



Caulfield South Community House



End of Term 2 – Early Learning Childcare News



The Early Learning Childcare Service has had another busy, fun and rewarding Term. On behalf of the Committee of Management, we would like to thank all our amazing childcare staff and assistants, volunteers and the Caulfield Grammar Community Service students who have been caring for our children during this time. You can see from the children's faces, their conversations and the "stacks" of bring home activity sheets, the children are loving the social activities and developmental sessions Naomi and her team plan each session.

Thank you to all the parents for their ongoing support and recommendations to other families in our community. Our Early Learning programs are proving very popular at the moment and we will continue to review and refresh our programs, facilities and



resources to ensure we are meeting the needs and requests from our families. I would like to reiterate, that as we are a licensed Early Learning Childcare Service, an (individual) rebate can be claimed through Centrelink. Our program follows the Early Learning Framework Standards and we comply with all DHHS/Department of Education legislative policy and procedures.

We welcome your feedback or ideas for us to research and improve our services, Naomi, Yvonne and myself would love to hear from you and our door is always open! We look forward to the coming holidays – but remember, if you are requiring holiday program activities for the children, we will be running minimum of 4 sessions over two weeks. They will be capped at maximum numbers, so please advise the office if you require this service to secure your spot!

Special Reminder: We do have a morning tea this coming Thursday (25th May) 10.00-11.30am. It is volunteer recognition morning tea but we are also raising funds for Daffodil Day – Cancer Council Research Project. Everyone is welcome! Gold coin donation for our lovely homemade, home-baked cakes, slices and sandwiches – well worth popping in for coffee and cake! We hope to see as many Mums and Bubs as possible.

**Tracey Burt
Manager**





Naomi Goldman – Early Learning Childcare Co-ordinator

Term 3 planning is underway, please ensure the office is aware of any requests for change of days or change of sessions. I am more than happy to discuss your child's current developmental level and whether they are ready to move to the Kindergarten sessions (held on Thursday and Friday's).

CONGRATULATIONS to the Lowe Family (Lewis in Occasional Care), who welcomed a new baby boy to their family – Little Baby Elliott was born last week and we wish everyone well!

EXCITING THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT TERM

Our busy team is planning for our next Term ELY sessions, we are currently looking at incursions which include chicken hatching, Elsternwick Library visit (kindergarten groups) and a visit from the Dentist! Debra the Zebra music session for our little ones!

Mother's Day Celebrations

Thank You to all the families that contributed to our Mother's Day raffle hamper. It was a huge success raising in excess of \$400. An extra special mention to the following businesses who contributed prizes to the hampers:

Laser and Lashes (mother of Harper – Kindergarten)

Pilates in Gardenvale (mother of Phoebe – Occasional Care)

Lottie café (Local coffee stop on Hawthorn Road for Rachel and Tracey)

Brighton Swim School (Thank you to Rachel for arranging this voucher)

Classic Cinema (Thank you Classic – Elsternwick)

Nostimo (Thank you Andrea for arranging this voucher)

Caulfield South Community House Holiday program vouchers (Thank you to us!)

The lucky winners were: Colleen Armstrong, Fiona Lowe, Fiona Luth, Helen Sanders, Angela Silva and Alicia Cohen. We hope you all enjoy the wonderful goodies in your hamper. The money raised from ticket sales has already been well spent! We have upgraded our babies area which is always popular

with the children and purchased some great new play items for the home corner as well. Over the next few weeks, you will see some new and exciting resources that has been purchased for the children to explore, learn, have fun and enjoy.



Occasional Care

We hope all the mums loved their Mother's Day present. The children had lots of fun making them and were very proud of the finished gift. In observing the children, they are all growing and developing so fast! In particular, the staff have noticed that the children's Gross Motor Skill (ie. climbing ability), has improved considerably! The children of all ages are becoming more confident and "having a go" at climbing across the equipment outdoors. What a huge smile they each have as they come down the slide. Another area where we have noticed a considerable change in development is the children's language /conversation skills amongst the younger children in particular. Their language and expression during story time, dressing up, sharing ideas at the block/cars area, home corner and lots of children being mummies to the babies.

A couple of Reminders: The Occasional care session commences at 9:30am and pick up time is 2:30pm. Please do not leave your child unattended prior to 9.30am as staff are busy preparing for the day and may need to leave the room to organize additional items, therefore it becomes difficult to supervise your child. You are more than welcome to utilize our cosy activity room where you are able to enjoy a tea/coffee, read books or play with the toys in basket.



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During the cold, winter months, your child might feel under the weather so please consider leaving your child at home to rest. The children play very closely with each other and we know how germs can spread quickly. We do disinfect all our toys on a regular (rostered system) to avoid sharing unwanted germs.



Naomi Goldman – Early Learning Childcare Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN

Thank You to all the Mums who came into kinder and spent time doing special Mother's Day activities with your child. The children loved having you all here and especially having the mums join in on the yoga session. While preparing for the Mother's Day gift, it was so delightful to hear all the wonderful things the children enjoy doing with their mums. Each had a different story to share, but one thing in common was the love and warmth they each experience from their mums.

At the start of term 2, we began Yoga with Vanessa. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these new sessions so far. They are learning new poses by following through fun stories and copying Vanessa with her movements. A lot of schools are now focusing on Mindfulness and the House is very fortunate that we have Vanessa (Mum of Tess) who has the qualifications and experience to deliver this program during our Kindergarten sessions – I hope they are all teaching you 'the Yoga moves' at home!

The kinder staff have noticed the increase in the children's creativity. This is evident in block play- creating buildings, cities and roads, home corner - making lots of yummy dishes and setting the table up so nicely, arts and craft – lots of different collages, paintings, paper butterflies and flowers, sand play – lots of cooking and cake baking and general play outdoors – creating a fire using paper in the cubby house.

Since setting up the "Office", the children have been busy calculating, writing notes, making calls and working hard on the computer. Lots of great conversations and sharing amongst the children.

Friendly Reminder re Fundraiser:

The House are selling the Melbourne 2017/18 Entertainment book as a fundraiser and we have a book on display near the sign In/Out book. This is a great gift idea or a perfect family gift - loads of discount offers and great holiday activities at discounted prices. You only need to use 2 or 3 vouchers and the savings have paid for the book already. The hard copy available from the office or purchase on-line for the digital version. Digital version is so handy! You can be at a restaurant or fun park, look up on your phone and the discount is instant! . ***I will send a separate email for the easy step by step instructions to buy digital version on-line.***

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to purchase a cordless Dyson for the children's room



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - July Winter School Holidays 2017

Monday 3rd July 2017	A day in Paris	Croissants under the Eiffel Tower
Wednesday 5th July 2017	Winter Wonderland	Snow man making, hot chocolate
Monday 10th July 2017	Sportzbuzz & Fitness Day	Session by our specialized sport group
Wednesday 12th July 2017	Garden & Cooking	Session by our amazing CSCH Cooking Instructor – Laurene

