



# Caulfield South Community House



## TERM 1 – Early Learning Childcare News

**Naomi Goldman – Early Learning Childcare Co-ordinator**

**Welcome to 2017 at CSCH. How fast the year has already started to fly by.**

Some parents don't always have the opportunity to do the drop off duties and therefore miss out on hearing what goes on in the childcare program. This newsletter is the perfect way to inform all parents via email on a **fortnightly basis** about our "Early Learning Childcare News". Overall, the new children to CSCH, have settled really well into their new childcare environment and the children who have enjoyed our facilities in previous years have just slotted back into their comfort zone and continued with their play.

**In Occasional Care**, over the last few weeks, the children have loved exploring with the different sensory activities set up. These have included kinetic sand, goop, sand and water. As most of these development areas are a 1-2 person activity, the skill of sharing has been emphasized and they are doing really well with turn taking.

As you all know, we have a large mat area which consists of blocks, cars, trains, foam blocks and other fun things. It is a very popular area and the children are always coming up with new and exciting ideas to develop their imagination. Making playdough was a huge highlight. The children all helped with this process and loved playing with the warm playdough afterwards and loved making all sorts of wonderful things with it. The most popular creation was making birthday cakes and cupcakes!

This term in the **Kindergarten Program**, we welcomed 'Tray', the new Childcare assistant to our Thursday Group. He has fitted in so well and the kids are really enjoying all the new things he has to offer to the room. Just last week, he was busy in the kitchen making yummy biscuits with the children. Tray's favourite past time is to master his love of doing 'magic tricks' – I am sure, over time, the children will enjoy seeing these. The kinder children have been focusing on "all about me" activities. They have drawn self-portraits and decorated each family member their own special way. At the end of term, the children in both Occasional Care and Kinder will be involved in some fun Easter activities as well as an egg hunt.



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As the weather has been so warm, we have had lots of water play outdoors. This is a little reminder to please send extra clothes in back packs to ensure a change (if required). Summer is supposed to be over, but hot days are still forecasted and the children love the water play activities.

**A GOLD STAR to our parents!** Both teachers in the Sportbuzz and Music programs have commented on how well the children are listening and following instructions, always letting me know what a great bunch of kids they are. In both activities, the children are learning and developing some great skills, but most importantly they are having lots of fun!

**SCRAPS need for our chickens.** Dianne from our garden is going to leave a box in the childcare room for any fruit and vegetable leftovers you may have. Don't throw anything out! With three chickens roaming in the garden, they love a variety of greens, fruit and corn. They do have strict diet restrictions – this will be clearly labelled. Thank you for your help.



## YOGA on Saturday Mornings at CSCH

Vanessa is one of our lovely Kindergarten Mum's who has started Yoga classes at CSCH Hall on **Saturday mornings 9.00am - 10.00am.**

Classes are \$12.00 per participant and you are required to bring your own Yoga mat.

**Hatha Flow Yoga Class** incorporating posture, breath, mindfulness.

Calm the mind and open the heart

For more information and registration please call the office or Vanessa directly on 0420 773 109

## Early Learning Childcare Classes for Term 2

By now, you should have received an email requesting your preference for childcare programs in Term 2. The Community House are currently experiencing a demand for Occasional Care and our Kindergarten programs also have only a few places left to offer new families. We will try and our best to accommodate your requests, but please ensure the ladies in the office know your intentions so we can plan for any changes as soon as possible. As soon as the classes have been finalized, you will receive your invoice for Term 2 fees. If you require financial payment plan assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Credit Card Facilities:** The card terminal facilities will be available in the last two weeks of Term 1 for you to use (at a credit card transaction fee of 1.5%)

Thank you to our **Volunteer Chloe**, who is currently studying **Marketing and Communications** at university and finalizing our new Caulfield South Community House Branding. We hope you love it as much as we do!



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