



CELC NEWS

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Open Day

We were spoiled with beautiful weather for our Open Day on Sunday 3rd March.

The princess jumping castle was enjoyed by all - even some of the staff - and Chloe did a fabulous job of the face-painting.

We would like to thank all of the families who attended on the day.

The staff enjoyed the opportunity to casually chat to you all and we hope that you also enjoyed the chance to have a good look around your child's room and get to know the educators a little better.



Diary Dates:

© Friday 19th April
Teddy Bears' Picnic

Reminders:

© Centre Closed: Friday 29th March (Good Friday) and Monday 1st April (Easter Monday)



The Babies

Earlier in March we introduced the babies to the tent and the ball pit. They have shown great interest in both of these, so we continued to keep them in the room for the remainder of the month.

We are noticing some of the older babies beginning to interact more with each other. They are being very gentle and we are continuously reinforcing and praising them when they do so.

Mirrors are fascinating to children, especially babies, and they often spend time looking at their reflections. The tea/kitchen set has also sparked some interest among the bubs, so we will continue to put this out for them to explore.

Carmen & Elisa



The Toddlers

The Toddlers have been exploring the theme of Transport this month, with lots of books, songs and art activities focusing on this topic.

Cooking is proving to be a popular activity, with the children showing a lot of interest in our Friday classes with Brooke.

As each week passes, the Toddlers' independence is taking shape and becoming more obvious. Tantrums usually go hand-in-hand with independence at this age, as they are discovering their impact on those around them and their ability to have some influence in the world.

Rest assured that tantrums are completely normal for this stage of their development and that they will grow out of them (at some point in childhood!)

Jess & Elisa



The Kindi Kids

We have discovered some budding photographers in the Kindi room this month. We bought some single-use cameras and let them have a go. Be sure to have a look at their photos on the windows in our room.

This activity was a nice introduction for the children to start our focus on learning "All About Me". The children painted some great pictures of themselves after looking in the mirror and discussing their eye colour, hair and so on.

Our visit to the Croydon Library was a big success and something that we will definitely do again.

Cassie & Kiran



Kindergarten

The Kinder Kids have been quite keen and creative with the Lego over the past few weeks. We have put up some pictures of simple Lego structures in the room to inspire the children's building skills. So far we have seen ships, houses, gardens and even an elephant. The Easel was a point of interest earlier in the month, as the children explored their artistic side using a variety

of different painting and drawing materials.

We feel that it is important to have a place in the room for children to be on their own at times, and our little drawing table has been enjoyed by many of the children. We set it up for just one child at a time, with paper, pens, pencils, textas or pastels. It gives the kids an opportunity to do something quietly

and away from the 'busy-ness' of the rest of the group.

Measurement was another point of interest this month, with lots of comparing going on and discussions about 'taller than' or 'shorter than'.

Cassie, Kiran & Briony

Cooking

The children really enjoy our cooking classes on Fridays, run by Brooke and Briony. Even the most simple recipes allow the children to witness scientific changes, as they see ingredients transform from dry to wet, solid to liquid and so on. Cooking also promotes numeracy and literacy skills as they count, measure and discuss what they are making.

Do you have a favourite recipe that is enjoyed by your child? Sweet or

savoury, hot or cold - it doesn't matter. Brooke and Briony would love some new recipes.

They are particularly interested in recipes that cater for children with allergies or certain dietary preferences (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, egg-free etc...) Thanks to Melanie Baker for her suggestions this week.

Please send along your recipes or email them - we'd love to try them.

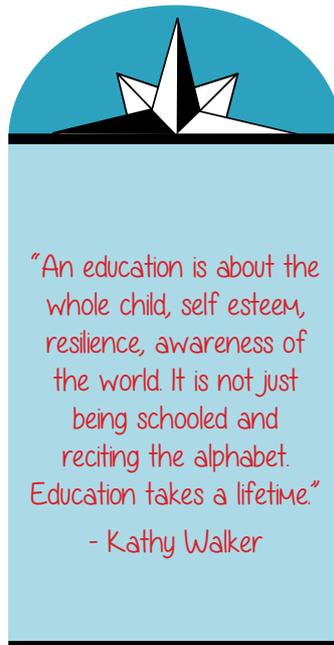


No time for a haircut?

Emma visits CELC every 6-8 weeks. If your child is in need of a haircut, please fill in the details in the folder in the foyer. The next visit will be just after the school holidays - Thursday 18th April. \$12 per cut.

Immunizations

It is important to keep your child's immunizations up to date so that your Centrelink benefits are not affected. Dr Jill visits every Wednesday and bulk-bills.



Asthma & Allergy

Does your child have Asthma or an Allergy?

If so, it is important that we have an updated Action Plan at CELC. We are required to have an Action Plan written up for your child, even if it is only a mild or infrequent condition.

Please see your local Doctor for an updated plan (these should be updated once a year at least).

Happy Easter



For those of you that celebrate this holiday, CELC would like to wish you a happy and safe Easter. Enjoy the time off and a well-earned break.

The Easter Bunny will be visiting the children on Thursday 28th March, which is an exciting event for them. There will also be an egg hunt, so fingers crossed for good weather!



Music

The children enjoy a Music & Movement class every Tuesday with Maxine & Jess.

KiddyGym

This class is run on Wednesdays and is designed to promote physical skills and coordination.



Please Help

Woolworths is running its annual Earn & Learn promotion again. We participated in this in 2012 and were rewarded with some fabulous free resources for the children.

We would love your help again this year. Please collect the Earn & Learn points at Woolworths and send them along to CELC. There will also be a box with our name on it at Arndale Safeway that you can put your stickers into.

Thank you so much for your support!



Jaxon turned 1



Bhumi turns 2

Happy Birthday to You!



Emily turns 3