



Mountain Community Children's Centre

Family Newsletter

July 2019

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News from Louisa ...

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Welcome to our new friend Ada who has joined the Snake Room. We welcome you and your family to the centre. Also a welcome to the new children in the Joeys room – Oscar, Jayden and Evie. We are excited to have you with us.

Building Update

We are still awaiting Development Consent from Central Coast Council. We will keep you posted when this is approved, and building begins. Hopefully by the end of July. It is looking like we will remain here at Somersby until the end of the year which is Friday 20th December 2019. But I will update if there are any changes.

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 \$1450 from the dress up week and chocolate fundraiser. We have purchased a Lego set to send to Jackson in the hospital to keep him busy while he has his treatment.

Pyjama Week

Next week Monday 8th – Friday 12th July we are looking forward to Pyjama week here at the centre. Please bring along a gold coin for the donation box on the sign in bench. All money raised will be donated to Asthma Australia. Make sure you send along warm clothes underneath and shoes (not slippers) for outdoor play.

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

Kind Regards

Louisa Foxford
Nominated Supervisor



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News from our Educational Leader Kathy

I attended the last management committee meeting to discuss our ongoing reflections on our portfolios/memory books. We are still reflecting and discussing these.

As previously mentioned and as you are aware, we have transitioned to sending out daily emails with photos and updates about your child's day at the centre. As this includes a lot of what would have been previously included in the old portfolios, we do not want to double up. So, at this stage, have decided to provide a smaller, scaled down version of the portfolios to families at the end of the year, with the view of phasing them out from next year.

At this stage, next year we will be saving the children's artwork in a special manila folder for the families to access at any time. We will also suggest that the families save their own special daily email slides with the view of creating their own memory books. We have a binder at the centre which could be utilised in creating these.

If you have any input into this, please don't hesitate to speak to Louisa or myself at any time.

Thank you to the families who have been contributing to our new post-it-note news board. These have been a valuable source of input into our curriculum and children are loving them! Some children are reminding their families to fill them out which is great!

Please don't hesitate to see the educators if you have any input.

Until next time,

Kathy



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Joey's Room News ...

Room Leader – Rhiannon Hines (while Mary is on leave, Monday to Friday), Alix Mear (Trainee, Monday to Friday), Kristie Rahkola (Mondays)

We would like to welcome our new friends Oscar, Jayden and Evie to the Joeys room. Each of the children have settled in nicely and are enjoying exploring their surroundings and forming bonds with their peers as well as educators.

In the Joey's room we have just finished celebrating birthday parties and making special birthday cakes and playdough and candles.

Now we are starting our new interest all about shapes. Over the next few weeks we will be engaging in a range of different shapes activities that will help to develop their shape recognition skills and other cognitive development areas.

With the wet and cold weather we've been having, could you please send in gumboots and extra jumpers or jackets for the children to wear outside. That will make the outdoor play even more enjoyable.

Regards

Mary, Alix, Kristie



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Lizard Room News ...

Room Leader – Belinda Stark (Monday to Friday), Kristy (Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays)

The children have been enjoying the “Tiger Area” and all of the experience that we have been doing for it. Now the tiger area has expanded into the “Jungle Area”. Continuing on from learning about tigers in the jungle, we are now learning about all of the other animals that roam around the jungle. Keep an eye out for the awesome animals that will be appearing on the tree that we will make at craft time.

We had a lovely visit from Valentina's Nonna Mary where she made some pizzas from scratch with the Lizards. The children really enjoyed the experience and the best part was obviously being able to eat their delicious creations at the end. Now we say goodbye to the “Lizard Room Italian Restaurant” and say hello to the “Alphabet Corner”. A handful of children have shown increasing interest in the alphabet, so we have set up the corner with experiences and resources to further extend on their interest and learning.

Until next time

Belinda, Rhi, Jessie, Kristy & Emily



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Snake Room News ...

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

Firstly we would like to say a big welcome to our new friend Ada who has joined us in our Snake room. We know you will have wonderful time at our Centre Ada!

Thank you to Jessie, Naomi, Trudy and Paris for taking such great care of our Snake children last week when Ally and I were off. I had a fantastic holiday but poor Ally had a badly sprained ankle which is recovering well now.

We have a fantastic new space control centre in our dramatic play area as a result of the children's interest in space. The children are having a wonderful time as they engage in their imaginative play with the space resources. There are spaceships to blast off into outer space and the moon in, with of course spacesuits and space helmets to dress up in. We provided lots of space posters, books and pictures to enhance their learning about the planets and our solar system which promotes literacy awareness.

We have been busy creating our Picture Plate drawings for those who have ordered them. The children are excited to see their masterpieces get sent away to return on a real plate.

We have been enjoying many nature and bush walks during our nice weather. Often we incorporate these walks into our curriculum. For example our friend Hayden is interested in creating art and craft monsters, so the other day the children collected natural materials to use in their craft experience on their bush walk.

Thank you to the families that are adding to our post-it-note news board. The children are loving sharing their weekend and other news with the group.

Until next time,
Kathy and Ally



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News from the Office ...

Earn & Learn Promotion

Thank you to the families who have so generously brought in the earn and learn stickers from Woolworths. Also a big thank you to the Snake and Lizard children who so keenly helped in sticking the stickers onto the collection sheets. The earn and learn promotional period finished last week so we will be ordering supplies for the centre with these stickers shortly.

Picture Plates

The children have been creating their artwork for their picture plates and they look beautiful. It's not too late to order a picture plate if you still wanted one as we haven't sent the order off yet, we will be doing so next week. Please send me an email to mountainchildren@bigpond.com by the end of the week if you would still like to order a picture plate.

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.

Email Addresses

Please send any emails with booking changes, enquiries, photos etc to me at mountainchildren@bigpond.com

The educators are using a separate gmail email address to send out the daily emails but please don't reply to these if the email is meant for me as I don't monitor this inbox.



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Upcoming Events

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

Until next time,

Hannah

Dates for your Diary ...

JULY

Monday, 8th July – Friday, 12th July

Pyjama Week at the Centre

- Please bring a gold coin donation for Asthma Australia
- Send warm clothes underneath the pyjamas and shoes (not slippers) for outdoor play