



Cambridge Early Learning May 2024 Centre

Kia Ora & Welcome!

The last month of Autumn ... we have been so lucky getting to enjoy some lovely Autumn days with lots of opportunity for outdoor play. 😊

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STAFF NEWS:

- Welcome back to Emily Walford. Emily was with us a couple of years ago and has returned to work in the Toddlers.
- We have Maddy and Jorja with us from Cambridge High School one day per week. Maddy is with the Toddlers and Jorja is at The Pagoda.

THANK YOU:

- Big thanks to all the centre families who supported our Oxford pie fundraiser—we raised a total of \$157.00 which will go towards resources for the children.
- Thank you to our Nursery families for their support whilst Covid knocked a few of our teachers out for a couple of days.



MOTHER'S DAY:



We will be celebrating all our centre Mum's on Friday 10th May. Each of the units will detail their way of celebrating our Mum's in their news or via invitation prior to the day.

“There's no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one.” – Jill Churchill

CAMBRIDGE PLUNKET:

We had a visit from Cambridge Plunket and they would like our centre families to know that if you have any questions or need help with something please feel free to contact them on the numbers below:

Cathy 027 245 5106
Jaciera 027 330 4460
Carol 027 265 9398



NOTICE TO PARENTS:

The Trust strives to ensure that fees are kept to a minimum while maintaining the quality service you have come to expect. In the face of rising costs, the Trust Board has no alternative but to review the current hourly, daily and weekly fees charged to families.

The review has been done in such a way that we hope the impact on our families will be manageable.

Our new fee policy comes into effect from Tuesday 4th June 2024 and is as per this schedule:-

In addition the following changes will be made to our Fees policy -

- ◇ A 10% discount will be applied to one sibling per family against the lesser fee. This discount applies up until that sibling turns 3 years old at which time discounted fees are applied under 20 hours ECE.
- ◇ Under 2's will have their sick and holiday absences capped at 20 days per calendar year.
- ◇ Aged 2 years and over will have their sick and holiday absences capped at 15 days per calendar year (this same cap is applied to all children aged 3 years and over).

Any questions please see Laura or Julie.

Revised CELC Fees Schedule		
Castle children up to three years of age		
	New (\$)	Current (\$)
Castle Under 2's		
Hourly rate	\$10.20	\$9.55
Daily rate	\$56.00	\$52.00
Weekly rate	\$255.00	\$238.50
Castle 2-3 yrs School Day - 8.30am to 3pm		
Hourly rate	\$9.55	\$9.55
Daily rate	\$52.00	\$52.00
Weekly rate	\$238.50	\$238.50
Castle 2 - 3 yrs Full Day		
Hourly rate	\$9.95	\$9.55
Daily rate	\$54.00	\$52.00
Weekly rate	\$248.00	\$238.50
Castle & Pagoda children over three years of age (incl. 20 hours ECE)		
	New (\$)	Current (\$)
Two-day rate	\$60.00	\$50.00
Three-day rate	\$85.00	\$75.00
Four-day rate	\$112.00	\$102.00
Five-day rate	\$150.00	\$140.00



The Nursery

0-18 months



A thank you to our nursery whaanau for your help while we navigated our way through a covid outbreak - we appreciate it!



Kaiako News:

We farewell our amazing Kaiako Sue who has joined the Pagoda team and Charlie who has joined the Toddler team - we wish them both all the best!

We welcome Maria from the Pagoda and Christie and Brooke from the Toddler team!

We are excited for these new changes across the centre.

Please see our Storypark page for the official notice.



Nau mai haere mai

Billy, Bonnie and Pat and their whanau who join us in the beginning of May. We are excited to have you all as part of the Nursery!

Haere raa

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

Reminders:

**Appropriate clothing (named) for change of weather.*

**If you are using reusable nappies, they need to be lined please.*

The Toddlers

18 months-3 Years



We have recently welcomed our new friends from the Nursery— Brodie, Beau, Kauariki, and Adalyn. Hazel and Jackson will be heading over to The Pagoda, we wish you all the best!!

We would love to invite all the special ladies in your child's life to come to our Mothers Day celebration.

This will be held from 2.30— 3.30pm Friday 10th May in the Toddler room. Come and enjoy a play and some afternoon tea with us.

Sadly our little rabbit friends are no longer with us so we are hoping to have some new guineapig's join us soon. The children love having pets to care for so watch this space... exciting times ahead.

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.



A big welcome to our new Toddler team teachers; Stacey, Charlie and Emily.

Toddler Room Teaching Team:

18—24 month age group —Kristi

2-3 yr olds—Carla, Katy, Maddi, Kate, Emily, Stacey and Charlie.

Please feel free to chat to any of the team :)

The Pagoda 3-5 years



A Big Welcome to ...

Sue and Juju, who have joined our Pagoda teaching team, they are settling in well and the children have been enjoying showing them around. We farewelled Maria and Stacey to the Castle, however it's not goodbye as we will still see them over the fence.

Winter Illness

As winter approaches, we understand that it brings those dreaded winter illnesses and bugs. Whether this is a cold, runny nose, cough, fevers etc..

To reduce the risk of spreading, as well as infecting our teachers (as we are a little short during the month of May), please keep your children at home if they are unwell and cannot participate in our daily activities.

We understand it's often difficult with navigating time off work etc, and we appreciate your consideration of others by keeping your children home.

Reminders:

- If your child requires Pamol, then they are too sick to attend, please keep them at home.
- 24hour stand down period for any prescribed medicines.

Teacher update for the month of May.

You will see Sue and Juju's friendly faces, however may miss Lauren, Katie and Claire's as they take some time off during the month.

Lauren will be in America for BMX, while Claire and Katie will be taking some extended sick leave.

Unfortunately this means that there will be no room for extending your days/ times or any extra bookings during this time.

Please ensure that you are on time to pick your child/ children up, this includes siblings in another area eg. 3pm finish, both children need to be picked up by 3pm.

This is so that we can maintain our teacher to children ratios, and teachers can leave at their designated finish times during the day.

Thanks for your understanding.

Mothers Day

We would like to celebrate all the wonderful mothers in the children's lives and invite you to the Pagoda for the afternoon.

When: 10th May

Time: 2pm-3pm

Light refreshments will be provided.



Keryn's Corner

CHICKEN & VEGGIE PILAF

SERVES 4

INGREDIENTS:

25gms butter	salt
1 large onion, chopped	pepper
1 cup long grain rice	25gms butter
2 cups liquid chicken stock	2 Tbsp chopped chives
2 cups cooked chicken (chopped)	
1 cup mixed vegetables	

Melt first measure of butter in an ovenproof casserole dish. Add onion and cook until clear. Stir in rice and cook for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour in stock. Cover and bake at 220 °C for 10 minutes. Stir and then add cooked chicken and mixed vegetables. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover and bake at 220°C for a further 10-15 minutes or until rice is tender, chicken is heated through and vegetables are cooked. The rice should be quite dry. Just before serving, stir in second measure of butter and chives.





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.

