



# Cambridge Early Learning Centre

April to June 2025

## Kia Ora & Welcome!

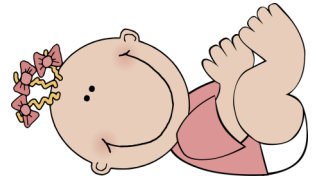
Welcome to our new 'Term' newsletter—we will be putting out four newsletters a year from April onwards covering: April to June, July to September, October to December and January to March. Reminders will also pop up on Storypark from time to time.

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## **STAFF NEWS:**

- Congratulations to Claire and Bevan on the safe arrival of their daughter, Daisy. We are so excited for you both and cannot wait to meet your wee treasure.
- Congratulations to Michele and Todd on the safe arrival of their wee daughter. We are so happy for you all, Nixon and Kiwa must be enjoying hugs with their new sister.
- Farewell to Katy who has started her maternity leave. We wish you all the best and we look forward to meeting your wee one.
- Welcome to Shelby who will be joining us to support the Toddler team covering maternity leave.
- Welcome to Tasha who is joining us for a few weeks on her placement, this will be in both the Nursery and Toddlers.



## **FAREWELL ELAINE aka LAINEY:**

Sadly we have had to say farewell to Elaine (Lainey) who has resigned her position as Nursery Team Leader, after a period of extended leave for family reasons, at the end of March.

Lainey has been a valuable and important part of CELC life for the past 17+ years. Whilst we understand and support her decision to leave teaching for now, we will miss her a lot as will our families. Lainey has been an incredible teacher giving her love, snuggles and her endless energy to the Tamariki.

Our love, friendship and support are always here for you Lainey—keep in touch. 😊



## **MOTHER'S DAY:**

We are celebrating all our wonderful Mum's early May, details to be confirmed.

Please see your child's unit news or Storypark community posts for updates on timeframes and how each age group will be celebrating. 😊



# **MATARIKI FAMILY**

## **GATHERING:**

This has become a favourite event at the centre each year for our tamariki, their whanau and our kaiako.

We will be coming together to share some yummy hot soup and bread rolls (with details of what this will look like closer to the time)

The Pagoda, Toddlers and Nursery will all be 'open door' so that families can visit and chat with the kaiako.

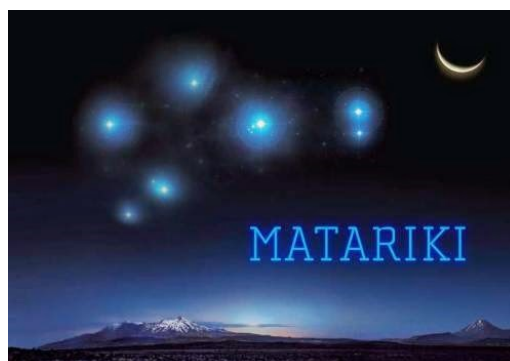


Here at CELC we celebrate Matariki by implementing the values, principles and theme of the maori new year! This is adapted differently through all rooms but our focus always remains around remembrance, celebrating the present, and looking towards the future, encouraging gathering with whānau, sharing food, and reflecting on the past while planning for the future. Check out the Matariki website to learn more!

The theme for Matariki 2025 is "Matariki heri kai" (the feast of Matariki), highlighting food's role in bringing people together.

**The three key principles for Matariki are:**

- Matariki Hunga Nui. Remembrance. Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki.
- Matariki Ahunga Nui. Celebrating the Present. Gathering together to give thanks for what we have.
- Matariki Manako Nui. Looking to the Future. Looking forward to the promise of a new year.



# **The Nursery**

## **0-18 months**



Kia Ora Nursery whaanau,

As our newsletters now head to termly, please keep a look out on our Nursery community page on Storypark, this is where we will be posting any important up-coming events or information for you

### A few 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.

\*Please don't forget a named drink bottle for your child to keep here.

\*The wet weather has started to arrive along with the cooler mornings. Please ensure that you name your children's clothes, especially their jumpers and jackets.

\*We have farewelled Pat, and over the next few months we also say farewell to Carrington, Jackson, Reuben and Billy. We hope you all have the best time in the Toddler room. We also welcome Isabella and Lani and their whaanau to the nursery room in April, then Harriet in May, and Rafi and Zita in June –we look forward to having you all with us!

Ngaa mihi'

Nursery team.

