



Mountain Community Children's Centre

Family Newsletter

May 2016

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News from Louisa ...

Thank you for all the well wishes after I returned from our trip to the USA. We had a wonderful time and an amazing experience. It was great to have a family holiday. We welcome Ryan back after his beautiful wedding and honeymoon!

Our next committee meeting will be Monday 16th May at 7pm here at the centre. We welcome any suggestions or new members.

Movie Night

Please join us for the movie night on Friday 3rd June if you are able to. We haven't chosen a movie yet but I'll let you know as soon as we do.

Bunnings BBQ

Just a reminder that we are having a BBQ at Bunnings West Gosford on Saturday 9th July. We will send out notes next month asking for volunteers.

Make Up days

Make Up Days are available to be used when we have vacancies. You will need to see Michelle or myself 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.

KidsMatter Early Childhood

We are currently going through the process of becoming a KidsMatter Early Childhood service. This will be a 12 – 18 month process. The aim of the program focuses on the social and emotional wellbeing of children. If we encourage positive experiences and interactions in early childhood it will set the children up for positive experiences in their future. We will begin by forming a leadership team made up of myself, Kathy, Mary, Ryan and I am looking for a family and/or committee member representative. If you would be interested in joining us or finding out more, please come and see me or send me an email louisa_f@bigpond.com.

Vacancies

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



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News from Louisa ... cont

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 or 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)

Welcome to our new Joey friends, Lily and Relena! We hope you enjoy your time with us!

Thank you to all our mother's and/or grandmothers who were able to attend our Mothers' Day morning. The children genuinely enjoyed themselves as we hope you did. We hope that everyone had a great Mothers' Day.

As the colder weather approaches, can you please ensure that you send along a small blanket as well as sheets for rest time? Could you also ensure that your child's jumper and jackets have their name written on them? You are most welcome to send along a set of slippers for the children to wear indoors if you would like as the weather cools down.

The children have been enjoying playing in the autumn leaves (raking, rolling, tossing and watching them). We will be using this natural curiosity to introduce the concept of season with the children as well as using the leaves in craft experiences to promote discussion about the autumn colours (yellow, orange, brown etc).

The children have also been experimenting with making music using everyday items (for example using the stepping stones as a drum). We will be extending upon this by attempting to make some of our own instruments. If you or your family member has an instrument they would like to share with us, we would love it! Please remember we are only 0-2 year olds so we will just appreciate you coming in – we are no judge of your ability (have you heard Mary sing ... we still enjoy it when she does!)

If you have any questions or would like to share or add to our program, please come and see us!

Regards! 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 been helping and reminding our new Lizard children with their toileting. They have been getting so much better and not have too many accidents now!

We completed Mothers' Day craft to decorate our wall for Mothers' Day. We made some beautiful smelling bath salts as gifts and had a morning tea at school on the Friday beforehand. The children enjoyed making yummy cup cakes with pink icing with their mummies and getting the chance to play with them with the fun activities! Thank you so much to all our mum's who come along!

We have changed home corner to a big cubby house which the children have been exploring and playing with the toy animals inside it. The children were enjoying playing hide and seek which initiated the cubby house for them to hide in! It has been great fun!

As the weather gets cooler, please send an extra jumper or jacket for your child! Or a beanie like Ryan wears!

Until next time! Belinda and Ryan

Snake Room News ...

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

We hope all our beautiful mums and grandmas had a wonderful Mothers' Day! Our children were all very proud of their necklaces that they made with love for you!

We have now moved on from our very popular construction zone in our dramatic play are to supermarket shopping! The children have been having fun engaging in their pretend shopping play. They are great at negotiating the different roles of shopping – some are the shoppers buying the groceries, while others are the shop keepers operating the cash registers. Thank you to the families that brought in their supermarket boxes to add to our area. We have a great variety now – just like Coles! Play experiences like this relate to our Learning Framework Outcome 4 – Children work collaboratively together as they transfer and adapt their knowledge about shopping into their play.



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Snake Room News ... cont

We have also added a small discovery table about Africa to our room. Two of our parents recently returned from Africa and a few of our children have been to the zoo and told us about the African animals they saw. We will have lots of discussions about Africa – the unique animals, African instruments, clothing, woven baskets, food etc cover the coming weeks. We have also started to learn how to count in Swahili, an African language! This experience relates to Learning Outcome 2, as the children broaden their understanding of their world and developing knowledge of diversity and cultures.

Many children in our room are also practicing writing their names – they are becoming so clever!

If you have anything you would like to contribute or ask about our curriculum, please don't hesitate to see Kathy or Kristy.

Till next time! Kathy and Kristy

News from the Office ...

Fee Increase

Just a reminder that as previously advised, fees will increase commencing next Monday 16th May 2016 to 0 – 3 years \$80.00 and 3 – 6 years \$70.00. Please ensure you have allocated sufficient funds to cover your next direct debit.

Illness

As the Winter season commences we ask that you please phone the Centre **by 8am** if your child is unwell or will not be attending on their booked day or send a text to the Centre mobile on 0437 224 232. This will allow children on the daily waiting list to be accommodated.

Snake Room T Shirts

Don't forget to return your form by Monday 16th May if you would like to order a T Shirt for your child heading off to big school next year!



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News from the Office ... cont

Office Changes

As part of the changes being made to ensure the Centre's viability, I will now only be in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 3pm. Louisa will have her office day on Thursdays. There will be no one in the office on a Tuesday. If you need to speak to me regarding your fees or any other matter outside of these times, please either send an email to mountainchildren@bigpond.com or a text message to the Centre's mobile number 0427 224 232 and I will respond the next day.

Kind regards!

Michelle Stone

Dates for your Diary ...

Monday 16th May – Management Committee Meeting at 7pm

Monday 13th June – CENTRE CLOSED – Queens Birthday long weekend

Management Committee News

Next General Committee Meeting

Monday 16th May 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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