



Cambridge Early Learning Centre

July to September 2025

Kia Ora & Welcome!

Winter has arrived, and it's definitely time to wear gumboots and pack a raincoat. Inside, we are snugly warm at The Castle & The Pagoda with the underfloor heating bringing comfort on the really cold days.

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- Thursday 10th July—**Wilson's birthday celebration with a Teddy Bear's picnic and Pyjama Day**
- 21st to 25th July—**Kindness week between our staff**
- Tuesday 22nd July—**Cambridge Child Care Centre Trust Board AGM at 6.00pm**
- Thursday 31st July—**Oxford Pie orders due back**
- Wednesday 13th August—**Oxford Pie orders delivery**
- Friday 29th August—**Daffodil Day**
- Friday 5th September—**Bloke's Day in the Centre**
- Sunday 7th September—**Father's Day**
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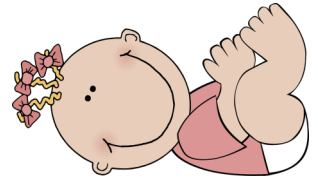
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STAFF NEWS:

- Congratulations to Jenny and Sam on the arrival of their daughter, Heidi. We are so excited for you both and your families. We are looking forward to meeting your wee bundle of joy.
- Congratulations to Katy and Dylan on the arrival of their daughter, Maddilyn. We are so happy for you all, Ollie and Jimmy will be very proud big brothers.
- Farewell to Kristi who left us at the end of June to move back to her hometown to be closer to family. We are missing you already.
- Congratulations to Carla, Marcus and Emmy who are expecting a new addition to their family in January 2026. We are so excited for you all.
- Farewell to Charlie who will be leaving the Toddlers at the end of July to take up a position closer to home. Our best wishes for your next adventure.
- Brooke Manhood, our Centre cleaner, will also be leaving us to start her studies for vet nursing. We wish her all the best.
- Welcome to Xin and Elise who will be joining us in the Toddler room during July. We look forward to having you as part of the team. ☺



WILSON'S BIRTHDAY:



Wilson is the Pagoda teddy bear who switches between turning 3 or 4 each year. This year Wilson is 4 years old. Wilson is a much loved and well travelled teddy bear, who has his own passport and goes for overnight and sometimes overseas trips with the Pagoda children.

We look forward to celebrating Wilson on Thursday 10th July—so come in your PJ's, bring your own teddy for a teddy bears picnic and we can share some of Wilson's birthday cake.



OXFORD PIE FUNDRAISER:



It's time for our second Oxford Pie fundraiser of the year. Order forms will be available towards the end of July and these are due back at the office by Wednesday 6th August.

Delivery will be on Wednesday 13th August, and orders should be ready for collection by 3.00pm at the latest. We will text to advise you when they are ready. Thank you for your support. 😊

DAFFODIL DAY:

We will have our **YELLOW** buckets out ready to collect your gold coins and small change leading up to Daffodil Day on Friday 29th August.

The Kaiako and Tamariki can wear **YELLOW**, play **YELLOW** and eat **YELLOW** on Daffodil Day.

At the end of the day the money collected will be donated to the Cancer Society.



BLOKES DAY:

**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY**

We will be celebrating the special blokes of our Centre children on Friday 5th September. Please keep an eye out in your child's unit news or on Storypark for further details.

TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI- MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK:

Māori Language Week in 2025 will be celebrated from September 15th to September 21st. The week begins on a Monday and concludes on a Sunday. It's a time for all New Zealanders to embrace and celebrate te reo Māori.



The Nursery

0-18 months



Thank you to everyone who came and helped celebrate Matariki with us—it was a lovely afternoon!

*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 to bring in 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 your children's warm clothes are named as we will still make the most of getting outside for fresh air when we can.

*In term three we say haere ra to our friend's Della-Mae, Mackenzie, Jack and Reeve who will transition to the toddler room. We hope you all have the best time in your new learning environment. Nau mai haere mai to Delta, Daisy, William, Reid, Walter, Hudson and Mason and their whaanau who join us in the nursery room this term —we look forward to having you all with us!

*Please keep an eye out on Storypark for updates and notices about the nursery room throughout the term!

Ngaa mihi'
Nursery team.

The Toddlers

18 months-3 Years



This term we welcome Della-Mae, Mackenzie, Jack and Reeve from the Nursery. We would also like to welcome their families into the Toddler room. We say goodbye to Jasper S as he heads over to the Pagoda to begin the next part of his learning adventure.

We sadly say goodbye to our teacher Charlie as she has taken a job closer to home. We will miss you being part of the Toddler Room. Her last day is the 29th July.

We welcome back Maddi early September from her OE.

We have some new teachers joining the room which we are very excited about; first we have Xin who will be starting early July followed by Elise mid July. Make sure you look out for their friendly faces and say hi :)

Our next celebration will be our annual Blokes day celebration on Friday 5th September. More details to come closer to the time.

Thank you to all the families that came in to help us celebrate Matariki. It was such a great turn out and a beautiful feast to share together. It was very special so thank you all for contributing and making time to join us.

Toddler Room Teaching Team:

Team Leader : Carla

Nursery support teacher: Kate

Jellybean teacher: Stacey

Awesome Toddler team teachers: Maddi, Allie, Shelby, Xin, and Elise.

Please feel free to chat to anyone about your child or if you have any questions.

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 Jenny and Sam as they shared their happy news with us of Heidi's safe arrival.

A big welcome to Lockie who joined us from the Toddlers in June. During July we also have a big welcome for Albertine and Jasper S. We look forward to having you and your whaanau join us. 😊

Matariki

We would like to thank everyone for a wonderful afternoon celebrating Matariki.

We loved sitting around the fire and enjoying time together.

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 outside. 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 a few essentials, please ensure that these are brought back with him so that the other children can enjoy them too.



Our recent Matariki afternoon

Keryn's Corner

CARROT MAC & CHEESE BITES

Prep time: 10 mins

Cook: 50 mins

Serves: 12

Ingredients:

2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 large brown onion, coarsely grated
3 medium carrots, coarsely grated
1/3 cup plain flour
3 cups milk
1 cup grated pizza cheese
3 cups cooked macaroni
1 bunch chives, finely chopped

Method:

Step 1

Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan-forced). Grease a 12-hole, 1/3 cup capacity muffin pan.

Step 2

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook onion and carrot for 10 minutes, stirring, or until softened. Sprinkle over the flour, then stir for one minute or until combined. Gradually add milk, stirring to combine. Bring to a simmer, then cook for 10 minutes or until the mixture has thickened. Remove pan from the heat.

Step 3

Fold in cheese, macaroni and 3/4 of the chives until the cheese has melted. Spoon mixture into muffin pan. Sprinkle with 1/2 of the remaining chives.

Step 4

Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Serve topped with remaining chives.

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.**

