



# Mountain Community Children's Centre

## Family Newsletter

**March 2016**

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### News from Louisa ...

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017.

Welcome to all of our new families and children; Valentina, Zoe, Frank, Anna, Indie, Summer, Kiahna and Owen. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

#### **Alison's Traineeship**

Welcome to Alison our new trainee. Alison has settled into the centre very well. Thank you to all of our families for making her feel welcome!

#### **Back to Preschool Afternoon Tea**

Invitations have been sent out this week for our afternoon tea on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from 4pm to cut the cake at 4.30pm.

#### **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.

#### **Vacancies**

We are looking for more children to fill our Joey Room (0-3 years). Or would you like an extra day or two? If we can help you, please don't hesitate to speak to me.

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).

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.

Kind Regards

Louisa Foxford, Nominated Supervisor



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#### News from Louisa ... (cont.)

##### Casual Staff

We are currently looking for more casual staff. If you know someone that may be interested could you please ask them to call Louisa. Below is the advertisement we have put in the Community News.

*Casual staff required for Mountain Community Children's Centre. Essential Formal Qualifications required either Early Childhood Teacher, Diploma or Certificate III in Children's Services. Or working towards any of these qualifications. Need to be available to work Monday to Friday, between the hours of 7.30am and 5.30pm. Working with Children Check Reference Number essential. Experience with working with children under 6 years of age (in a centre based environment) preferred. Email [mountainchildren@bigpond.com](mailto:mountainchildren@bigpond.com) or call Louisa on 4374 1239 for enquiries.*

#### Joey's Room News ...

Room Leader – Mary Todd (Monday to Friday), Judy Brown (Tuesday to Friday), Trainee – Alison Monaghan (Monday – Friday)

Welcome back to all our Joey friends and their families. It is hard to believe it is almost March!

As you can see from our room, we have been very busy over the past weeks. Firstly, we celebrated Australia Day by learning about Australian animals at group time and through craft. During Chinese New Year, the children spent time enjoying stories and participating in related craft activities. These activities encourage the children to explore the cultural diversity within our community and help them to understand varying backgrounds of their friends within the Joey Room.

Extending upon the children's ongoing interest in their bodies (e.g. eyes, ears, nose etc) we decided to provide some craft activities, 'My Body' related stories and singing songs such as Head, Shoulders, Knees and toes and My Body Makes Music. This relates to Outcome 3: Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing.

We would also like to welcome our new friends and families: Frank, Valentina and Zoe.

Lastly, please remember that your child needs to bring a change of clothes, nappies or undies and sheets (fitted and flat cot size) each day. More undies if your child is toilet training!

We have been loving having your children with us in the Joey Room and are looking forward to a great year together! Mary, Judy and Ally



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

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

Welcome back to our old and new Lizard friends!

Our new Lizards have transitioned nicely to the room's routine. They are having fun exploring their new surroundings and making new friends.

So far this year the children have celebrated Australia Day and Chinese New Year. For Australia Day we made lamingtons, learnt about Aboriginal animals and did lots of craft. Chinese New Year was a load of fun! Our friend Eric showed us how to do the 'Lion Dance' with a lion costume. It was really cool! We also made fried rice, lanterns and had fun playing in the Chinese kitchen home corner.

All in all, the first few months have been wonderful. The staff and children cannot wait to see what's install for the rest of the year.

Bye for now,

Belinda and Rhii

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

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

Welcome to the Snake Room for 2017! Our Snake friends have settled happily into their new room. We have some brand new families join the Centre – welcome Owen, Summer, Kiahna and Indie!

At the beginning of the year we discussed all things Australian to celebrate Australia Day! We also explored Chinese New Year with some fabulous dragon/lion dancing using our borrowed lion costume. The children were able to watch and copy the Chinese lion dancing on the TV.

These types of experiences broaden the children's knowledge of the world around them as they gain an understanding of diversity that exists in our community (Outcome 2 of EYLF).

In response to some of our children's interest in the beach and Cohen and Jackson's fishing experiences, we set up our 'Under the Sea/Beach' dramatic play corner with our blue boat and fishing rods to practice our fishing with. This has been a popular area to engage with and explore – as we learnt about the diversity of life in our oceans.



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

Another interest of the children's has been spiders and insects. We have provided an insect and spider discovery table with a variety of insects and spiders, books and pictures to explore. We found some real spider webs to investigate in our yard as we discussed why the spiders make webs and what kind of food they eat. We are learning about habitats and new vocabulary such as camouflage. This relates to Outcome 2 of EYLF – Respect and Understanding of the Natural World.

We have also make some wonderful grass heads from Kristy's left over wheat. The grass grew so quickly that all the grass heads needed a hair cut!

We are still enjoying a quiet 'rest/sleep time' in our room after lunch, so please send along some cot sheets. They will be left in our sheet bins if you need to take them home to wash. Thank you!

If you have any suggestions for activities, ideas or interests for the children, please don't hesitate to talk to Kathy or Kristy. We like to incorporate our children's interests and experiences into our curriculum.

Looking forward to having a great year with your children!

Until next time!

Kathy and Kristy

## **Management Committee News**

**Next Committee Meeting – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**7pm for a 7.30pm start**

**All welcome to attend!**



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#### News from the Office ...

Welcome to all our new and returning families to 2017! The year is flying by already!

#### Maintenance and Membership Fees

Thank you all for ensuring that our yearly service fees were paid in January when due. We greatly appreciate all fees being paid on time and in advance.

#### 2016 Audit

The financial audit for 2016 was conducted on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 and I have been working with the auditor over the last week or so to complete the financial report to present at the Annual General Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017. I am hoping to have this report within the next week to present to you all prior to the meeting.

#### Immunisation Reminder

Please remember to provide us with an updated immunisation history statement when your child's has their next immunisation. This is a statutory requirement so your child remains safe. Also, if your child's immunisation is not up to date, your child care benefit will be cancelled and the government does not back pay until the end of the financial year.

Kind regards! Michelle

#### Dates for your Diary ...

##### 2017

##### MARCH

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Back to Preschool Afternoon Tea for 2016 Snake Room families, 4.30pm

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – 'Bollykids' Show at 10.30pm

##### APRIL

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Annual General Meeting at 7pm for 7.30pm

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> April** – School holidays (Centre Open with exceptions below)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – **CENTRE CLOSED** – Good Friday

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – **CENTRE CLOSED** – Easter Monday

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – **CENTRE CLOSED** for Anzac Day Public Holiday

All of the cakes for our special occasions here at the centre are donated by ...

## Dolce Charlene Catering

Dolce Charlene can cater for all your special occasions

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