



# Mountain Community Children's Centre

## Family Newsletter

### April 2019

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#### News from Louisa ...

We are trying to ensure you receive a monthly newsletter at the start of each month. That way we can keep you informed on what has been happening throughout the month and what is coming up.

#### Portfolios/Memory Books

We have been reflecting on these both as a staff team and management committee. We still have opportunities for discussions and would love to include your opinion. We will most likely have a meeting after hours to further explore what these may look like for the end of the year. We will let you know so you are welcome to contribute and be involved.

#### Children's Individual Developmental Summaries

If you would like to view your child's individual developmental summaries and goals please speak to your child's room leader to arrange a time to view these.

#### Harmony Day

Thank you to all of our families who brought along something to share for lunch on Harmony Day. We had a wonderful lunch with so many different foods that the children all love trying.

#### Back to Preschool Afternoon Tea

The rain held off for a beautiful afternoon out in the garden. We enjoyed a delicious cake made by Charlene Xuereb and we thank her so much for donating the cake.

#### Fundraising for Jackson

Thank you to everyone for dressing up and donating towards Jackson's cause. We truly appreciate all of your contributions. We raised \$289.80 from the dress up week and so far about \$400 from the chocolates, we have a few more boxes yet to sell. The children have also made a beautiful banner for Jackson that we will be mailing to him this week to put a smile on his face.

#### Healthy Harold

We are taking the snake room children to Healthy Harold at Kulnura Public School on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. We are all very excited to have an excursion away from the centre.



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### **News from Louisa ... (continued)**

#### **AGM**

Just a reminder that you are all invited as paid members of the association to attend our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7pm at the Mangrove Memorial Club. We would love to see you all there.

#### **Sharing your skills or talents**

Do you or someone in your family have a skill or talent that you could share with the children? This could be playing an instrument, cooking, gardening or anything else we would love to have you join us and share this talent with the children. We love supporting and encouraging our partnerships with families.

We have an open-door policy. 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 – Rhii Hines (while Mary is on personal leave - Monday to Friday), Alix Mear (Trainee, Monday to Friday), Kristie Rahkola (Mondays)

We would like to welcome Mia to our room. She is settling in beautifully and has already made lots of new friends.

In the Joey's room we have been focusing on farm animals as our main interest. A lot of our experiences have involved craft with a focus on fine motor development. We have also been reading a lot of books and have been doing finger puppet stories at group time based around our farm animal interest.

When the weather permits, we will continue to go on more walks around the paddocks to go and visit the cows.

Now that April is here, the children will get to make fun Easter craft and read Easter stories. If we are lucky the Easter bunny might give us a visit with some yummy treats. Some of the older children in the room have begun toilet training and have been doing extremely well. If you think your child is ready, please come and speak to either Rhii or Alix as we are more than happy to help.

Until next time, regards

Rhii, Alix and Kristie



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## **Lizard Room News ...**

Room Leader – Belinda Stark (Monday to Friday)

We would like to welcome Allyana to the Lizard room. She is settling in well to the room and making new friends.

The Lizards have moved onto the topic of Space now and have been learning about the different planets, the sun, the moon, galaxies, stars, rocket ships and astronauts.

We have decorated our room by painting planets of our own, moon paintings, made rocket ship pictures and read stories.

The children enjoy dressing up as astronauts and working at the space station setup in the room. They like wearing the helmets as they work at the keyboards on the table and discuss going in the rocket ship.

Thank you to those families who have brought in their family photo for the family tree. If you haven't done so yet, please bring in your family photo or email it to [mountainchildren@bigpond.com](mailto:mountainchildren@bigpond.com). We would love to see even more photos and add them to our tree. The children love looking at them and talking with their friends about them.

Until next time

Belinda, Rhi, Jessie, Sarah & Emily



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### **Snake Room News ...**

Room Leader – Kathy Rawsthorne (Monday to Thursday), Ally Monaghan (Monday to Friday)

In the Snake room we have been enjoying investigating our bugs, insects and spiders discovery table. We are learning all about them, for instance how many legs insects and spiders have, what they eat, their habitats and so on.

The children initiated their own hospital/ doctor imaginative play, so we provided them with their own hospital area with hospital equipment, beds and so on.

They collaborate well as they swap the different roles of doctors and patients.

We have also just concluded our very popular books news experience.

They all enjoyed telling the group all about their favourite book. This encourages confidence at speaking before a group, responding to questioning and for the others it promotes listening skills, attention span and being considerate of others.

Our new 'big school' snake shirts have now arrived and they look great! The children love wearing them, promoting feelings of belonging to our room.

We hope you are enjoying our daily emails of what we do each day. We value your input so if you have any input about our emails of the day, or anything else, please don't hesitate to see Kathy or Ally.

Until next time,  
Kathy and Ally



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### News from the Office ...

#### Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to all families and staff who have been selling chocolates on behalf of the Centre. We still have a few boxes left to sell so please see any of our staff if you wish to take home an extra box of chocolates to sell. Thank you!

#### Immunisations

Thank you to everyone who has recently sent through their children's updated immunisation history statements. Please ensure that you email or bring in your children's documentation after each immunisation as we are legally required to keep these statements on file.

#### Upcoming Events

Please find a snapshot of all events in April for your diary below.

Until next time,

Hannah

### Dates for your Diary ...

#### APRIL

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Healthy Harold excursion for Snake children to Kulnura PS

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

AGM at Mangrove Mountain Golf Club

### Management Committee News

AGM – All Welcome

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019

7pm for a 7.30pm start

At Mangrove Mountain Golf Club