# **The Toddlers**

## **18 months-3 Years**



**Our newsletters will now be sent out termly, so keep an eye on Storypark for any reminders / updates.**

**A big welcome to Pat who has joined us from the Nursery.**

**Carrington, Reuben, Billy and Jackson will be joining us from the Nursery over the next three months. We look forward to getting to know you and your whaanau during your time with us.**

**We also say farewell to Isabella who is heading off the Pagoda—we wish you all the very best as you begin your next learning adventure**

**We have a student with us for part of April. Her name is Tasha and the children are already enjoying having her here with us.**

**We have a new teacher starting, Shelby will be becoming part of the Toddler team. We are excited to have her join our room.**

**Please check the lost property as this gets donated termly. This means within the week we will be removing what is currently in the foyer. Please, please, please check for clothes, toys, socks and undies. Thank you**

**We have so many exciting times coming up—Easter, Anzac, Matariki, Mother's Day .... We would love to see what your family gets up to. The children love sharing these family moments with their friends so please feel free to send any photos or stories in via Storypark.**

**Thank you to everyone that filled out the survey on Storypark. This is valuable information that goes towards our self review.**

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



As our newsletters now head to termly, please keep a look out on our Pagoda community page on Storypark, this is where we will be posting any important up-coming events or information for you.

## **Kaiako / Teachers News**

- Congratulations to Claire and Bevan as they shared their happy news with us of Daisy's safe arrival.
- Congratulations also to Michele and Todd on the safe arrival of their wee daughter.
- We will farewell Jenny late June as she goes on maternity leave.

A big welcome to Isabella who will be joining us from the Toddlers late April. We look forward to having you and your whaanau join us. ☺

## **Mother's Day**

We would like to invite all the special Mum's in our children's lives to afternoon tea at the Pagoda

Keep a look out on Storypark in the coming weeks for more information.

## **Wet weather gear & gumboots**

The wet weather has started to arrive along with the cooler mornings. Please ensure that you name your children's clothes, especially their jumpers and jackets.

Remember that the weather doesn't stop us from getting out. You can bring your own wet weather gear along with gumboots, which you can leave here.

We do have some Pagoda wet weather gear if you forget

## **Our Pagoda Bear, Wilson**

As most of you know we have a Pagoda Bear called Wilson, he enjoys going on trips with the children as well as offering a warm comfort when things just aren't going right.

Over the last few weeks Wilson has been an extremely busy bear with trips away to Rarotonga as well as weekends away, to the beach etc.

As he is in such hot demand please be patient as we do our best to accommodate everyone. We currently have a waiting list, please let a teacher know if you would like to be added to it for a night, weekend or trip you have planned.

Wilson comes with his backpack and few essentials, please ensure that these are brought back with him so that the other children can enjoy them too.



**Our recent dress up day was a success, we had lots of superheroes attend.**

# Keryn's Corner

## EASTER EGG SCROLLS

Prep time: 25 mins

Cook: 30 mins

Serves: 6

### Ingredients:

<b>DOUGH:</b>	2 cups Self raising flour 1 cup Milk 100gms Butter—diced and cold Pinch of Salt
<b>FILLING PASTE:</b>	Mini chocolate Easter eggs—2 to 3 packets roughly chopped 100gms Butter
<b>ICING:</b>	3/4 cup Icing Sugar 1 tsp Ground Cinnamon Boiling Water

### Method:

- ⇒ **Preheat oven to 180°C**
- ⇒ **Grab a large mixing bowl and place a sieve on top. Add self raising flour and salt then sieve through.**
- ⇒ **Add the cold, cubed butter to the bowl and use your fingertips to press the butter into the flour until combined.**
- ⇒ **Add milk to the mixture and combine using a spoon until dough forms. Knead the dough on a lightly floured chopping board or bench until the dough looks relatively smooth. If the mixture is still sticky or wet add more flour.**
- ⇒ **Add another sprinkle of flour over the bench or chopping board and roll out the dough until about 1/2 cm thick.**
- ⇒ **To make the filling paste—place the butter into a small bowl and microwave for a few seconds until it's soft (but not melted). Roughly chop the mini chocolate Easter eggs. Add most of the chopped Easter eggs to the softened butter and stir through until you have a thick paste. Reserve some of the chopped eggs to sprinkle on the rolls once fresh and out of the oven.**
- ⇒ **Brush the paste generously all over the dough, then cut the dough into 6 strips. Roll each strip into a scroll shape, starting from the end closest to you.**
- ⇒ **Place the scrolls into a lined and greased baking dish. You want the scrolls to fit snugly in the dish, so that when they expand in the oven they join up to each other and touch the sides of the baking dish.**
- ⇒ **Cook for 25-30 mins or until they have puffed up and turned golden brown.**
- ⇒ **To make the icing—add the icing sugar and cinnamon to a bowl then add a couple of tablespoons of boiling water and whisk until combined. The consistency should be thick but almost runny.**
- ⇒ **Drizzle icing all over the scrolls then sprinkle over the remaining chopped up Easter eggs.**

**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.**

