



Cambridge Early Learning Centre

October to December 2025

Kia Ora & Welcome!

Spring is underway and we are enjoying the warmer weather, and looking forward to Summer. There is so much to look forward too over the new few months.

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STAFF NEWS:

- You will have noticed some smiling new faces around the Centre—we are so excited to have Elise and Xin join the Toddler teaching team, and it's great to have Cindy join us as our cleaner.
- Welcome back to Michele from her maternity leave, we are so happy to have you and wee Zadie join us early October.
- Maria is making a remarkable recovery, and we are so happy to have her pop in for visits when she can. Hugest of hugs Maria from us all.
- Welcome to Philippa who has joined us as a reliever. You will see her smiling face either in the Toddlers or Nursery.
- Carla will be starting her maternity leave towards the end of the year. We would like to wish Carla, Marcus and Emmy all the very best for the arrival of their newest wee treasure.

CENTRE PHOTO DAYS:



This year we are doing things a little bit different with centre photos being split over two days. The Castle Nursery and Toddlers photos will be taken on Wednesday 15th and The Pagoda on Thursday 16th October. If your child is not booked in on these days and you would like to have your child's photo taken, please leave your name at the office. Thank you.

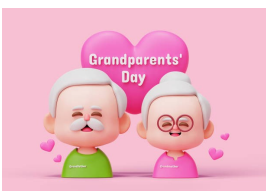
OXFORD PIE FUNDRAISER:

It's time for our final Oxford Pie fundraiser of the year. Order forms will be available early October and these are due back at the office by Tuesday 21st October. Delivery will be on Thursday 30th October, 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. ☺



GRANDPARENTS DAY:



This year we will be celebrating our Centre Grandparents on Wednesday 12th November. This is a day that we look forward to every year, our tamariki particularly enjoy spending time with their grandies. There will be more details on Storypark closer to the date.

CENTRE CLOSEDOWN PERIOD & HOLIDAY NOTICES:

This year we will be closing our doors on Friday 19th December at 5.30pm for 2 weeks, re-opening on Monday 5th January 2026 at 7.30am.

Holiday Notices will be available towards the end of October and we require one to be completed for each child please, even if your child will only be absent for the two week closure period. These forms enable us to get a snapshot of numbers so that any staff holiday requests can be considered. Thank you in advance.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:



**Friday 5th December between
6.00—7.30pm at The Castle**

We are looking forward to hosting another amazing Christmas party for our children and their parents.



Could you please bring a wrapped, named present for **Centre children only** to the office by Thursday 4th December. Santa will be giving these out to the children, starting with the Nursery aged children first (siblings will be included at this time).

There will be a sausage sizzle, Pete the Pirate helping everyone get their dancing feet going, face painting, novelty balloons and a lot of fun!!

RSVP's will be on both The Castle and The Pagoda sign in counters closer to the time. Please note: there is a limit of 2 adults per family and it is an alcohol free event.



The Nursery

0-18 months



Wow, the last newsletter for the year!

In term four we say haere ra to our friend's Irah, Luka and Bowie 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 Zadie, Mackenzie, Felix, Charlie, Charles and their whaanau who join us in the nursery room –we look forward to having you all with us!

Looking ahead to the last term of 2025, here are a few reminders, notices and upcoming events:

PHOTO DAY— This will take place over a two day period. The Nursery are booked for Wednesday 15th October from 9am. If your child is not booked in on this day and you would like a photo taken please let the Nursery team know.

GRANDPARENTS DAY—Wednesday 12th November from 9am-11am, please RSVP to a nursery kaiako.

CALENDARS—Calendar artwork is now underway and kaiako Brooke will be in touch about order forms by the end of October.

CHRISTMAS—Our annual children's Christmas party will be Friday 5th December from 6pm-7.30 pm, lock it into your Calendar.

SUMMER— Beginning of Term four we will implement our sunsafe policy with the use of sunscreen twice a day as well as using hats outside. If your child needs their own sunscreen please let a kaiako know. We have centre hats that can be used, or you are welcome to bring your own. Please don't forget a named drink bottle.

The Toddlers

18 months-3 Years



Welcome to the last newsletter of 2025!!



Firstly, thank you to all the Blokes that came and spend time with us to celebrate Fathers Day recently. It was lovely to see you all. Carla will be heading off on maternity leave during December. We wish her and her family best wishes as they welcome their baby girl.

Reminders:

- If your child uses re-usable nappies please ensure the nappies come already lined and that there is at least one disposable to use for sleep time—These will start to get charged if not supplied.
- Please bring your child's bag daily with spare named clothes (at least 2/3 full outfits)—especially since we are coming into summer—we do a lot of water play!!
- Sunblock—From Labour weekend we will start to apply sunblock. We apply at 10.30 and after rest / sleep time—please make sure your child comes with sunblock applied in the morning. If you have your own sunblock please see a teacher and we can organize that. Centre hats are available for the children and are compulsory while they are outside for the summer months.



Upcoming days:

Grandparents day: Wednesday 12th November we are hosting Grandparents day between 9-11am . During this time I'm sure they will get a lovely tour from the children, a chance to hang out , we will also have a mat time and morning tea. RSVP will be on sign in desk later this month.

Christmas: December is our favourite month of the year in the Toddler room. To start the month off we will have a bike day on the 3rd, Water day on the 4th and our annual centre Christmas Party is on the 5th.

We will organize walks up to the Town Hall for the Christmas festival to check it out.



Our last day together will be Friday 19th December.

Thank you for an amazing year—Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The Pagoda **3-5 years**



As our newsletters are now 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.

Blokes Day

We would like to thank all the Blokes who popped in for a Pagoda Brew and a bacon buttie. We had the best morning celebrating our important blokes.

Welcome

We look forward to welcoming Charlie, Maisie-Rose, Romee and Rosie who will be joining us in October.; and Bonnie C who will join us in November from the Toddlers.

Farewell

In the next few weeks we say goodbye to Hunter, Otis, Flynn and Marlow. We wish you all the best for the next part of your learning journey. We will miss you all and your families!

SUMMER FUN

With the weather improving we will be having more water play. Could you please send more clothes or togs in with your children. Also please pack a wet bag for all the wet clothes. If you don't have a wet bag and would like to purchase one you can order them through the office.

Process Cooking

Recently at The Pagoda we have been trying a different type of cooking with the children. Process cooking is a more independent form of cooking. We set up the ingredients and the children follow along the steps and make their own serve, whether it is a pancake, a muffin or a cookie. There is very little teacher influence.

Sue Kilgour a kindergarten teacher from Cambridge has written a book which is a great resource to set up process cooking. If you are interested in purchasing a book let us know.



Our recent walk to the town square

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.**

