



Caulfield South Community House



CSCH Membership Newsletter Term 3, 2018

Creating Community So We Can Grow

RUOK?

A conversation could change a life.

Thank you to the members who joined us for a morning tea on this very important recognition day! It is RUOK Day everyday at Caulfield South Community House! You might think we are nosy 😊 but when staff and volunteers ask 'How are you today' – we genuinely care about your response. It is important to us, as soon as you walk through the front door, that you feel welcomed and comfortable with the personable touches and immediate connections we provide. We hope that everyone can find a program or special event that you can join. This newsletter will outline all our special events coming up and fabulous photos of some of the events you may have missed out on! Please check our email updates over the coming months for all things 'Caulfield South Community House'.



CSCH Football Tipping Competition

The competition was hotly contested this season! This year's winner is John Stafford – John is the Treasurer on our Committee of Management and is a Melbourne supporter! This season, we had 17 tipsters join our competition. In second position was Harrison Burt and third place was our very own Rachel – with a losing margin of only 1 point between third and first place! Winner receives a cash prize of \$150.00, a trophy to be held in pride of place for an entire year and we all enjoyed a presentation night including pies and beer to toast the winners!



All the very best to West Coast and Collingwood Supporters as they enjoy a week of final celebrations!



Thank you to Bunnings Morrabbin who hosted our annual Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser. The parents of our Early Learning Childcare service were an amazing help on a wild, windy and wet Saturday. We sold over \$2,200 of sausages with an estimated profit of approx \$1700.00. We look forward to using this fundraising money to purchase a sunshade/umbrella for our sandpit area and replacing/refreshing our building blocks area in the coming months.

Our Community House Program Updates

Enjoy our **Internet Café One Day Event** to try one (#1) thing! Thursday 18th October 9.00am – 3.00pm

Do you or a family member want to delve into new computer technology but are too scared to try something new? The Community House – Computer Tutors can help!

Why not enjoy our **Internet Café One Day Event** to try one (#1) thing!
Thursday 18th October 9.00am – 3.00pm

Maybe one of those things you would like to try could be:

- Download an e-book?
- Take a photo on your phone and send it to a friend on email?
- Find a free app and download to your phone and Ipad?
- Video call someone overseas?
- Set up Linked-In account?
- Try to sell your bike on ebay?
- Use an emoji on your texts?
- Or find a new recipe online?

The CSCH Internet Café will be running all day and all you need to do is book in ½ hour time allocation through the administration office. Just let us know what you would like to try and we will match you with an appropriate tutor who will take you through all the steps.

Please enjoy a coffee, cake and free WIFI while you are waiting!



Seniors Month is coming in OCTOBER

Our Activities have been widely advertised in Senior Month brochures around Melbourne. They have quickly filled up, but we will ALWAYS have room for any of our own members to join in on the fun! Thank you to our amazing volunteers who are running the sessions in their own time and providing our participants with opportunities to learn new skills and connect with other like minded senior members of our community.

Friday 12th October – GARDEN TO PLATE (\$5.00)

Monday 8th October – Monday 29th October (4 week project) – MOSIAC Artwork (\$15.00)

Wednesday 31st October – PETANQUE IN THE GARDEN (\$2)

Thursday 11th October – CARD MAKING Sit'N'Stitch (\$2)

Tuesday 9th October – Be FIT EXERCISE (\$2)



All activities require registration Please contact the office to secure your session. All activities include morning tea, afternoon OR lunch. We will provide all the details upon registration.

SCOOP - Community Garden

The SCOOP Community Garden is currently planning for the third and final stage of a 'Facelift/Upgrade' and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributes each and every way to the garden. We have dedicated volunteers to look after the chickens and who oversee the compost bins, a few very handy 'men' volunteers who work tirelessly to improve the infrastructure around the garden and the band of very important, hardworking 'green thumbs' who keep the garden beds 'rotated' each planting season. Also, our enthusiastic, knowledgeable volunteers who offer to present information workshops to help others to grow healthy, organic gardens at home. The comments I receive on a daily basis about how wonderful the garden looks and how lucky the children are to be able to use this area to learn about 'growing our world' is overwhelming. Existing members cannot wait to share their 'Community Gardening' program to new gardeners, they have created this special space and it is waiting for you to enjoy. It is a great opportunity for you to be outdoors, fresh air, exercise..... It is so worthwhile to see the fruits of everyone's labour and as a member, after all your hard work, you can take all of this home for your lunch and dinners!



Early Learning Childcare Services – Updates and Important Information

Thank you to all the busy Dad's who attended our special morning tea with the children – they enjoyed the photo booth, making clay sculptures and painting special 'I Love My Daddy' pictures. The Community House collected donations from our families and were able to raffle 5 amazing hampers full of wine, chocolate, dinner vouchers and even a leather sherrin football! Lucky winners included the Wu, Bolton, Siva and Bandara Families.



Next Term is always a busy one as we finish off a fun filled year! We have arranged for the children to have their annual kindergarten photo's taken, a visit by our local dentist to teach our children about healthy gums and looking after our bright shiny teeth! Our Christmas celebrations and of course the end of year concert!

As we plan for our classes and staffing for 2019 it would be lovely if you could discuss with Naomi, your intentions for enrolling your child with us next year and complete a re-enrolment form from the office.

CSCH T-Shirt or polar fleece to help with choosing 'what to wear' on Childcare days!



No longer will you need to decide "what to wear" on your childcare days.

Choose between Royal Blue or Kelly Green for both boys and girls.

T-Shirt for \$15.00, a Fleece for \$27.00 or buy the set for \$40.00.
Please see Naomi or the office for your purchase.

Walker Learning – Early Learning Child Development

At Caulfield South Community House – Early Learning Childcare, we endeavor to provide learning environments for our children to explore, discover through curious play activities and foster quality interactions between children and educators. Naomi has recently attended professional development workshops through Walker Learning and will continue to attend PD workshops to continue her solid understanding around "creative and curiosity play".

Creative play covers all areas of our children's developmental stages and more importantly, teaches them to:

- Express their feelings
- Introduce decision making skills
- Celebrate small achievements ie. Building blocks
- Story tell and share their ideas
- Negotiating techniques ie. taking turns
- Finding solutions to problems

From Term 4, Naomi will send to families an **overview of all the activities** our children have been enjoying in the child care room at the end of each month. The outline will include a brief description of the set up developmental areas incorporating skill (& fine motor) intentions, current (environmental) interests, learning (numeracy/literacy) areas and emotional/social development. It will also display photos of the children in play – these updates will be distributed to enrolled families only.

The Community House is currently applying to the Government to become a registered Childcare Benefit Centre. The process is quite involved and time consuming, but we are hopeful that this (CCB rebate) option will be available to our families in the New Year. I look forward to being able to provide more information to you over the coming months.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support of our Early Learning Childcare Service and if there is any feedback or ideas you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Naomi. Enjoy your September holidays and we look forward to seeing you all return from Monday 8th October.

Tracey Burt, Manager

Please enjoy the photos of the Fijian children enjoying the donations of books and kindergarten supplies that were donated from our Community House – they made it across the oceans Safe and sound!

