



Mountain Community Children's Centre

Family Newsletter

September 2019

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News from Louisa ...

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Welcome to our new friends Elijah and Mason who have joined our Joeys room. We welcome you and your families to the centre.

Building Update

The site is currently being prepared for building work to begin. The surveyor has been out and marked out the site. It is very exciting to see some work beginning. We will keep you updated.

Superhero Week

This week we are celebrating Superhero Week. The children can wear their favourite superhero/princess or any other dress ups during this week. Thank you to all the children and staff who have already come into preschool this morning dressed up. This fundraiser supports Muscular Dystrophy Australia. We have been celebrating Superhero Week for 3 years now after Cody who was enrolled at the centre was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy. Cody has now gone off to big school but Hudson his brother (from the Lizard Room) still attends the centre. Please support this cause with a gold coin donation. The donation box will be on the sign in bench during that week. There will be a special "Super-Hero" cake on Thursday. Thank you to Candice for organising this.

Country Fair

The Country Fair Committee is looking for helpers for the Thursday 17th October to help set up the outdoor area. Thank you to the families who have already volunteered to help. If anyone else can lend a hand for a few hours that would be greatly appreciated.

Produce/Face Painting Stalls at the Country Fair

We will be sending out a note at the end of the month asking for Volunteers to help on both our produce and face painting stalls. We would request as many helpers as possible even if only for a few hours.



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News from Louisa ... (continued)

Father's Day Afternoon Tea

Thank you to all who came along to our afternoon tea to celebrate Father's Day. It was lovely to see so many families come along considering the heavy rain we had all day. Thank you to Charlene Xuereb for the delicious cupcakes and icing you made for us to have for afternoon tea. I hope all our dads, grandads, uncles, brothers and important males in our lives had a wonderful day yesterday. The first day of Spring was beautiful to celebrate a wonderful day.

Tiny Tots Circus Show

On Tuesday 17th September here at the centre at 10.30am we will be having a circus show. If it is not your child's day you are welcome to bring them in however, you will need to stay with them for supervision. We have invited the Playgroup to come along so if you have any friends who may be interested in coming along, they are most welcome.

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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Thank you and farewell from Judy

Thank you to the Mountain Community for the last 25 years. It has been a pleasure and an honour to work with the children and to watch them become wonderful young adults. I smile when I see children of the children that I taught way back now coming to the centre. Let me say that's also a bit of a wakeup call that it's time to think about retirement - lol.

I would also like to thank the staff of the Centre for their friendship and for putting up with me so long. I'm not sure if it's me you will miss, or my slices.

Again, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives. I hope to see many of you on my travels. Thank you to all who came to my retirement afternoon tea and dinner, it was great to see you. I will be popping my head in the door from time to time, so let's make it farewell instead of goodbye.

Love, Judy.

News from our Educational Leader Kathy

We are continually reflecting on our practices and how we can improve on what we do in the Centre. As part of the National Quality Framework we are required to have a Quality Improvement Plan that we continually add to.

This shows how we are improving all our practices in the 7 Quality Areas.

To demonstrate how all our Educators are contributing to this QIP I have initiated a new system where each Educator can research and discuss a relevant, current topic of their choice at our staff meetings. They will be sharing their ideas on the topic and we can then discuss and reflect on the issue during our meetings.

These discussions/ reflections will then determine if changes will benefit the Centre. This will then lead to Quality Improvement within the Centre. We will give you an update after our next meeting about the issue we reflected upon.

If you have any input into our curriculum or any suggestions, please don't hesitate to speak to myself, Louisa or your child's educators.

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)

Throughout the month of August, we have been doing a bunch of experiences around transport vehicles.

A favourite experience has been the large floor puzzles, which allows the children to work together and take turns at piecing the puzzle together.

The car wash area has also been set up in our room now and outside we even had a car wash of our own. We had soapy water, sponges and the children selected their favourite trucks to go through the car wash.

Outside the children have been really enjoying the “Move like a Mariner” program.

