



# Mountain Community Children's Centre

## Family Newsletter

### December 2016

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### News from Louisa ...

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2016. Wow what a year we have had a fantastic and successful year and I would like to thank all of our families for their support.

#### Rhiannon's Traineeship

Rhiannon's traineeship will finish at the end of the year. However, she will be back next year for another 12 months. Rhiannon will work on Mondays and Fridays to cover Judy and Kristy and other days as required for ratios and Inclusion Support Funding.

#### Farewell Ryan

We will sadly say goodbye to Ryan at the end of the year. We will miss him but we wish him all the success for his future as he moves to Melbourne to study Paramedics. He is still hoping to work in a centre casually. I'm sure they will love having him! We will be having a morning tea on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10am to farewell Ryan. Everyone is most welcome to come along and say goodbye. We will also be purchasing a gift if you would like to contribute just give to another staff member or leave in the office.

Thank you also to all our wonderful families who will be leaving us at the end of 2016. We thank you for all your contributions to the centre over the years. We will miss all of your children and all the help you have offered. We look forward to seeing you all at the back to preschool afternoon tea next year.

#### Educators and Rooms for 2017

##### Joey's Room

Mary – Room Leader

Judy – Educator

##### Snake Room

Kathy – Room Leader

Kristy - Educator

##### Lizard Room

Belinda – Room Leader

Louisa - Non office days

Rhii – Educator



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### News from Louisa ... (cont.)

#### **Trainee**

We currently have an advertisement for a new Trainee for 2017. If you know anyone who has recently completed their HSC and would be interested in a career in early childhood education, please pass on my details. I would be more than happy to help them out.

#### **Snake Room Graduation**

Don't forget that we have our graduation afternoon on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. We hope you bring along all your family and friends!

#### **Back to Preschool Afternoon Tea**

This will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from 4pm to cut the cake at 4.30pm. Invitations will follow next year.

#### **Michelle in the office**

Michelle is off on a family holiday to England on the 18<sup>th</sup> December until January. We wish her a safe and wonderful adventure. I will be taking on Michelle's role so please be patient as I learn how to update parent accounts etc.

Thank you to Michelle for all of your hard work, cheery personality and fantastic organisation skills. You have helped me in my position and I really appreciate all that you do.

#### **Thank you!3**

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank all of our educators for all their hard work this year; Mary, Belinda, Kathy, Judy, Kristy, Rhiannon, Ryan and all of our casuals Kristie, Tara, Alicia, Sam, Sarah, Charlie, Emily, Kasia, Grace, Tayla and Tamara.

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.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to come and see me. Or if you would like to contribute in any way to the experiences with the children please come and see me or email suggestions to [louisa\\_f@bigpond.com](mailto:louisa_f@bigpond.com).

Kind Regards

Louisa Foxford  
Nominated Supervisor



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### **Joey's Room News ...**

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

Welcome to our new friends Hayden, Callie and Chloe and their families to our Joey family. We would also like to express a great big congratulations to big brother Ben (and his mummy and daddy) on the arrival of his little sister, Elizabeth (Ellie).

We have all been working hard on our self-help skills (toileting, dressing, putting shoes and socks on and managing our lunch boxes) with a great deal of success. Well done Joeys and their family.

The children really enjoyed a visit from the garbage truck last week with the older children really seeming to get a grasp of what can be recycled and what recycling is.

With Christmas just around the corner, we will be starting to decorate our room and make decorations for the children to take home. The children are very excited!

As this is the final newsletter for the year, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all our families for the opportunity to share in the loves of your amazing children and thank you for your friendship and support. Have a happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Mary, Judy Rhii

PS Just a heads up for those in the Joey Room next year – we will be looking for a family photo when we return!



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### Lizard Room News ...

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

We have had a great couple of months in the Lizard Room; especially as we have started to celebrate Christmas. William, Luis & Reuben have all joined us in the Lizard Room, and have settled in really well, as the rest of the children did a great job at making them feel welcome.

The Lizards have been working really hard preparing for the concert, practicing their dancing and singing and just having an overall blast.

Outside with the Snakes, we have been taking care of our new veggie garden, pulling out the weeds as well as hosing the veggies and each other so they keep growing.

With Christmas just around the corner, the Lizards have had a great time decorating the Christmas tree with lots of lights, tinsel and even dinosaurs. They have made decorations for their tree's at home as well as wreaths and reindeer's to put on the walls. We have been tracking how close Christmas is getting with our countdown, and everybody is starting to get really excited for Santa and the holidays.

Unfortunately Ryan won't be back at Mountain Community Centre next year, as he is returning to University in Melbourne to finish his Paramedicine Studies. He wants to say thank you to everyone for their support and friendship over the last two years. It has been a pleasure getting to know all the families and the children and helping them grow, learn and have lots of fun - I will miss you all very much.

As the year draws to an end Ryan and Belinda would like to say Merry Christmas to everyone, especially the Lizards. Have a great and safe Christmas, Holiday and New Year's.

Bye for now,

Ryan & Belinda



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### Snake Room News ...

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

Our year is rapidly drawing to an end – it has gone fast! We have watched your children grow and develop into wonderful, competent kids ready to begin their next stage of their lives at “big school”. We wish all of our graduating class of 2016 the best for big school – we will miss them!

We have provided all of our children the opportunity to dramatise being school kids in our big school corner. We have provided different school uniforms to dress up in, school desks, work books and pencils and lots of school type literacy learning such as alphabet posters. We have also added pictures of all of our local schools with photos of the children next to the school they will be attending. This provides the children with a sense of belonging as they form attachments to the school and the friends they will be attending with. This relates to learning outcome 1 as they develop self-identity and belonging.

Our silkworm life cycle learning experience come to its conclusion as we watched our silk worms spin cocoons, change into moths and lay their eggs. The children were all very interested participants in this wonderful nature leaning experience. This related to learning outcome 2 as the children related with care to the natural world and showed respect for the environment.

We have also been busy rehearsing our songs for the end of year concert. The children can't wait to perform for everyone!

Our room is looking very Festive as we enjoy all our Christmas arts and crafts. We also had fun decorating our “real” Christmas tree – thank you to Tilly and her mum who provided our tree for us.

Kristy and I would like to wish all of our wonderful families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!

Kathy and Kristy

## Management Committee News

**Next General Committee Meeting**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**7pm**

**All welcome to attend!**



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#### News from the Office ...

2017 enrolment confirmations have been sent out to all parents. Please check your email and if you have any changes to the days you wish to book your children in, please contact me ASAP.

Direct Debits will continue over the Centre closure period to allow those parents who need to bring their accounts up to date. 2017 direct debits for fees will commence week commencing the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> January depending on your preferred debit date so please ensure you have funds to cover! Please remember, all fees are billed in advance.

Please note, the maintenance levy and memberships fees will be billed to your account on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and will be deducted from your account in the next direct debit cycle.

I am leaving for a family holiday in the UK on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and will be returning to the Centre on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017. From my family to yours, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous new year. See you then!

Kind regards!

Michelle Stone

#### Dates for your Diary ...

##### 2016

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Year Concert 5pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Snake Room Graduation 4pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – LAST DAY FOR 2016

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017** –CENTRE CLOSED

##### 2017

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January** - Centre Reopens

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

## Dolce Charlene Catering

**Dolce Charlene can cater for all your special occasions**

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