Welcome

Welcome to the ninth edition of the CELC newsletter for 2015.

NSW Transition to School Statement

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. These are being sent home during week 7 & Week 8.

Outdoor space

Our CELC outdoor space was under construction for the third time this term. While we wondered about the children’s ability to cope with limited use of the outdoor space, it was interesting to observe their thoughtful and purposeful choices in play. The children have chose wisely between some limited outdoor experiences and the varied activities offered in the indoor learning space. Their choices may be influenced by the extreme heat we have been experiencing.

Kindergarten Classroom Visits

Each Tuesday for the remainder of Term 4, our CELC children will interacting with a Kindergarten teacher from St Michael’s Primary School. This is a wonderful opportunity to create a relationship with some of the educators from St Michael’s before the children start formal schooling. In addition, each Thursday and Friday, CELC have been invited into the classroom at 11:30am to participate in a literacy experience. The children will be able to see what a classroom looks like, how children behave in a classroom, and the relationship between teacher and student.

These experiences run in conjunction with the established library visits each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and our lunch order program operating Monday and Tuesday.

Your feedback on these initiatives is much appreciated.

Diary Dates to Remember

- Monday 23rd - Friday 27th November - Wiggle Your Toes Week.
- 14th December - Graduation Ceremony
- Thursday 17th December - End of Term 4 &
**Wiggle Your Toes Week**

Wiggle Your Toes Week is an excellent opportunity to let your tootsies see the daylight and indulge in some wiggly adventures. It’s time to let those ten little piggies come out to play. Children can be barefoot all day at CELC from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November. 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7pU-ygiFPk)

**Re-enrolment forms 2016**

It’s that time again. CELC has sent home new enrolment forms for children returning in 2016. The new enrolment forms have additional information needed under our Early Childhood Education and Care Regulations. Please complete the forms and return to CELC by Friday 11th December, 2015.

**Vacancies for 2016**

The CELC has positions available for new families, or families wishing to increase their enrolment in 2016. Please contact the CELC to discuss your enrolment for 2016. ph 88148406.

**Miss Pinar Maternity Leave**

Miss Pinar is set to expand her family of three to a family of four at the end of December. She will be taking maternity leave from Monday 23rd November for twelve months. While she is thrilled about adding to her family, she is a little sad too! She has made some wonderful connections with the children and families at CELC and will surely miss all of the children. We wish Miss Pinar, James and Esra all the best, and wait for some exciting news about baby number 2.
**Sun Smart Hats**

A reminder to families to ensure that children have a sun safe hat. Our preschool is an approved sunsmart service because of our strict commitment to children’s sun protection. We have a strict No hat - No Play approach. Baseball caps are not sunsafe and should not be worn at CELC.

- A sun-safe hat protects the whole face, head, back of neck and ears.
- A hat can reduce the amount of ultraviolet (UV) radiation reaching the eyes by 50%.
- Broad-brimmed, bucket and legionnaire-style hats provide good protection.
- When choosing a hat for children, ensure that it fits correctly.


**Bunnings BBQ Saturday 19th December.**

Our fundraising opportunity for term four is a Bunnings BBQ to be held on Saturday, 19 December 2015 at Blacktown Bunnings. We are looking for volunteers to work the BBQ and sell at the stalls. We have a volunteer register at the admin area. Please nominate how long and a preferred time that you would like to help out. I will try to accommodate requests.

**Bike Week Success**
It’s time for us to bid a fond farewell to our CELC children graduating preschool in 2015. As they set off on their big adventure to primary school, we hope that we have equipped them with foundational learning skills and social confidence to step confidently into Kindergarten. Our graduation ceremony will be held at St Michael’s Parish Church at 5pm on Monday 14th December. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome to join in the celebrations.

CELC Christmas Party
Thursday 17th December 2015 at 3:30/4:00pm until close at 6pm. Our Christmas Picnic will be held at the usual location of Narranginy Reserve - Wren picnic area. Children will need swimmers and a towel. Families are encouraged to bring their own picnic and a place to sit - table seating is limited in the area. We find that holding our celebration at Narrangingy Reserve is less stressful than forcing young children to perform a song and dance routine, especially in the heat of December. The water park gives the children a chance to cool off and have a fun end of year celebration. We will sing a few carols and read a Christmas story to kick off the celebration. We hope to see you there.