

Children's Centre News, Week 8, Term 2

Important Dates:

- Monday 26th June – 9:30am Parent Engagement Group Meeting
- Monday 26th June – NAWMA visiting
- Tuesday 27th June – Bush Kindy
- Wednesday 28th June – 4-year-old health checks
- Thursday 29th June – Mud Day
- Thursday 8th June – Children's Centre Pupil Free Day
- Wednesday 28th June – Child and Youth Health Checks
- Thursday 6th July – Bush Kindy (Mini Mud day for pre-schoolers and Occasional Care not attending Bush Kindy)
- Thursday 6th July – Final day term 2

Please Note: Bush Kindy for Thursday 6th July is now **cancelled**. This day will be 'made up' next term.



This week we acknowledge Refugee Week. Leonie and Jaimie are currently on the Ration Challenge, to raise much needed funds for families who have been forced to leave their homes. The money will go toward food, shelter and medical supplies. Please support if you can by going to the following website:

<https://actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au> and search for Leonie Stephens or Jaimie Schmalfeld

Staffing News:

During week 10 of this term Ashlea will be representing Australia in her sport – target shooting. We are very proud of Ashlea and her achievements. We wish her well as she sets off to Ireland to represent our country!



GO ASHLEA!!!!

We also say goodbye to Karen for the first 6 weeks of next term, as she takes some long service leave. We are in the process of appointing a teacher to replace Karen for this period, and will make the transition as smooth as possible for our children and families. We will keep you updated as we know more.

CHILDREN'S CENTRE STAFF

Leadership Team

Linda Rich
 Head of Children's Centre

Tracey Alexander
 Community Development
 Coordinator

Leonie Stephens
 Family Services Coordinator

Leah Duthy
 Occupational Therapist

Teachers

- Karen Breslauer
- Sarah Pix
- April Vanderaa
- Ashlea Scheisser

Educators

- Rhonda Rigby-Meth
- Louise Lomu
- Bronwyn Monks
- Jaimie Schmalfeld
- Lucia Ndayikunda
- Sam Harding

Administration

- Tasha Creed

Aboriginal Community Education Officer

- Cherylynne Catanzariti

Sustainability Action Week at MOC Children's Centre - Week 9, Term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
 <p>NAWMA is visiting us! She will teach us all about reducing, reusing and recycling!</p>	<p>Bush Kindy! (butterflies, spiders and snakes)</p>  <p><i>Muddy play for the Occasional Care and Possum Group</i></p>	<p>Introduction to Recycling</p>  <p>Through games, books, songs and videos</p> <p>We will begin to make our own movie about recycling!</p>	 <p><i>Mud Day!</i> Don't forget to wear your old clothes, and bring your boots.</p> <p><i>PJ day in the afternoon!</i></p>

We will hold our annual Sustainability Action Week next week! See above for the special events we have planned. We will also promote our refundable bottle/carton/can collection box.

All proceeds will be donated to Fauna Rescue, as decided by the children. The children are very concerned about the animals, and the impact of human waste, in particular plastics, is having.





Did you know you can recycle hard plastics, such as bottles and yoghurt containers in your recycling bin?

Did you know you can recycle 'soft plastics' at Coles, through the REDcycle program? You may even drop your soft plastics to the kindy and we will arrange drop off to the REDcycle collection bins.



RED Group is dedicated to recovering and recycling plastic films, bags, and packaging that would otherwise be disposed of in landfills across Australia.



Recycle Soft Plastics Here!

'We don't leave the scrunchy plastic it will hurt the animals. Pick it up and put it in our special bin'. Isabelle

We are now collecting soft plastics. We will take our collection to the REDcycle bins at Coles. Our bin is in the hallway.



what to REDcycle

The REDcycle Program makes it easy for consumers to reuse plastic bags and packaging out of their homes.

Do the scrunch test!



Please make sure your plastic is clean and as empty as possible.

The Votes Are In!

Over the past two weeks the children have been invited to vote about where they would like to donate the money that we raise this year through out bottle and can collection...

And the winner is...



Voting



Fauna Rescue of SA care for South Australia's wildlife. They are a volunteer, non-profit organization, caring for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in their own homes.

How can my family help?

Place your clean bottles and cans in the collection containers in the Children's Centre corridor. We will take them to the recycling depot and the money raised will be donated to Fauna Rescue of SA.



Email Address:

As part of our Sustainability Action Week activities, we will be encouraging families to lodge their email addresses with us. If you are willing to receive notes and newsletters via email, please give your details to Tasha, or record on the current Communication Survey teachers are giving to families in the mornings. This will save a lot of energy and paper.

Fees:

Occasional Care fees are now being invoiced at termly intervals. This will allow staff to focus on responding to our children rather than handling money and receipts.

Are you having difficulty paying your preschool fees? Please see Tasha or Linda to develop a payment plan. We will begin to follow up outstanding preschool fees shortly, so if you are having difficulty please let us know ASAP.

Attendance:

Please remember to contact us if your child will not be at preschool. We are obliged to document illnesses at our Centre and also share this information with families on the noticeboard.

If there is an ongoing issue that is preventing your child's attendance please contact Linda Rich, Tracey Alexander or Leonie Stephens for support. Remember, every preschool day counts, playing an important part in the future success of your child's schooling.



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