The children have been working on their fundamental movement skills, like running, jumping, skipping, throwing, catching, kicking and many more. Each week the children have been engaging in new drills and activities which not only focus on their gross motor skills, but their teamwork, turn taking and sharing skills as well.

We have also noticed that the children have an increasing interest in caring for nature. We will be following on from this interest by going on nature walks and collecting things along the way for craft.

The children have also been working hard on their craft to give their fathers on Father's Day, we hope you enjoyed your gifts and had a wonderful Father's Day!

We are very excited to be holding Superhero Week this week! Everyone's costumes look awesome and we look forward to a week full of super craft and activities.

Regards

Rhii and Alix



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Lizard Room News ...

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

In the Lizard Room we have been talking about spring. We went for a walk and found some signs of spring – there were flowers coming out and we heard the birds chirping. We had a wonderful time exploring. We have set up a nature table with birds' nests, different flowers and books on spring. If you have anything that you would like to contribute relating to Spring, please feel free to bring it in.

We have put our dress ups in home corner as the construction area wasn't as much of an interest for the children. The children have been enjoying dressing up as princesses, mermaids and superheros. If you have an extra dress ups at home and would like to bring them in, we would welcome your contribution.

We also added the dolls, highchairs, prams and cots. The dolls have been pushed around in pram "to the shops, on holidays or to the park". The children have been enjoying this pretend play.

We hope all dads had a fantastic Father's Day yesterday and liked the presents your children made for you.

Until next time

Belinda and Kristy



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Snake Room News ...

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

Welcome to September and Springtime! We will be incorporating the changing season into our curriculum, encouraging the children to observe and discuss the changes they can see in our natural worlds as the cold winter finishes and the warmer spring weather begins.

We have been very busy creating our great Father's Day gifts and painting some wonderful portraits of our daddies. We hope all our special daddies love their gifts as much as we enjoyed making them and we hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing Father's Day! Don't forget to check out our fabulous Father's Day art gallery and our special Daddy portraits next time you're in our Snake room.

Last week all our 4-year olds participated in our vision screening. This is organised through Central Coast Health to check all 4-year olds' vision on the Coast. The children were very interested, and they all joined in happily for the test.

Our "Move like a Mariner" physical promotion has been going very well. The children are enthusiastic participants each day as they develop and extend their fundamental movement skills.

Large floor puzzles continue to be a very popular learning experience with our children as they use their teamwork skills, problem solving and trial and error skills. Some of the puzzles are 48 pieces! How clever are they!

Our hairdressing salon has been very popular with all the children. They are very creative and imaginative as they style, colour and straighten each other's hair. Thank you so much to the families who brought in old hair tools and hair accessories for our pretend play. Thank you, Alyce, Tess and Krysten – your input and donation is very much appreciated in enhancing the children's play.

We value your comments, suggestions and input into our room and Centre, so please don't hesitate to see myself or Ally if you have any ideas or suggestions. Thank you!

Until next time,
Kathy and Ally



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News from the Office ...

Expression of Interest for extra days in late December

As per my recent email, we may possibly offer extra days of care to families in late December. Our regular last day for this year will be Friday, December 20 however we have put out an expression of interest to open on these additional days: December 23, 24, 27 and 30.

If you are interested in any of these days for your child/ren and have not let us know yet, please inform us immediately. The offer going ahead will depend on enough children requiring care on these extra days.

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 the coming months for your diary below.

Until next time,

Hannah

Dates for your Diary ...

SEPTEMBER

Monday, 2nd September – Friday, 6th September **Superhero Week**

Tuesday 17th September 10.30am **Tiny Tots Circus Show**
Details to follow

OCTOBER

Saturday, 19th October **Country Fair**
Details to follow

DECEMBER

Thursday, 12th December 5pm **Xmas Concert at the Centre**
SAVE THE DATE – Details to follow

Monday, 16th December **Graduation for children in Snake Room**
SAVE THE DATE – Details to follow

Friday, 20th December **LAST DAY FOR 2019**