

AUGUST 2019

Children's Centre News

'Early childhood is a period of rapid and significant change, a vital period in each person's development. In very profound ways – physiological, emotional, social and spiritual – the experiences lived in early childhood form the foundation for future vision, learning, health, wellbeing and participation in family and community life.
 ' (from our Statement of Philosophy)

From Linda.....

We were saddened greatly at the removal of our fruit trees as you enter the Centre. We have been in negotiations regarding this space, and will begin to replant it with the children, based upon their thoughts and ideas.

We are very excited to partner with the Bringing Back Butterflies organisation to develop a butterfly attracting garden in our yard. This project was sparked by children's strong interest in insects and bugs. You will see this project begin over the next couple of weeks. We were successful in gaining a grant through the Jane Goodall Foundation to finance this project.

We are very proud of our recent show success. We won ribbons and also a trophy, awarding our success in our entries. Children enjoyed working with educators to create nude, healthy lunch boxes, and a scarecrow from recycled materials. A great learning experience promoting healthy eating and sustainability. We also entered plasticine models and box construction.



As the end of term approaches, we prepare to say goodbye to the bush and hello to the beach. Excursion notices for this opportunity are now in pigeonholes.



PUPIL FREE/SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:

Thursday 5th of September and Friday 6th of September

There will be no preschool or occasional care on these days

Baby Playgroup and Talk & Play will still continue on these dates

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

Coffee and chat with school staff 24/9 8:30-9:00, 12/9 2:30-3:30

Volunteer Meeting 11/9 2pm

Launch of Parent's Play Cafe 10, 12, 13 September 8:30-10am

'The Right of our World's Future' September 18th 4-6pm

Staffing



Welcome, Georgia. We have had some increased funding which has enabled us to employ an additional teacher for 3 days each week. Georgia will work Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Allied Health

We are very lucky to have two highly accomplished and experienced health professionals working within our Centre. Lauren Lang is our Speech Pathologist and Karen Purdie is our Occupational Therapist. Both work part-time, supporting families through parenting groups and playgroups. If you would like to have a chat with Lauren or Karen, please see Tasha, or pop into the community room. You may have noticed that Lauren is pregnant. Lauren will finish at the end

of this term. We will keep you informed as hear about who our new speech pathologist will be.

Lauren
Speech Pathologist



Karen
Occupational
Therapist



HOW TO STAY INFORMED

Life gets busy! To ensure you keep up to date with all that happens at our Centre please read notes carefully, check your pigeon hole each day, take the time to look at displays, talk with staff, like our Facebook page 'MOC Children's Centre' (and follow our page to ensure you don't miss posts) and read our programming book. If you prefer to communicate with staff via email, please do so!

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SEPTEMBER
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COFFEE & CHAT WITH SCHOOL STAFF

*Parent Play Cafe (in the Children's Centre)
8:30-9:00am*

Join staff from Mark Oliphant College including the Early Years Wellbeing Leader and teachers for a coffee and chat. You may like to introduce yourself, ask questions or express concerns you may have about your child's transition to school.

SEPTEMBER
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MEETING

We're inviting all of the MOC Children's Centre volunteers, or any parents interested in becoming a volunteer, to our Volunteers Meeting.

Wednesday, 11 September 2019

2.00pm

The Parent's Play Café

Afternoon tea provided

Please RSVP with Tasha by Tuesday 3 September.

We'd love to hear about what volunteering opportunities you would like to try next.

We want to hear more about what you like about being a Children's Centre volunteer.

We want to know if there is anything we can do to support our volunteers more.

We want to share what volunteer roles we'd like to see filled.

We hope to see you all there!

Babies in the Bush Playgroup

Open to all babies/toddlers under 5



A glorious time was had in the Bush yesterday with our babies and their families. Their physical skills were tested as they navigated different gradients and textures. Our babies researched this environment with all of their senses, with particular interest shown in rocks, sticks and leaves. Some babies even noticed the beautiful blossoms on the trees with the help of their loved ones. The painting and damper making was a much enjoyed sensory experience. Thank you all who joined the fun! We hope you can join us for our next visit to the Bush - September 19th (free bus - book with Tasha)



You're invited to the launch of our new **Parent's Play Café**

We'd like to thank all of our parents and community partners for sharing their ideas for the Parent's Play Café with us, and we are so excited that we're going to throw three parties!

Please join us for one of our parties from **8.30am to 10.00am** on:

Tuesday 10 September

Wednesday 11 September

Thursday 12 September

We will have some great activities for you to share with your child on your way into kindy or playgroup. You can even come back after drop off and try out our new coffee machine.



The MOC Children's Centre Parent's Play Café is a great space for parents to meet for a coffee and chat.

If you're having a difficult morning with your little one, coming to the Parent's Play Café is a great idea. A change in environment can help settle your child and recharge your batteries.

Bush Kindy

We enjoyed crushing natural materials last week to make paint. Children displayed STEM thinking as they hypothesised, tested and developed their paint. Children invented uses for objects around them such as stones and sticks to make the crushing and mixing easier and more effective.

Children communicated their findings and explained to others the best strategy to crush the materials finely.





'The Right of Our Future' at Mark Oliphant College

Save the Date!

We hope you can join us as we proudly exhibit our research within the topic of sustainability.

18th September, 4-6pm, 99 Douglas Drive,
Munno Para

Further details will follow soon...

The staff and children of Mark Oliphant College



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

We are very excited to join students and teachers from the early and primary years in presenting an exhibition of learning in the hall.

This term preschool and occasional care children have been researching 'Who is our Mother Earth?'. This topic has lead to lots of inquiries, artwork, writing and play. We will be setting up a display of this learning for the community to see.

We do hope you set aside this dates and come and celebrate the work of our children birth to year 6!