Welcome to the third edition of our CELC newsletter for 2014. As the term comes to a close, we hope that this issue will provide you with an opportunity to pause and reflect on the children’s learning and significant events of term 1, 2014.

Children’s Health
Our last newsletter made reference to children’s health, but I feel a reminder is in order. The below statements are extracts from Section 5 Health and Safety Policy and Procedures of the CELC Policy Manual. Strict adherence to the policy is required.

- Children who have had a temperature, vomiting or diarrhea in the 24 hours prior to their due attendance at the CELC will not be allowed to attend, nor will children who have been given Paracetamol and or Ibuprofen. Administering either or a combination of Paracetamol and Ibuprofen acts as a masking agent to symptoms of illness.
- The administration of homeopathic, naturopathic, over-the-counter or non-prescribed medications (including cold elixirs) will not be administered, unless accompanied by a letter from a health professional who is prescribing or dispensing the medication. The letter must include the child’s name, date of birth, address and phone number. As well as the name of the medication, the reason for the medication and the dosage and time required.

Educators who suspect a child is unwell will inform the Director who will then contact a child’s parents immediately to collect the child from CELC.

A child suspected of being unwell will be removed from the learning space and sit with an educator while waiting to be collected.

The full policy and procedures manual is available for you in the parent library and administration area.

Easter Raffle
I would like to thank all of the families that kindly donated Easter related items to the Easter Raffle, as well as spent time to sell the raffle tickets to extended family and friends. We really do appreciate your participation and commitment.

As a not for profit preschool service all of the educational resources purchased come from your fundraising efforts. Once again a BIG THANK YOU.

Announcing the winners
Congratulations to the following winners of our Easter Raffle.


CELC Statements
All families should have received their usage statements for Term 1 2014. These will need to be submitted to the Family Assistance Office along with a completed claim form. You can download a claim form from http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/forms/fa018
CELC Fee Policy Change Effective from Start of 2014 School Year.

Following the recent changes to NSW Government funding for preschools, the CELC Fee Policy has been reviewed with changes effective from the start of 2014.

In summary, the major changes are;

• Fees for Terms 1, 2 and 3 are payable in full before the last working day of week 4 of the respective school term.
• Fees for Term 4 are payable in full before the last working day of week 2 of Term 4.

Payments by instalments are generally not available unless the family can demonstrate genuine financial need and approved arrangements are in place well before the due date for payment.

Have you returned your child’s USB?

We have some USB devises that have not been returned. These devises store all of your child’s documentation. Could you please return the verbatim USB drives to CELC ASAP.

CELC Closure Period

CELC will be closed from Monday the 12th April to Friday the Friday 25th April. We will reopen on Monday 28th April, 2014. Have a happy and safe Easter break.

Fun Free things to do this school holidays.

Visit one of the best parks in Sydney :-
Newington Armory and Blaxland Riverside Park - Silverwater
Sydney Park – St Peter’s
Livvi’s Place – Five Dock
W H Brothers Memorial Park – Cremorne

Closer to home, why not try the activities in Blacktown Council Area. For example Story time at the local library, Craft workshops for children 9-12. Check out the entire Autumn school holiday guide at:

An Easter Blessing

May God bless you at Easter,
And keep you all year through.

May God give you all the faith it takes,
To make your dreams come true.

May His love and wisdom always help,
To guide you on your way.

May His light shine down upon you now,
To bless your Easter Day.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter.

Easter Celebrations at CELC

This Easter the children have been listening to Easter stories and making their own discoveries about “new life”. Easter is all about new life and the children have driven the Easter focus towards things that hatch from an egg, hence giving new life. Our focus on Easter is driven by our commitment to the Catholic faith as well as the interests, questions, and queries of children. From a commercial sense children will generally associate Easter with bunnies and chocolate eggs. These are the animated and cute images that influence Easter in the wider community without meaning and purpose. From a Catholic tradition an Easter egg represents and celebrates Jesus emergence from the tomb and resurrection. The Easter bunny is a symbol of procreation, and are ancient symbols of fertility and new life. Our Easter focus has been on new life and animals that hatch from eggs. The documentation of learning is on display in the indoor learning environment.

CELC Outdoor Learning Environment

Overr the Autumn school holidays our outdoor learning environment will be under construction. Stage 1 of our masterplan will be completed. The area under construction includes the garden bed across the front of the preschool, the digging patch adjacent to the sandpit and new natural soft fall surrounding the sandpit and digging patch. All further works will be completed in stages, dependant on successful grant applications.