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Welcome to our October Newsletter

Castlemaine Childcare Co-operative – LDC and FDC - operates on the land of the Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung clans and we acknowledge elders - past, present and emerging.

Dear Families, The committee highly values the positive and convivial attitude our staff each bring to work at the service and recognise that it's the people who you work with that make a job rewarding and motivate you to achieve your best. We recognise our staff as the essential keystones of the co-operative.

In the spirit of transparent and accountable management, as Chair, I would like to let you know that the Committee received Rose Lavery's resignation on Monday 14 October with two weeks' notice and have accepted this. Rose has resigned for personal reasons and we ask you to respect her privacy around this matter, however, please feel free to pop your head into her office and say goodbye in person.

We look forward to continuing our productive work with Rose for this notice period. The Committee is working together with the leadership team of Bec, Lisa, Sarah and Donna to decide on structures and interim arrangements to manage the centre – we envisage that this will not impact on families or service delivery and are welcoming this timely opportunity to review and explore how we can structure our management roles to best support our staff, services and members. We will continue to communicate with you about the interim management arrangements as these are made.

If you would like to discuss this or share any thoughts with the committee please don't hesitate to contact myself, Sophie.pea@icloud.com or 0428553155 (text first or call after hours as I may need to call you back otherwise) or other committee members, Daria, Chris or Tim, or our Assistant Directors Bec or Lisa.

Thank you, all our members, for working together to make Carinya the amazing community asset that it is. I would also like to remind you that we have an upcoming AGM on Tuesday 12 November 5.30pm, followed by long day care room orientation sessions for 2020. This will be a family friendly event; food will be provided, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Warmest Regards

Sophie Burke, Chair, Castlemaine Child Care Co-operative

Important Dates

**23 Oct Reptile visit 3-5 yr old
10am**

**5 Nov Melbourne Cup day
CLOSED**

**8 Nov Annual Shopping
spree**

**12 November 5.30pm
Carinya AGM**

**13 Nov K'roo Steam train
excursion.**

**4 Dec at 6pm - Carinya
Children's Christmas Party
at Botanical Gardens**

**Dec 19 - Last day of care
Jan 14, 2020 First day back
for children.**

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

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

Notice of Annual General Meeting & 2020 Orientation Evening

Castlemaine Childcare Co-operative AGM
PROMPTLY at 5.30pm Tuesday 12 November 2019

If your family uses Castlemaine Child Care Cooperative services, either centre based care or family day care, including after school care, you are members!

The Co-operative requires active membership to function properly: one of the easiest ways to be an active member is to attend the AGM to hear about our success and to elect the 2020 Board of Directors.

For all our child-care services to thrive, we need our members to participate in this meeting.

We require both long day care and family day care representation and value the diverse voice of our membership.

WE REQUIRE FOUR NEW DIRECTORS.

This is a family friendly event, your children are welcome, food is provided.

Some of our amazing educators will share their programming and give us an insight into 2020 vision and an opportunity to celebrate what we do best.

You can also use this opportunity to engage with our fantastic community of members:

meet and mingle with other families using our services outside the often rushed drop off and pick-ups.

We will provide long day care centre-based families space and time to orientate themselves with their new rooms and educators.

All members are expected to RSVP your acceptance or apology via email to carinya@castlemainechildcare.com.au

AGM Tuesday 12 November, 5.30pm

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the Rules of the Castlemaine Childcare Co-operative Limited, notice is given that an election will be held on **Tuesday 12 November 2019 at 5.30pm** for the positions of Director on the Board of Management of the Co-operative.

Election to the position is for a two (2) year term commencing on 12 November 2019.

Any active member of the co-operative (any parent / guardian with children currently enrolled in the Long Day Care or Family Day Care programs) is eligible to stand for election.

The Board is responsible for the overall management of the co-operative including financial sustainability - budget and fee setting - strategic direction and planning, appointing and supporting the Service Director. The Board meets 10 times a year at Carinya in Templeton Street. The Board are volunteers.

- **Uncontested Vacancies: Four**

Current Directors remaining in office for another year of their 2-year term:

- Chair – Sophie Burke; Treasurer – Chris Cook; General Member – Daria Healy Aarons

Current Directors who are standing down at the 2019 AGM

- Secretary – Timothy Watson; General Member – Geoff Turner.

Current Directors nominating for another 2-year term: Nil.

If you wish to stand please contact Rose for a nomination form, or if you have questions about the opportunity call Sophie Burke, Chair on 0428553155.

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 and are ready for new applications. This is our preferred mode of communication with families – Download Now!

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. THIS IS A PART OF LEGISLATION AND MUST BE COMPLETED BY AN ADULT. CHILDREN MUST NOT SIGN IN OR OUT.

Remember to confirm your enrolment on MyGov.

Education Leader – Sarah Hart

In late September, I was fortunate to attend the Early Childhood Australia (ECA) conference in Hobart, on a scholarship from the ECA Victorian Branch. The theme for the conference was 'Vision to Action' and provided a platform for keynote speakers, presenters and guest to come together and consider multiple perspectives in early childhood.

There were too many to mention, but a just couple of personal highlights were Professor Gunilla Dahlberg from Stockholm University, who presented 'Pedagogy in a changing world'. This lecture focused on philosophical, theoretical and aesthetical theory and influences that have been pivotal in the Nordic countries development of their Early Childhood Education and Care system. Another stand-out was listening to Associate Professor Sheila Degotardi, from Macquarie University, Sydney. Her research has focused on interactions between infants and toddlers and how the 'Power of Talk' can shape young children's learning.

