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Welcome to our June Newsletter

We acknowledge Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung clans and the land on which the business of Castlemaine Childcare Co-operative - incorporating Mt Alexander Family Day Care and Castlemaine Child Care Centre - takes places and we recognise elder's past, present and emerging.

Poor Rose has been hit hard by the dreaded flu, so apologies for if you have contacted her and you haven't heard back from her this will be why. We are all hoping she is back on deck Monday July 1.



LDC families

Oh, my goodness, has it been super cold first thing in the mornings – but we have been very blessed with beautiful days.

Thank you to all the families for returning your care requirement forms regarding attending Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten with us. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten enrolment forms are now available to be collected from the office. Please make sure that you have attached an updated version of your child's immunisation status. Enrolment forms are due back COB July 5. Places will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Some of you may have noticed that you may have a notification at point of sign in and out this will mean that your child has a medical, illness or incident report that requires a signature. Please make sure that you speak with your child's educator to complete this report. Please also do not ignore this message. Ask if you can any questions regarding this.

With the LDC fee increase, all families will need re sign their CWA via the KidsXap portal on your desktop. The CWA module is on the menu bar. Select the enrolment field to select your child. Please read through the CWA form details. Ensure the details are correct. Once you have checked all is correct you go to the bottom left of the screen to sign the form. Then you click save. If you have any queries about the form, please ask at the office.

Many thanks

Rebecca Buchanan, Assistant Director

Important Dates

July 5 - Kinder enrolment forms due back COB Friday.

15 July - Term 3 starts

**Bush Kinder for Term 3
Mondays and Thursdays.
First day July 15, 2019**

**July 19 - PJ Day – Wear your
PJ's to support the Asthma
foundation. Gold coin
donation**

August 30 - Tracky dack day

Please Remember

LDC Centre - Advise of absences through **KidsXap app**.

**REMEMBER to SIGN your child
IN and OUT each day**

KidsXap web portal address:

<https://castlemainechildcarecoop.kidsxap.com.au>

LDC IMPORTANT INFORMATION

KidsXap – Please use the app to check bookings, confirm bookings, update your address, bank details etc etc

Make sure you have an active MyGov account. Only you can confirm enrolments and changes and view subsidies via this app.

Committee of Management

Dear Carinya Parents and Carers,

1 July 2019 brings a fee increase to \$118 per day for our centre-based long day care.

This is an increase of around 6% which will cover the pay increase for our educators in accordance with the Union Agreement that we are a party to.

Highly qualified and experienced educators, above minimum staff to child ratios and high-quality programming, brings increased cost.

As a not for profit parent owned co-operative, Carinya puts all its income into the operation of the centre, and overwhelmingly into our staff, who are the key to the wonderful program delivered for our children.

This year is the 40th anniversary of Carinya and the Board's vision is for it to be serving the needs of Castlemaine's children and families for the next 40 and beyond.

As members of the co-operative you are most welcome to see the full financial statements of the organisation and/or talk to the Board about the budget and the fee-setting. And of course, the full financial statements of the Co-operative are formally presented at the AGM and we encourage members to attend.

Without volunteer board members, Carinya would not continue to operate and we encourage you to think seriously about exploring this opportunity to contribute to your child's education.

For more information about the co-operative or fee-setting, you may contact Rose or a Committee member.

Regards,

Geoff Turner, Castlemaine Child Care Committee Chairperson and CoM
Daria Healy-Aarons, Sophie Burke, Tim Watson, Chris Cook
31.05.19

LDC Reminders for all centre-based children - please:

- ❖ **send a change of clothes appropriate to the weather with your child.**
- ❖ **bring a piece or two of fruit daily.**

Do you have KidsXap on your phone? Ask us for assistance to download the app so that you receive daily important information

For all Families:

Remember to sign your child in and out on arrival and departure. CCS will not apply if you do not sign in and out digitally.

Remember to confirm your enrolment on MyGov.

Educational Leader

Fundraising – Smelly bags.

Smelly bags available to be purchased for \$14. See office.

Features

Reusable, Washable, Eco-friendly Waterproof Bag

- Waterproof inner - No leaks through bottom or side seams!
- Machine washable & dryable
- Carry strap Name tag - Write name on tag with permanent marker
- Ideal size for day care or trips out when potty training - Can fit 3 sets of children's clothing.
- Durable lead-free zipper PVC Free
- Colours: Blue, Pink and Red
- Approximate Size: 30cm High x 15cm diameter (zipper opening 24cm long)
- <https://www.smellybag.com.au/>



Koala Room with Nat and Cedella

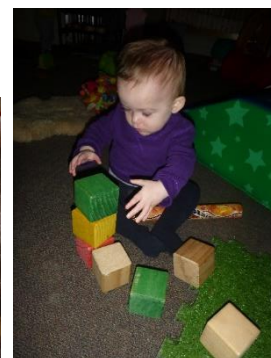
Hello Koala families

Wow... halfway through the year already and look how much our Koala children have grown and developed. We have witnessed children move physically from crawling to walking, from lying to sitting to crawling. Language and communication are also developing both verbal and non-verbal as all children have a very strong sense of belonging to our room and are confident to express themselves.

