



# Mountain Community Children's Centre

## Family Newsletter

**May 2019**

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### News from Louisa ...

Welcome to all our new families and children who have joined us since the last newsletter. Harper, Rabia, Montana and Dante.

### New Management Committee

Welcome to our new management committee for 2019. Thank you for taking on your positions and for volunteering your time for our centre.

President	Claire Miles
Vice President	Alyce Chin
Secretary	Allison Wigman
Treasurer	Therese Williamson
Public Officer	Mary Luci
Ordinary Members	Charlene Xuereb, Jonathan Miles, Amber Lyon

I look forward to working with you all as we plan for a new year.

### Building Update

The DA for the new building is still in Council. We will keep you updated about the progress.

### Portfolios/Memory Books

We are continuing to reflect on these as educators, with the management committee as well as the families. We have had another meeting including room leaders and families. We will also be discussing this at tonight's management meeting. Please feel free to see either myself or Kathy if you would like to contribute your ideas.

### 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.



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

#### **Mother's Day Afternoon Tea**

Thank you to all our wonderful Mother's, Grandmother's and special women who came along to share afternoon tea on Friday. We all had a wonderful afternoon being pampered as well as enjoying some delicious afternoon tea.

#### **Staffing**

Belinda will be on leave for 3 weeks at the end of May and the beginning of June. She will be replaced by Emily, Kristy, Jessie, Trudy and myself.

#### **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 – Mary Todd (Monday to Friday), Alix Mear (Trainee, Monday to Friday), Kristie Rahkola (Mondays)

We hope all our mothers old and new had a wonderful Mother's Day. Thank you to those who were able to attend our Mother's Day afternoon tea. We hope you enjoyed your cupcake and pampering.

Welcome to our new friends Montana, Dante, Rabia and their families.

Over the last month we have been focusing on our Mother's Day gifts and portraits. In addition, we have been working hard with our families to focus on toilet training with our older children and taking our shoes off and putting them back on.

The children have expressed an interest in colour recognition and counting. To support this we will be doing a month of colour weeks where we will focus on a colour per week starting with red this week, followed by green, yellow and blue. If you would like to dress your child in those colours each week, that could be fun. But please don't go out and buy anything.

We have different stages of counting happening within the room. We have those who are learning to count by rote, those who are learning to use corresponding counting as well as those who are learning to recognise the numbers. We will continue to offer the children a wide range of counting activities to support this interest.

We have introduced the doctor's play to our dramatic play area which the children are really enjoying. We are learning about empathy, caring and respect.

Just a bit of house keeping – could you please ensure your children's jumpers are labelled and also that they have a jacket (that is also labelled) as the weather starts to cool down. Could you also ensure each child has a blanket for rest time. Slippers for indoor play are also optional as the floors are often slippery if the children are just in socks.

Regards,

Mary, Alix and Kristie



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

Room Leader – Belinda Stark (Monday to Friday), Rhiannon Hines (Monday to Friday)

Welcome to our new friend Harper and her family.

Over the past few weeks, the space corner has been a huge hit with the children. They have enjoyed engaging in dramatic play and craft based around the space theme.

Outside we have been working on our gross motor skills on our obstacle course. We have to work hard to jump to each stepping stone, carefully walk along the bouncy plank and crawl through the moving tunnel. These are just some of the awesome activities that have been helping us with our gross motor movement.

Over the past few weeks leading up to Mother's Day we got creative in the craft corner. On our back wall we have some amazing "mother" portraits that the children have drawn and are on display. We also worked hard on making our special gifts to give to our mum on Mother's Day. We hope you liked them.

With the colder weather we've been having, please send in plenty of clothes to keep your children warm and some spares in their bags for warmer days.

Until next time

Belinda & Rhii



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

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

We have been very busy in the Snake room this month, preparing for Easter and Mother's Day. The Snakes all loved creating their special necklaces and paintings for their mummies. We hope you all loved them too. Thanks to all those who joined us for our Mother's Day afternoon tea. It was wonderful to see so many mums and nans eating cupcakes and being pampered.

We have recently wrapped up our doctor's home corner and renovated it into our own MCCC Snake Room Supermarket. The snakes have had a wonderful time taking turns to buy their groceries or be the cashier, charging unbelievable prices of \$1 million for eggs or the whole shop for \$60.

Now, that the weather is starting to cool down, please ensure you send your child with plenty of clothes to keep them warm and some spares in their bag for the warmer days.

Until next time,  
Kathy and Ally



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### News from the Office ...

#### Fee Payments

The date and amount of your next upcoming payment can be found on the statements you receive by email each Friday.

If you ever do need to cancel or amend an upcoming payment, please let me know 48 hours in advance and I will change it accordingly. If your payment bounces, debitsuccess who handles all payments for us will charge you a \$14.95 dishonour fee.

You can also change payment days and frequency to better work into your budget if required. Just send me an email to [mountainchildren@bigpond.com](mailto:mountainchildren@bigpond.com) if you would like to change any details about your payments.

#### Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to all families and staff who have been selling chocolates on behalf of the Centre. It has been a very successful fundraiser with half the proceeds going towards Jackson's fundraiser and the other half set aside to be used for improvements to the Joey's room before we move back to our Mangrove Mountain site.

#### 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 May for your diary below.

Until next time,

Hannah

### Dates for your Diary ...

**MAY**

**24<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm**

**African Culture Performance at the Centre**