



CELC NEWS

November - December 2014

The Year in Review

After a fairly quiet start to 2014, CELC ended the year with a very high number of enrolments, with most rooms now fully booked each day. Many new families have joined us based on your recommendations, so thank you!

After an apparent Baby Boom, the Babies Room welcomed so many wonderful little people into the room this year. With such a big group of them around a similar age, we are looking forward to watching them tackle Toddlerhood together and hope that they will spend many years with us.

The Toddlers have enjoyed testing out their independence and challenging the rules as only Toddlers can do! We have seen little friendships emerge as

they grow older and move from 'side-by-side' play to interactive social play with others.

The Kindi Kids have also made huge developments in their independence and social skills, with their level of play becoming much deeper and more involved. They also question things more and more, show greater concentration and thoroughly enjoy being with their peers.

Our Kinder Kids are all grown up and most of them are heading off to school next year. Their friendships have deepened this year, and they will no doubt continue to make new friendships when they start Prep. It is always a little sad to say goodbye, but we are also very proud of the progress they have made and excited for

them as they start the next stage of their educational journey. Please keep in touch with us and let us know how they are settling in to school life.

Throughout the year we have enjoyed celebrating the Winter Olympics, Crazy Hair Day, Easter egg hunt, Xavier and his native Australian animals from WildlifeXposure, Multicultural activities, Pjama Day, Footy Fever Day, a visit to Chesterfield Farm, hatching chickens, and the favourite Pirates and Princesses Day. The Kinder Kids also had a Responsible Pet Incursion and their big trip to Kew Traffic School.

We have more exciting experiences planned for 2015 too, and are looking forward to another busy year.



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Reminders:

- ☺ We are closed on the public holidays:

Christmas Day - 25th Dec
Boxing Day - 26th Dec
New Year's Day - 1st Jan

- ☺ Absences/Holidays

Please inform us as soon as possible as to any days your child will be away over Dec/Jan so that we can arrange our staff accordingly.

- ☺ Welcome Packs will be sent home in January with information about your child's new room (if applicable), 2015 calendar, menu and other important information.

December/January Program

We remain open over the summer, with the exception of the public holidays. With lots of families taking holidays, our rooms are generally much quieter; giving a few of the staff members a chance for some time off. Normal programs and routines will be running in each room, however, the Reflection Journal may not be printed up or emailed during this period. Alternative documentation about the program will be available in the room instead.

SURVEY RESULTS

We would like to say a huge thank you to those of you that completed our online survey that was sent out in November. The feedback we received was extremely helpful and constructive; bringing our attention to areas that we need to change, improve or communicate more effectively. There are some things that we know we are doing well, however, we just aren't making it visible to families. We have used this information to set professional improvement goals for ourselves for 2015 and look forward to making these changes based on your feedback.

Please remember that your feedback is welcome at any time. If you prefer to remain anonymous, you can use our Suggestion Box located in the foyer.



Aiden turned 4



Evan turned 3



Reilly turned 4



Taylor turned 2



Isabella turned 3



Gemma turned 3

Happy Birthday to You!

PIRATES & PRINCESSES DAY



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Yet again we filled up the hall with lots of families and friends for our annual concert. After a somewhat hectic start, things soon settled down and the children did a wonderful job of their performances. It's always a little unpredictable as to how they will go when they get up on the big stage with a huge audience, after practising for so long in their rooms.



Thank you to all of our wonderful educators who taught the children the songs and dances, day in day out for many months prior to the concert. It is a huge effort by them for such a short performance. Listening to 'Let it Go' every single day for that long is something that nobody should have to endure!



A special mention to our Mini-MCs: **Xavier, Declan, Spencer and Sam**, who were very brave with the microphone (some a little braver than others!). And of course our big MC: **Gerard McKeown**, who once again accepted the job without much notice or preparation. Thank you! We had two special Santa's Helpers - **Maddison and Khush** - who did a great job of handing out candy canes before the concert. And what would a Christmas Concert be without the Big Man in Red? Thanks so much to **Tim** for volunteering for this very important job. We hope you didn't take it to heart when some of the children didn't want anything to do with you!



To all of the families that attended, we thank you too. Your attendance and assistance with fundraising is very much appreciated, as is your patience as we organised so many children!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We would like to wish each and every one of our CELC families a relaxing and safe holiday period, no matter what you are celebrating or where you are. We hope you have the opportunity to enjoy a few well-earned days off to spend time with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.