Winter is now here!! Although it can be quite cool outside it is still important that we get some fresh air and escape the indoors, even for a short time. Thank you all for bringing such wonderful warm clothing allowing us to get out and explore what Winter has to offer.

We have also been out and about on several excursions as we continue to learn and explore through our community. We are often stopped by members of the community who like to say “hello” and our children respond with a friendly smile and wave.

It is a real privilege to educate and care for your children and although I don't always physically see our Koala parents due to my shorter working hours, I hope you are enjoying the Communication Books as much as we enjoy creating them.



Possum Room with Demi, Maddy, Emily and Ange

RECONCILIATION WEEK IN THE POSSUM ROOM

In the Possum Room we made a Calendar of Events to showcase how we were going to acknowledge Reconciliation Week. During the week we engaged in many great activities, experiences and events!

The children have been enjoying making music with our clap sticks, singing songs, dancing, (the children and educators danced around the room, showing off our best moves) and reading stories about inclusion, reconciliation, culture and indigenous history.

We also went on an excursion to the market building to visit the reconciliation display. What a great display it was! We looked at some of the artefacts and were able to touch them and see how they work which was very interesting to the children. We then read a couple of pages of the book 'the mob' that people had made.

Aunty Julie kindly talked to us about some of the items that were on display and gave us a delicious Lemon Myrtle Shortbread.

Another great activity that we set up was 'The Echidna and the Shade Tree' Themed playdough and our Indigenous Sensory Table!



FAMILY WEEK IN THE POSSUM ROOM

In contrast to previous years at Carinya, there will be some changes to the way in which we recognise the importance of family and what it means to each child.

At Carinya we are fortunate to have a wide diversity of families who participate in the life of this centre and we feel it is important to acknowledge each family's unique set of values, culture and traditions.

As a result, this year we will be moving away from the more traditional Mother's and Father's Day gift production in the Possum Room and instead, we will be embracing a week to celebrate families with fun activities that all family members are invited to attend.

Naturally, we will continue to support those children who choose to make something special for a family member, as this is an embedded part of our program and is not restricted to two days of the year.

We will soon have a schedule of events and/or activities for all families to be involved in. We cannot wait to celebrate with all Carinya Families and document our week of fun.



Kangaroo Room with Sue Felicity Lisa Gemma and Mel

The Room is a hive of activity. Children come in keen to play at their favourite experience or discover something new.

We have had a few excursions to the oval to expend high energy, practice our ball skills and 'team' play concept. The children greatly enjoy and benefit from the open space to run free and grass to wrestle on.

In group situations expecting children to manage their own feelings while considering others can be difficult. We consistently encourage children to think of each other's needs and feelings, we support them to regulate their own behaviour and find positive ways of managing frustrations. We encourage communication with peers and when things don't go to plan the first thing to do use your words to let everyone know your thoughts to help solve minor issues.

The room has been modified to cater for current interests, you may have noticed new roads, a pedestrian crossing and many street signs in our room. Cars, trucks, little people have also been included to complement the play. These have been well received by children creating various scenarios whilst playing, this in turn helps children to understand and memorise what all these signs mean, giving them a purpose to what they view when out and about in the community.

The train table is still in action and with the addition of double tracks and a turntable combined with our visits to the station and learning new information every week the 'train play' has become more purposeful, knowledgeable and focused.

A small technology/office table has been created for children to role play their important 'business'. The children have embraced this area and are enjoying exploring the concept of being 'busy' doing work on phones or the keyboard.

As you know, staff spend time writing up observations on each child to document your child's learning journey whilst in our centre. Your child's portfolio is available (on right of the back door to outside) for your viewing in the room whenever you wish.

If you have any queries or topics you would like to discuss, please feel free to come talk to your child's educators.



Pre-kinder Wombat Room with Heather, Carolyn, Josie and Tarryn

Winter has definitely arrived with the full spectrum of rain, frost, fog and the cold wind. The children have been enjoying the outside play, experiencing all these seasonal changes. Appropriate clothing to keep our bodies warm while outside is always encouraged. The children are making great choices concerning their bodies. If there is light rain falling and children have an appropriate waterproof coat on, they still have the option to play outside.

Emotional wellbeing and developing social skills, are an important focus in our Pre-Kinder program. As you are aware, we have been discussing kindness, identifying what are kind and unkind actions. We are developing an understanding of how these actions can affect others and the impact it has on how we are feeling. We have discussed that sometimes these inside feelings come out and we may feel like hurting other people around us. Our recent brainstorming with the children, we discovered that the children have a clear understanding of unkind and kind actions, involving words and body parts. We are developing this further by identifying and understanding body language. Developing an awareness of personal space and identifying what that person's body is trying to tell us about how they are feeling, even though they may not be using their words. I have included some examples of the language we are using when discussing this with the children. "What is this person trying to show me with the position of their body?" "Are they feeling happy, or scared, or annoyed, perhaps?" "Maybe they are not feeling brave enough to use their words." "What could we do if a person is feeling this way?" "We could look at their body and listen to their words."

