

# COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March 2017

## Dates to Remember:

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| <b>10 March</b> | Assembly Room 6                                      | 8.40 am |
| <b>16 March</b> | Soccer Gala Day                                      |         |
| <b>17 March</b> | Assembly Room 7                                      | 8.40 am |
|                 | Feast of St Patrick                                  |         |
|                 | P&F Disco Fun Night                                  |         |
|                 | National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence |         |
| <b>19 March</b> | Feast of St Joseph                                   |         |
| <b>24 March</b> | Harmony Day  |         |
| <b>30 March</b> | Parent Information night and welcome BBQ at CoL      |         |
| <b>7 April</b>  | P&F Easter Raffle drawn Last day term                |         |

Dear Families,

March already and the school term is already half over! There are a few items to tell you about that are happening this month. Firstly, the School Disco coming up on the 17 March, Community of Learners children are encouraged to attend and it really is a wonderful event. There will be a roster up next to the Kangaroo sign in sheet because the P and F are looking for volunteers to help cook and set up the BBQ on the night. If you can help please put your name down in a time slot and I will let our P and F rep (Kathy Mavros) know.

The 24 March is Harmony day and the school has invited us to be a part of their celebrations. On the day the children can wear either a country's national dress (either their own or somewhere they've been) or they can wear orange as the symbol of Harmony. We will plan some wonderful activities of inclusivity and harmony in celebration of this day, but the children will also get to join the school and be a part of what's going on there too.

Wednesday 29 March will be our Parent Information Session and welcome BBQ. This is where we will give you an overview of the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), the new preschool curriculum, and the positive behaviour strategies we use at the centre. It will also be to welcome new families and have the opportunity to connect with each other to strengthen our community.

Thanks to all of you so very much for providing me with your family photos and information about your children. The children are fascinated with their 'info page' and have been talking and comparing each other's photos and drawings all afternoon.

An activity like this really assists the children in feeling connected to our service and also promotes their sense of being and belonging. You can have a look at them all up on the wall near our group time mat.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me I am more than happy to help.

Warm regards,  
Miss Kirsten

## Reminders

- Families you must remember in accordance with school rules, preschool children **MUST** wear shoes that have a closed back (ie: no thongs please) as they are on school grounds.
- All children **MUST** wear Sun smart clothing
- Please bring a spare set of clothes
- Library day for Kangaroos is Wednesday 11:00 Joey's is Thursday 11:00 Children **MUST** bring a bag to be able to borrow a book.
- Please don't forget a water bottle as well

Joeys

Wow we are in March already, I feel like time is going so fast which is fantastic as it means we are busy having lots of fun and learning new things.

We have been talking about colours lately and finding matching colours, during our play for example we will ask "where is the green train?" and they will point to the corresponding colour. I would like to extend this by talking about shapes.

We have seen a huge interest in role playing and imaginative play which is great for developing confidence and self-esteem, extending our vocabulary by using role play to reflect on feelings and acting out emotions. This is why the play rooms have continuously been changed around to help with the ongoing learning and interest the Joeys are showing in role playing.

Harutomo, Mitchell and Patrick continuously role play with the fire trucks and little people pretending there is a fire.

Ethan enjoys role playing with Playdough or in the sand pit when cooking and baking cookies for us.

If you have anything you'd like to talk about please don't hesitate to ask.

Miss Anna-lea

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## Kangaroos

We would like to welcome you all to your children's exciting new adventure in Kangaroos. I can assure you all the children are settling in very well to their new room and new routines.

So far we have been focussing on the children building a sense of identity when they form friendships within the preschool environment. Through observations we have seen children's interest in learning to write their names. With this in mind we have provided some activities around this interest, these include; collaging their names, painting their names in various ways, encouraging them to label their own work with their names and worksheets to support holding and manipulating the pencil. From this we are providing an environment that is rich in literacy which makes for a great start to learning.

I would like to say what a pleasure it is getting to know the children and your families. I apologise for any lack of correspondence as we are having technical issues with our iPad and computers at the moment. If I haven't met some of you yet, again I apologise and our paths will cross soon I'm sure.

If there is anything you'd like to discuss please do not hesitate to come and speak to myself or any of the other staff as we are here to help.

Just a reminder that Wednesday is library day so please provide a library bag so the children can all borrow a book.

Thank you so much

Miss Margaret

## Joeys and Kangaroos fun in photos.....



Cooking up a storm (real and pretend)



Writing and recognising what our name looks like!



Cutting and collage



Role playing emergencies



Fun games in the gym!



Duck duck goose



Clare is doing the books