

COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



August 2016

Dates to Remember

13 September	P&F meeting 5.30 pm
15 September	Board meeting 5 pm
17 September	Working Bee
19 September	Practice 10.30am Performance 7.00pm
19 October	Open Day for St Mary's Primary School

- * If you have old clothing and HATS sized between 3-5 that is no longer needed, please bring it in as we are always in need of spare clothing.
- * Children must wear shoes with secure backs so they are less likely to fall or injure themselves. Shoes are also needed when playing in the school playground. We are also a sunsmart centre so please make sure your child has a hat at all times!
- * We are making a shop for the children for role play interests. If you have small recyclables we can use to 'stock' our shelves we'd love to take them off your hands.

Hi all,

This term we have split the Kangaroo's into two groups. This has been working really well. With the two smaller groups myself, Miss Sophia and Miss Maria have been able to provide the children with a more explicit play based routine. Wow term 3 is flying past. We have been busy learning through our play stations in the Kangaroo's room. The children returned from their term break talking about going on holidays to different places in the world. Extending this interest, the Kangaroos have been learning about different parts of the world and different world monuments such as the Brandenburg Gate, The Great Wall of China, The Eiffel Tower, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Sydney Opera House, using the wooden blocks to build them. We have also opened a travel agency in our home corner so that children can book their holidays. The children have been watching Go Jetters which teaches facts about each monument. I am available for a chat with parents from 7:15-8am Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and in the afternoons from 3:15 to 4:30pm (Later if pre-arranged) Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. See you all at the working bee! Please feel free to come and have a play in our Kangaroos room. Miss Kendy ☺

Dear families,

Welcome to our September Newsletter. It's week 7 already and there are some very exciting things to look forward to.

To begin with I'd like to welcome some new casual staff members to our team. Shelley Eves who is currently working at OSHC and studying her Bachelors in Education with a focus on the early years, Aileen L'aimable who has her teaching degree and also has 2 beautiful boys attending St Mary's, and Sharon Duggan, who comes to us from Ireland and is currently studying her Cert III in Children's Services. All three have already proven to be indispensable and I am very excited to welcome them to Community of Learners.

Community of Learners (and the school) have our working bees on September 17 from 8:00am – 12:00pm. Attached to this email is the school's flier and it's essentially the same information. There will be a BBQ sausage sizzle for lunch and I'm really excited about how much we can achieve together for the centre and the school.

St Mary' Rock Spectacular Concert with Community of Learners

Children from St Mary's Community of Learners will be presenting their Rock Spectacular performance along with students from St Mary's students at Darwin Entertainment Centre on Monday 19th September, 7pm.

A dress rehearsal for the whole school, including Community of Learners will take place at 10.30am on Monday 19th September. Children will walk to and from the Entertainment Centre, accompanied by educators and parents. They will return to school by 12noon. Please advise staff if you are available to assist with supervision for the rehearsal.

The duration of the Rock Spectacular performance is expected to be 90 minutes, with an expected finishing time of 8:30pm on the night. Children from Community of Learners can be collected by parents after their performance at a pre-arranged meeting place in the foyer or at the end of the show. Educators will take care of the children until they are collected by parents.

Parents and family members will need to purchase tickets if you wish to view the performance.

Parents will NOT be allowed backstage either prior to the show or on the night. It is a safety requirement that there are no other adults backstage, except educators.

Tickets are on sale now at Darwin Entertainment centre or can be purchased online at www.yourcentre.com.au Adults \$23.00, Children \$13.00. Children who are not performing will need to purchase a ticket.

I am very excited and pleased to announce that Community of Learners has been short listed in the Northern Territory Early Childhood Education and Care Awards 2016. This is a wonderful recognition of our service and the quality care we provide and we are very excited to find out the results!

Is your little one turning 5 before June 30th 2017? St Mary's have their Open Day for new Transition students on October 19, 9am-11am. I have attached a flier with all the necessary information for you and if there are any questions please see Julie in the office.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of you for the very warm welcome. I am thoroughly enjoying my new role and I'm excited about what I can bring to the children, the families and the Community of Learners.

Miss Kirsten ☺

Joey's Jottings

We have noticed the children are showing a lot of interest in literacy development as the Joeys are starting to experiment with their writing and writing their names on their art work when they have finish. I would like to continue developing this interest by providing lots of activities that promote fine motor skills and hand eye coordination.

Another interest I have seen grow is interest in board games. The children are starting to sit in groups of 2-4 and play these games. This activity is a great way for building social and language skills including turn taking.

During the morning activities the children are split into two groups - Joeys and Kangaroos and taken to separate rooms. During these sessions, children are engaged in activities such as table top activities, puzzles, geometric shapes, writing, cutting and other learning experiences that encourage them to self-select and focus on a task.

If you have any questions regarding the Joey's program, please don't hesitate to ask.

Miss Anna-lea



Learning at COL in September . . .



Writing letters



Mail the letter board game



Jungle Board game fun

More board game collaborative play



Investigative play in the Kangaroo room



Investigative play



Recycled box construction



Science fair at big school
Monumental construction!



Bee Bots with our big Buddies



Learning in Faith & Love