I've taken away lots of new learning and look forward to engaging in some rich discussions and reflections with our Carinya team, families and broader community.

Koala Room with Nat and Cedella

Transitioning

Over the course of the year the Koala children have been practicing many self-help skills, in which they are working towards and becoming confident in. We have been working towards washing our own hands and the steps needed to do that in which the children have loved learning and are now confidently washing their hands with the support of educators. As the year has progressed the children have practiced feeding themselves, using a spoon and fork and are also confidently communicating their needs verbally and non-verbally.

For the months of October, November and December we will be focusing closely on having a smooth transition to next year's room. On a regular basis we will be having morning tea/afternoon tea or lunch in the Possum room where we will follow the routine of the Possum children, we are practicing group time where we sing songs with the children, read stories and talk to them about what changes are going to happen.



Possum Room with Demi, Maddy, Emily and Ange

The Possum Room would like to congratulate Pinar, Josh and Ella on the arrival of Arlo and to Mel, Mark, Yannan and Rufus on the arrival of Scarlett.

Transitioning for 2020!

In the next few weeks we will begin our transition to the Kangaroo Room for next year, we will start by taking a small group of children into the Kangaroo Room to enjoy lunch before extending our visits and gradually staying longer.

Possum Room Educators;

We now have 3 Full Time educators in the Possum Room as Emily is now 5 days a week with Maddy and Demi.

Sunshine!

We have been taking advantage of the sunshine over the past few weeks, engaging in lots of wonderful activities while outside.





Children's Week in the Wombats room

Monday -Baking Chocolate Chip cookies.

- Decorating eggs with food dye.
- Wear favourite clothes/colours.
- Bring favourite toys.
- Bring favourite book.

Tuesday -Decorating eggs with food dye.

- Wear favourite clothes/colours.
- Bring favourite toys.
- Bring Favourite book.
- Treasure hunt.
- Whole centre lunch.

Wednesday -Decorating eggs with food dye.

- Wear favourite clothes/colours.
- Bring favourite toys.
- Bring Favourite book.
- Teachers surprise (Reptile visit)
- Special visitors' day.

Thursday -Decorating eggs with food dye.

- Wear favourite clothes/colours.
- Bring favourite toys.
- Bring Favourite Book.
- Baking chocolate Chip cookies.

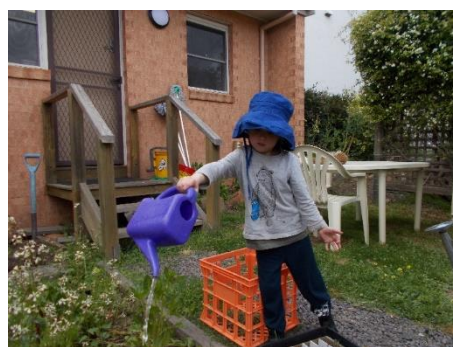
Friday - Decorating eggs with food dye.

- Wear favourite clothes/colours.
- Bring favourite toys.
- Bring Favourite book.
- Baking strawberry cake.

Echidna Room – Kristy, Sally and Ray

The Spring Kitchen Garden - The scheduling and inclusion of Kitchen garden time on our outdoor program has significantly increased the frequency of visits into the garden and engagement of many children in that space. There are many repeat visitors who show consistent interest and enthusiasm for the changes and growth that has occurred and who reflect on similarities and differences between the Carinya garden and their home spaces. Investigating and improving the quality of soil to prepare for new plants, as Mr McGregor the scarecrow keeps watch Visiting the Hub Garden inspired a resurgence in interest in all things growing A variety of resources are available to assist in all aspects of plant care as we continue to observe changes in our garden spaces Learning about all things living impacts on us all our lives. It allows us to nurture friendships, share knowledge, develop awareness

and respect for others and their needs and strengths and teaches us that things change and grow and how we can influence this through our own choices. It engages all senses and helps us to develop a sense of wonder and curiosity about the world



Mt Alexander Family Day Care - Aberdene Children's Service - FDC

Tracy Cranfield 0408 315 211

As an extension from our current interest in rolling, along with our ongoing and shared love of cooking, we decided to create some Peanut Butter Balls to share for afternoon tea.

We researched a recipe that was inclusive and took into consideration various dietary needs. We washed our hands, gathered all of the tools and utensils we would need as well as the various ingredients. Then we sat down together as we read through the method.

We scooped, measured, tipped, mixed, sifted, rolled and pushed the ingredients independently while exploring hand and eye accuracy.

Below we've added the delicious recipe we followed so you can create your own! Simply add all of the ingredients together in a large mixing bowl and roll into bite-size balls. Then refrigerate and enjoy!

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups gluten free rolled oats
- 2 cups unsweetened coconut flakes
- 1/2 cup chia seeds
- 1/2 cup hulled sunflower seeds
- 1/2 cup gluten free oat flour
- 1 1/2 cups smooth peanut butter
- 1/2 cup honey
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- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Kind Regards,





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NOVEMBER 2019
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TICKET PRICES INCLUDE A GLASS OF WINE TO START THE EVENING AND A LIGHT SUPPER AT THE CRITERION HOTEL FUNCTION ROOM

For enquiries please phone Donna 54705494 or Lauren 54721472

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES ARE:

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- MAINE SHOES AND ACCESSORIES
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