Welcome

Welcome to the eighth edition of the CELC newsletter.

Kids In Cars

On a typical Australian summer day, the temperature inside a parked car can be as much as 30-40 degrees hotter than the outside temperature, i.e. on a 30-degree day the temperature inside the car could be as high as 70 degrees.

Few people are aware of how little time it takes for the inside of a car to reach dangerously high temperatures, even with the window slightly open. Just so you know, it takes less than five minutes to reach extreme temperatures.

A concerned member of the celc community has informed us that young children are being left inside cars in the celc carpark. This is extremely dangerous and must stop immediately.


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Dental Awareness Program

Good dental health is an essential part of good general health and well being. Young children have been found to have chronic problems with tooth decay because of the food we eat and the drinks we drink. And, brushing our teeth may not have been on the highest list of priorities.

Westpoint Dental has offered to hold a free dental program for the children at CELC on Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th October. They will provide the children with a little present at the end of the program. The visits will last for approximately 20 minutes and will include information on how to brush our teeth and why. If your child does not attend on either of these days, you are welcome to attend but must stay with your child for the entire dental visit.

While we appreciate the generosity of Westpoint Dental for
providing this venture, we emphasis that CELC families are not obliged to commit to this particular practice.

We encourage all families to take their children for a dental health check up at your chosen dentist.

**Bike Week**

In term 2 we celebrated Tour De St Michael’s. (Bike Week). We had such positive feedback from families about the bike week that we are going to celebrate again. During week 5 (2nd – 6th November) children can bring their bike or scooter to CELC. Please remember your helmets. No helmets - no riding. We will set up a bike track complete with working traffic lights, and a pedestrian crossing. We will be exploring road safety concepts in a fun, play based way.

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**Children’s Clothing**

Spring is here! And so is the warm weather. Or should I say unpredictable weather. The days don’t seem to know whether it would like to be hot, extremely hot or cold. With this in mind, can families please pack suitable clothing for their children in their bags. Keep in mind that midriff, crop or singlet tops do not provide enough sun protection for children and are not sunsafe. Clothing should cover a child’s shoulders, back and neck.

Thongs, slippers, and crocs (clog version) are not safe footwear for climbing, running etc. Sandshoes, sandals, barefoot (once at CELC) is so much safer.

Our sun protection and clothing policy is available on the CELC website under section 5 health and safety policies. Please helps us to maintain our commitment to children’s health and safety by dressing children appropriately.

**Water bottles**

Children must bring a water bottle(drink bottle) to CELC. Empty - so that children can fill the bottle at the sink in the meals area. Children are more likely to drink water when they have poured it themselves, and see their peers are also drinking water. No sneaky cordial or flavoured water please. We are conscious of health benefits of drinking water, not just for hydrating the body but also for healthy teeth.


**Happy Birthday**

We have been celebrating a lot of birthdays this term, and it looks like there are more on the horizon. Just a gentle reminder: - CELC is not a party venue. We will sing happy birthday to your child, we can eat cupcakes for this special occasion, but we will not distribute party bags or organise party games. If
you choose to send a party bag to the CELC, it will be the child and families responsibility to post these in the children’s communication pockets.

**Room orientation**

You may have noticed some re-arrangement of the CELC learning spaces. Particularly the verandah and the indoor meals area. The educators are looking at how the children are using the learning space and how we can best meet their learning style through the intentional use of furniture and resources. We hope you enjoy the adventure as much as the educators are having planning the space.

Just a heads up – the lockers will be moving. Don’t panic! They are coming closer to the admin area. We believe this will help your drop off routines, and encourage our older children to actively participate in the kiss and drop program.. The lockers have been ordered but may take some time for delivery. Our current lockers will be used as storage space.

**NSW Transition to School Statements**

CELC will be participating in the NSW transition to school statement process again this year. This document is still voluntary at this stage across NSW. We believe that the document helps establish and maintain a link between preschool and primary school, as well as describes your child’s temperament, learning style and enthusiasm for the transition, before they have formally started Kindergarten. The children will have the chance to write/draw in this document before coming to families for your input. We request that you return the document to CELC ASAP so we can forward these on to your chosen school.

**School orientations**

Please check with your school for upcoming orientation sessions, “little library” (library sessions for pre-schoolers), school based playgroups and parent information nights. CELC children can transition to many different schools, keeping up with different school programs can be troublesome. Here are some dates that we know about:-

St Michael’s Primary School will hold a parent only information event 11th November at 7:30pm
They will run two, half day orientation sessions for children only on Wednesday 18th November and Thursday 26th November between 9:30am and 12:30pm. Morning tea will be provided.

St Patrick’s Primary School held a parent information session last night – sorry!. They will be running four half day orientation session Wednesday 28th October, Thursday 29th October, and Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November between 9:30am and 11:00am.

Blacktown South Primary School will hold a combined orientation and parent information session across three days. 3rd, 10th and 17th November between 9:45am and 11am. Children are to bring a drink and recess to these sessions.

**Wiggle Your Toes Week**

Wiggle Your Toes Day is an excellent opportunity to let your tootsies see the daylight and indulge in some wiggly adventures. We had intended to celebrate this day on the 6th August but discovered that it was winter and a little cold for our tiny tootsies to be out in the open air. So we have re-scheduled for week 8, 23rd – 27th November. It’s almost time to let those ten little piggies come out to play. Children can be barefoot all day at CELC.
We have other wiggling adventures planned for our week long celebration. To get you in the mood – check out Ziggy Marley

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7pU-ygiFPk

Thank you

A big thank you to:-

Henry Fong, who helped us build our new guinea pig house. Shiro and Yoshi are very happy.

Ventam TakTak, who is helping us by making some tablecloths for the meals area.

**Introducing Shiro and Yoshi**

We have finally named our guinea pigs. The children had many ideas - so we had a vote. The educators chose two names for each guinea pig and the children chose the best one. Our littlest guinea pig is named Shiro. Shiro means white in Japanese. Our second guinea pig has been named Yoshi. Yes Yoshi - the green lizard from Super Mario. Yoshi was designed in the game to rescue and protect Baby Mario and Baby Luigi from Kamek and Koopa Troop. Our Yoshi will protect and keep Shiro company.

Welcome to CELC Shiro and Yoshi.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Just passing on our thanks to all the families and our wider community who helped CELC collect Woolworths earn and learn stickers. We were able to achieve 8940 points this year - almost 2000 points above our fundraising goal. We look forward to spending these points wisely in the Modern Teaching Aides store. Thank you!

**Bunnings BBQ**

We have had great success with the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser thanks to support from our families, educators and CELC colleagues. We are looking to continue our success rate on Saturday 19th December. This is the last Saturday before Christmas and I would assume that Bunnings is going to be extremely busy with last minute purchases. I know this is a busy time of year for everybody, but, I am asking for your continued support to operate the BBQ. Can you spare one or two hours to help CELC? Please See Miss Donna to lock in your preferred time.

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