This leads onto another important aspect of our program; consideration and respect for others and consent. Considering how others are feeling, listening to their ideas, and valuing their opinion, when they are involved in a shared role-play or creative play experience. This has been particularly evident when children are involved in more physical play that may include superhero characters; recreating good versus bad scenarios. Considering others and thinking about whether the other children are enjoying the game, acknowledging and respecting their feelings if they change their mind, or no longer feel comfortable with the direction the play is taking.

We have had some great feedback and valuable discussion with parents, involving this aspect of our program. Thank you. It is wonderful to hear, that it is being discussed further at home.



Echidna Room – Kristy, Sally and Ray

This week in the Echidna room we have introduced our new friend “Worry Wombat”. The concept of using a soft toy to help talk about our worries and explore ways to solve them, was introduced at a recent training day that Sally and I attended. The training is being rolled out across the state by the Department of Education and was called Respectful Relationships. The sole purpose of the training was to explore the research around gender inequity and links with family violence. This is an incredibly confronting topic for most of us, but as the research suggests preschools are often the first line of contact for children and families outside of the home, for that reason more resources, training and awareness campaigns will be rolling out in order to equip early childhood educators with the necessary skills and knowledge to ensure our programs support children to build respectful relationships with everyone.

Stay tuned for more updates around this topic!





We celebrated beautiful autumn colours this month. Collecting leaves from our own nectarine tree and taking a walk up the street with wagon in tow to find some other colours. Setting the table up with autumn inspired Playdoh for loads of sensory fun. Words we used to describe our colours were fire, sun, gold and sand. Later in the week we added dinosaurs and cars to create tracks and footprints that were just like fossils. We used scrabble pieces to stick in our playdoh and spell our names then used sticks to scratch letters in our rolled out play doh.



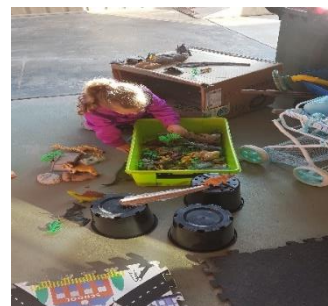
“LEARNING THROUGH PLAY WITH DIFFERENT MATERIALS”

With FDC Educator Kerryn Baldwin- Multi-Aged Setting in Ascot

“Making Our Own Choices”.

The children and I have been using recycled materials in play recently and would like to share some of the amazing creations they have made with you. Wonderful animal enclosures using tyres, a cardboard box became a castle, and four chairs and a sheet became an all-day hide-out on a rainy day.

The children are always thoughtful in what they decide to create and how this will be constructed, choosing the materials they will with care and purpose.



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Alexander Family

Day Care – Tiffany Holschier, Jackass Flat

At nurture me family day care, we celebrated international picnic day on the 18th June 2019. As the weather was unpredictable, raining off and on we decided to have our picnic on premises (instead of the park) and indoors as it was so yukky and wet outside. We laid out a picnic blanket and gathered around with a platter of sandwiches and a platter of freshly cut fruit. The children all sat and enjoyed their delish picnic lunch and sat nice and still while eating (all children under 1 1/2 years old).

Regards Tiffany



IntaCare Family Day Care After School Care Program – Inta Parson, Winters Flat



At my home in Castlemaine, I currently pick up children needing alternative care options from Winters Flat and North School. I have a relaxed program for the after-school period, where I pick up children from their school and we return to my home for a healthy snack, free choice play, leisure and activities. I am dedicated to the role of family day care and work closely with the National Quality Frameworks to ensure the best quality outcomes are being achieved. The program is flexible to meet the developing skills and needs of the children who attend. I greatly value partnerships with families to enhance social equality and healthy well-being for all.



Boys Brains

Castlemaine



This workshop will give insight in to the workings of a boy's brain and how their needs are different to girls. It will provide practical strategies to help parents and carers understand boy's needs and how to meet them.

Term 3, 2019

When:	Wednesday 11th September
Time:	Arrival and registration 5.45pm Session 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Where:	Castlemaine Child Care, 15 - 17 Templeton Street, Castlemaine
Cost:	Free
Facilitators:	CCS Family and Relationship Services
Childcare:	Sorry, no childcare provided

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged



For bookings and enquiries contact Rebecca Buchanan, Assistant Director, Castlemaine Child Care on Ph: 5470 6284 or rebecca@castlemainechildcare.com.au



MT ALEXANDER FAMILY DAY CARE

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

CASTLEMAINE NORTH PS
DEANNE WATSON 0408 922 904

Monday to Friday
3.30pm to 6.30pm

MALDON PS
ANALEIGH BRUIN 0431 754 097

Monday to Friday
6.45am to 8.45am
3.15pm to 6.00pm

Healthy Breakfast & Afternoon Tea Provided

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