings.
- \*Please don't forget a named drink bottle for your child to keep here.

This month we farewell Ensley. We hope you all have the best time in the Toddler room.

Ngaa mihi'  
Nursery team.

# *The Toddlers*

## *18 months-3 Years*



Welcome to March!! The recent mornings have been nice and refreshing with the days still lovely and sunny. The children are still enjoying the water and messy play on offer so make sure you pack lots of season appropriate clothes :)

Jellybean group is up and running. The children are having weekly Pagoda visits as well as mat times and activities to support their upcoming transition to The Pagoda. If you have any questions or want to know more please feel free to chat with Emily or Stacey .

We had a little working bee and have started to reno some of our furniture. We would like to add a special thanks to Michele and her family for coming in and helping make some new dividers for our room.

At the end of this month our teacher Katy will be heading off on maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the best and we can't wait to meet the new addition to your family.

Kate and Allie are settling in and such an asset to the Toddler team :)



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



## **A BIG THANK YOU!!**

We have been kindly gifted a playhouse from Noah Walker (Lauren's Son), who with the help of his class mates at the building and construction Wintec course have made. It was so big and heavy that we had to recruit the help of Nathan Thomas (Benjamin's Dad) who helped us to crane the house into its new permanent position. The children were very excited to watch all the heavy and careful lifting. We have been enjoying the house with lots of "families" being played.

**THANK YOU** once again.



### **Mat time Sharing**

We enjoy hearing and seeing what you and your family have been up too while in the weekends, special events/ days, family trips or holidays etc. There is plenty of opportunities for the children to ask questions helping them to gain their skills in being patient, turn taking, listening, building on their language skills as well as building confidence in front of their peers.

#### **Reminder:**

- Sharing is... Something you have found, somewhere you have been or someone special you have met/seen.
- No toys.
- Pictures can be shared on Storypark and we will show through our TV during morning/ afternoon mat times

### **Water Play Fun**

With the hot weather we have been having lots of water play.

#### **Please remember:**

- To name all your children's clothing. This helps with lost property and for the children's self help skills when dressing themselves.
- Wet bags
- Togs / rash shirt

### **All the best Claire.**

- We happily farewell Claire this month as she heads off on her new journey of parenthood. This is a very exciting time for Claire and Bevan as they welcome their first child into the world. We wish her all the very best and can't wait to meet her little bundle of joy. I'm sure we will still see her friendly face from time to time popping in to visit.
- We will be celebrating on Friday 7th March with a sandwich shop restaurant day along with blue or pink biscuits and ice cream.



# Keryn's Corner

## NOM NOM NACHOS

**Prep time: 10 mins    Cook: 40 mins    Serves: 4**

### Ingredients:

- 800g Kumara, sliced into 1/2 cm rounds**
- 3 large carrots, cut into thin slices**
- 2 Tbsps oil**
- Pepper, to taste**
- 1 Tbsp paprika (optional)**
- 1 Tbsp cumin (optional)**
- 2 x 410g cans corn kernels, rinsed and drained**
- 1x 410g can black beans, rinsed and drained**
- 1x 400g can lentils, rinsed and drained**
- 1 large onion**
- 150g cheese, grated**
- 125g sour cream**
- 2 Tbsp fresh thyme leaves, chopped**
- 1/2 lettuce, shredded**

### Method:

- ◆ **Heat oven to 190°C bake or 170°C fan bake. Prepare a large roasting tray or baking dish. Combine sliced kumara, carrots, oil, pepper and spices in a large bowl and toss to coat. Transfer onto the roasting tray or baking dish. Bake for 20-30 minutes, or until tender, turning halfway through.**
- ◆ **Remove from the oven, top with corn, black beans, lentils, diced onion, and cheese. Return to the oven and cook for a further 10 minutes, or until the cheese has melted.**
- ◆ **Serve required portion with a dollop of sour cream, and shredded lettuce on the side.**

**Tip: sprinkle with your favourite nuts and/or seeds before serving for extra crunch.**

**ENJOY 😊**





# 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.**

