



Mountain Community Children's Centre

Family Newsletter

September 2016

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News from Louisa ...

Country Fair 2016

The annual Fair is on again on Saturday 29th October 2016.

We will be running the fresh produce stall as well as face painting. We will be looking for helpers for both of the stalls as well as donations of produce.

Transition to School Afternoon Tea

Thank you to all who attended the transition to school afternoon. It was a very informative afternoon with lots of sharing of information. Thank you to Matt Barr from Kulnura Public School for coming along to share your knowledge.

Father's Day Afternoon Tea

Thank you to all of our dads and special male role models for coming along to our afternoon tea. It was so great to have you all here! Thank you to Charlene Xuereb for the cakes and the icing. Decorating cupcakes is the highlight of the afternoon for all!

Staff Leave

During the month of September Belinda and Kathy will be having holidays. Our wonderful casuals will fill these shifts for us!

New Casual



We welcome Sam Atkins to our centre as a casual staff member. Please say hello, introduce yourself and make her feel welcome. Thanks Sam for joining the team!

Student Teachers

Grace and Steph have both just finished their internships at the Centre and we thank them for their valuable input & wish them every success in the future! Grace will be returning as a casual staff member next week.

We have another student teacher Tayla from the University of Newcastle here on placement. She will be in both the Snake and Joey rooms. We have Tamara from TAFE in the Lizard room. Please make them all feel welcome!



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News from Louisa ... cont

Vacancies

We have no vacancies in the Joey's room but still have a few vacancies in the Snake and Lizard 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.

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

Joey's Room News ...

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

Welcome to Deon, Barrett, Macy and Jesse who have recently joined our Joey family. We are looking forward to spending many fun filled days with you!

Now that the warmer weather is finally here, we are working hand in hand with our families to achieve that final push to get our older children into undies. We are also starting to encourage some of our younger children to start to sit on the toilet. If you are interested in toilet training your child and would like our help, please speak to one of our educators (if you have not already done so!).

Paul, the gardener, completed our vegetable garden this week. The children are most excited about planting and caring for their "baby" plants. They have expressed an interest in growing tomatoes, carrots, lettuces, peas and cucumbers. Our aim for this experience is to encourage the children's interest in the natural environment and healthy eating practices.

Spring has seen our silkworms hatch which is also creating much interest and excitement as we feed and tend to them. As well as promoting an interest in the natural environment, the silkworms have sparked an interest in the "Hungry Caterpillar" story which in turn, has provided the opportunity to introduce days of the week and number recognition skills.



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Joey's Room News ... cont

We love our families being involved in our room so please, if you would like to share your time, an interest, hobby or skill with us, we would love to hear from you!

Regards! Mary, Judy and Rhiannon

Lizard Room News ...

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

We have had a great month in the Lizard Room. Belinda is away on a holiday to Thailand, and we had a student teacher in whom all the children adored. Her name was Steph and she was finishing her final prac to complete her university degree. Congratulations Steph!

We spent the majority of the month looking at volcanos and super heroes. The Lizards loved Super Hero week as they got to dress up as all kinds of characters from Elsa and Princesses to Spiderman and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. And the whole centre raised lots of money for Muscular Dystrophy in the process. So a massive thanks to everyone.

This month the children were also very interested in Dinosaurs and Volcanos. This meant our home corner changed into a bit of a dinosaur playground, and we ended up making the classic baking soda and vinegar volcano with the kids. They liked making a habitat for the dinosaurs using different leaves and bark, and they absolutely loved it when we made the volcano erupt with the vinegar.

The weather has started to warm back up which means the Lizards have been able to spend more and more time outside. We have been riding bikes and practicing our climbing, leaping and sliding. Bring on summer!

Overall we have had a really fun month and all the Lizards have had a blast.

Until next time! Belinda and Ryan



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Snake Room News ...

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

We have been enjoying having some wonderful students in our room. Grace and Tayla are completing their Early Childhood Teaching Internships with us. The children (and educators) are enjoying having their help and input into our program of learning experiences.

We have set up a fantastic Space Station in our room. Grace helped the children make a special rocket ship to promote the children's imaginative play as they blast off into space! There is a lot of literacy learning occurring as they all look through the space books and investigate the planet posters. We have also enjoyed lots of great space craft experiences, including astronaut children!

We hope our wonderful fathers or father figures enjoyed their Father's Day and their special Daddy keyring presents. The children had lots of fun making their presents and cards. If you haven't already seen them, don't forget to check out the children's paintings and portraits of their dads in our room. They are so special!

Thank you to all our dads and grandads who came to our special Father's Day afternoon tea. The children loved having you here!

Tayla has made some grass heads with the children. They have their photos on them and will be able to watch their "hair" grow. This is a great springtime learning experience.

If you have any questions about your child or our program or if you would like to contribute to our room in any way, please don't hesitate to speak to Kathy or Kristy.

Until next time! Kathy and Kristy



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News from the Office ...

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, 2017 enrolments have been given to all children. So we can start planning for next year we would appreciate you returning your forms by Friday 30th September.

Snake Room children heading to "big school" next year have had their bonds refunded. The exception to this rule is if you have siblings attending the Centre as the bonds are held over.

We are very full in the Joey Room at present and if your child is unwell or you are going away, we would appreciate you letting us know as early as possible so we can monitor educator/children ratios.

Kind regards!

Michelle Stone

Dates for your Diary ...

Monday 26th Sept – Friday 7th October – School Holidays

Monday 3rd October – Public Holiday Long Weekend – CENTRE CLOSED

Monday 10th Oct – Friday 14th October – Photo Week

Monday 17th October – Management Committee Meeting at 7pm

Management Committee News

Next General Committee Meeting

Monday 17th October 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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