



Mountain Community Children's Centre

Family Newsletter

January 2016

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News from Louisa ...

Welcome to our first newsletter for the year. I would like to warmly welcome our new families to the centre. We hope that you enjoy your time with us.

Our Trainee Rhiannon

I hope that you all have had a chance to meet our lovely trainee Rhiannon. Rhiannon finished her HSC at the end of last year. She teaches swimming on a Saturday and plays soccer. She will be attending TAFE every Monday morning but will come back to work for the afternoon. Rhiannon will be completing her Certificate III. Rhiannon will be employed for this year Monday to Friday and will work in the Joey Room. Please make her feel welcome and say hello. We wish her all the success in her studies.



Committee Meeting

Our next committee meeting will be Monday 15th February at 7pm here at the centre. All are welcome to please feel free to join us. Our following meeting on the 21st March at 7pm will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM). We would love to see as many of you here as possible.

Empty Formula Tins

If you have any empty formula tins the snake room would really appreciate them. Thank you

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.



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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.

Kind Regards

Louisa Foxford
Nominated Supervisor

WANTED:

We need old saucepans, frypans, utensils for fun, active play in our sandpit. Can you help? PLUS formula tins for the Snake Room ... any spare?

Joey's Room News ...

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

Welcome to Rhiannon, our new trainee, Judy back to the Joey Room after several years break and all our new families. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year.

Our focus initially will be to ensure the children feel safe, secure and supported. Well done to those families who started toilet training over the holiday. We look forward to supporting these endeavours as well as assisting all the children to further develop their self-skills such as feeding themselves, taking off their shoes and socks and putting them back on.

We have introduced an “Aussie” theme aimed at the Australia Day celebrations and extending the children’s knowledge of our native animals.

The train track is proving popular so we will introduce a “transport” them aimed at introducing/extending upon the children’s knowledge of colours.

As you would be aware, we have an open door policy so I encourage you to come visit and if you have any skills/interests you would like to share with the children, please feel most welcome. If you have any questions or suggestions please ring or email – we would love to hear from you!

Regards! Mary, Judy and Rhiannon



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Lizard Room News ...

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

We have welcomed our new Lizard friends who have come up from the Joey Room. We also say a huge hello to our new friends, Emilia, Annalise, Oscar and also to our returning children and our new Lizard Room teacher, Ryan.

The Lizards have been busy making Australia Day craft to decorate our room for Australia Day. We all enjoyed reading the story “Wombat Stew” and naming all the Australian animals in the story.

At music time we travelled around Australia learning names of some of our capital cities (Travel Around Australia song) and copying difference actions in the songs.

Everyone has transitioned well into the Lizard Room and we are all looking forward to a fun and exciting year together!

Until next time! Belinda and Ryan

Snake Room News ...

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

Welcome to the Snake Room for our new year! Our new Snake friends are settling happily into their new room and making new friends. One of our new friends is Hugo – a big welcome to Hugo and his family!

We have been busy discussing all things Australian for Australia Day, such as our Australian animals, our flag and what our country looks like. We have enjoyed lots of Australiana craft, as well as dramatising puppet shows with our animal puppets.

We have also been enjoying drawing our bodies to put with our photos as a Welcome display in our room. Don't forget to have a look for your child – they are very proud of their pictures! The drawings promote the children's sense of identity and belonging to their room and the Centre.

We will shortly be sending home our room goal sheets to all our families. Look out for them in our pockets soon. Our name writing sheets have also been placed in your child's pocket.



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Snake Room News ... cont ...

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.

Looking forward to a great year with your children!

Kathy and Kristy

News from the Office ...

Welcome to all our new families and a big hi to all our returning families! The year has commenced at a fast pace!

Just a couple of reminders:

- * 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.
- * Please check your child's pocket regularly. Please sign your monthly absences and return ASAP (if required).
- * Statement of Accounts are emailed out fortnightly (weekly at present) and please check your email account for regular notes and information.
- * Don't forget to provide an updated Immunisation History Statement as your child has reaches their 2, 4, 6, 12 & 18 month and 4 year old immunisation dates.

The audit of the 2015 financial accounts is commencing on Monday 8th February. The financial report will be available and presented to the Management Committee at the AGM in March.

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 15th February 2016 – Management Committee Meeting at 7pm

Wednesday 2nd March 2016 – Back to Preschool Afternoon Tea

Friday 25th March 2016 – Good Friday – **CENTRE CLOSED**

Monday 28th March 2016 – Easter Monday – **CENTRE CLOSED**

Management Committee News

Next General Committee Meeting

Monday 15th February 2016

7pm

All welcome to attend!

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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