



Mountain Community Children's Centre

Family Newsletter

April 2016

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News from Louisa ...

Welcome to our second newsletter for the year. Welcome to all of our new families who have joined us during the past few months.

New babies!

Congratulations to our families on the birth of their new additions:

Eric on the birth of his baby sister, Flora; Ellie on the birth of her sister, Katrina and Cody on the birth of his brother, Hudson.

Staff Leave

I will be on Long Service Leave from Monday 4th April to Friday 22nd April. Kathy will be acting Director/Nominated Supervisor so please see her if you have any concerns or questions.

Ryan is also on leave at present for his wedding and honeymoon. We congratulate Ryan and Bree and wish them all the happiness for their future. Ryan will return on Wednesday 20th April. Both Emily and Alicia will be replacing Ryan during his leave.

AGM and Next Committee Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our recent AGM. Congratulations to our following Committee Members for 2016.

President – Jolly Singh

Treasurer - Krysten Radmanovic

WH&S - Yolanda Kasteel

Grants Officer - Jennifer Cashman

Publicity Officer – Rebecca Clark

Ordinary Members - Therese Williamson, Annemaree Colagiuri, Keith Aranjo, Renee Perkins, Sascha Jones, Kelly Bracken

Vice President – Vanessa Potter

Secretary - Harry Singh

Public Officer - Ed Morris

Fundraising Officer – Charlene Xuereb

Our next committee meeting will be Thursday 28th April at 7pm here at the Centre. It is on a different night to usual so mark the date in your diary. We welcome any suggestions or new members.

Make-Up days

Make-up Days are available to be used when we have vacancies. You will need to see Michelle and complete the form for approval of these days. Please do not ask room staff for a make-up day. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.



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Vacancies

We have limited vacancies in all of the rooms. If you would like an extra day please see either myself or Michelle.

We have an open door policy. So if you have any friends who would be interested in the centre please send them to visit. They are welcome anytime. We only have limited vacancies but please contact the centre if you would like more information.

Kind Regards

Louisa Foxford
Nominated Supervisor

Joey's Room News ...

Room Leader – Mary Todd (Monday to Friday), Judy Brown (Tuesday to Friday), Trainee – Rhiannon Hines (Monday – Friday)

We hope all our families had a wonderful restful Easter. Our children really enjoyed their Easter craft. The Easter bunnies and chickens were particular favourites. "Hop hop goes the bunny" said Zara. "Cock-a-doddle do" said Azalea flying her "wings".

Several of our families visited the Easter Show so we will use this as a starting point to promote the children's interest in farm animals. If any families have photos of the children with farm animals we would love to share them.

We will continue to support the children's interest in shapes and colours as several of our friends are not able to recognise circles and triangles and several colours.

We can't wait to work with our families to help with toilet training. As the cooler weather approaches we are encouraging the children to learn how to put on their shoes and socks.

Could parents please ensure that their children have a change of clothes for all seasons in their bags as the weather is so changeable at the moment.

Thanks! Mary, Judy and Rhiannon



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Lizard Room News ...

Room Leader – Belinda Stark (Monday to Friday), Ryan Piper (Monday to Friday)

In the Lizard Room we have had some new friends join us from the Joey Room. They are settling in well, making new friends and re-establishing old friendships. Welcome Hunter, Diana, Evana, Jaiden and Seth.

We have all been busy making bunny masks, Easter baskets and cotton bud paintings of Easter eggs. The Lizards had their feet painted to make carrots too! It was very ticklish! We were very lucky that the Easter Bunny came to visit and we used our Easter basket to collect eggs. Everyone was very excited!!

The Lizards have been enjoying playing with the dinosaurs on the mat and reading stories on the lounge.

We have just changed home corner to a Teddy Bear's Picnic which the children have been enjoying. The teddy's have been having a lovely time drinking tea and eating cake. Some Lizards made the teddy's have sleeps under the picnic blankets, so we added the cots which the children now rock their bears in.

We will be missing Ryan for 3 weeks as he is getting married and going on his honeymoon! We wish him all the best. Alicia and Emily will be playing more in our room whilst Ryan is away.

Until next time! Belinda, Alicia and Emily

Snake Room News ...

Room Leader – Kathy Rawsthorne (Monday to Thursday), Kristy Hirons (Tuesday to Friday)

Welcome to all our new Turtle friends! Everyone seems to be settling in well and having a great time in the Snake Room.

We have recently changed our home corner to a construction area with lots of cars, trucks, motorbikes, tools and small blocks. It is proving to be very popular.

We have been practicing our scissor skills during craft time and everyone is surprising us with how clever they are!



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Snake Room News ... cont ...

Cooking in the sandpit has been a favourite activity lately with some rather interesting things being created!

Please don't forget it's not too late to bring in your family photos to add to our family tree wall.

If you have any suggestions for activities, ideas or interests of your children, please don't hesitate to talk to Kathy or Kristy. We like to incorporate our children's interests and experiences into our curriculum.

Kathy and Kristy

News from the Office ...

As the Autumn/Winter season commences we ask that you please phone the Centre if your child is unwell or will not be attending on their booked day as early as possible or send a text to the Centre mobile on 0437 224 232. This will allow other children to attend if required.

A huge congratulations and thank you to all the new 2016 Management Committee Members, particularly Krysten Radmanovic for kindly agreeing to be the Treasurer for her 3rd year. Your assistance and input into the management of the Centre is so greatly appreciated!

With Easter and Anzac Day public holidays upon us, we have decided to implement a new make up day form that will need to be completed to request a make up day. We have seen the impact of the new ratios affecting numbers at the Centre and we will do our very best to accommodate your preferred date. As you can appreciate, make up days can only be offered where there is a vacancy and staff to cover. This form will be emailed to you next week.

If you have any questions regarding your account, please do not hesitate to contact either Louisa or myself. I am in the office Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am.

Kind regards! Michelle Stone



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Dates for your Diary ...

Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April 2016 – School Holidays

Monday 25th April 2016 – Anzac Day – **CENTRE CLOSED**

Thursday 28th April 2016 – Management Committee Meeting at 7pm

Management Committee News

Next General Committee Meeting

Thursday 28th April 2016

7pm

All welcome to attend!

All of the cakes for our special occasions here at the centre are donated by ...

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