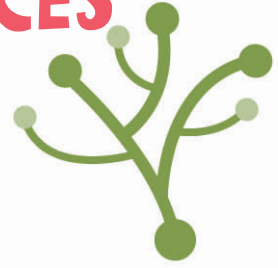


FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES NEWS

MARCH 2020



CORANGAMITE
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family & children's services

Welcome!

EDUCATORS PURSUE QUALIFICATIONS

Several members of the Family and Children's Services Team are working towards improving their qualifications. Chloe McNabb is studying Certificate III in Children's Services as a trainee. Charlee Danby, Chelsea Matthews & Amy Fortescue are upskilling to Diploma qualification under the funded TAFE courses this year.

Megan Heard is completing a Bachelor of Early Education primary.

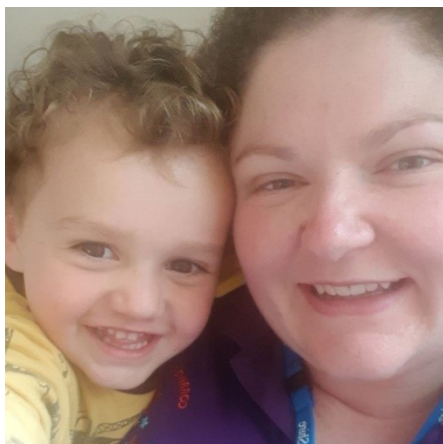
Chelsea and Chloe are pictured at after-kindergarten/after-school care in Timboon. The after-kindergarten/after-school care program in Timboon is full on Monday with 22 children then 15 on Tuesday, 14 on Wednesday and 11 on Thursday and seven on Friday

The after-kindergarten/after-school care program in Terang has eight on Monday, four on Tuesday, and nine on Wednesday and Thursday

Casual bookings have boosted numbers but there are still spots available for permanent or casual bookings.



CHELSEA MATTHEWS and **CHLOE MCNABB** at After kindergarten/afterschool care in Timboon.



AMY FORTESCUE with **JACKSON HORSPOLE** in Family Day Care



MEGAN HEARD at Skipton Kindergarten



CHARLEE DANBY at Western Plains kindergarten

BEACH EXCURSION



KERRIE FORTESCUE a Family Day Care Educator in Terang joined a Nature playgroup in Warrnambool. As you can see the children enjoyed the morning at the beach.



NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Welcome to our new Family & Children's Services staff member **LORNA MURPHY**.

Lorna will join the After-Kindergarten/After-School Care at Timboon on Friday.

NAOMI MOYLE has recently been appointed to the kindergarten teaching position on a Friday together with **MICHELLE MCINTYRE** to the position of education assistant.

VACANCIES

CHILDCARE

- Port Campbell Thursday & Friday
- Ecklin Thursday
- Derrinallum some availability depending on age of child

AFTER KINDERGARTEN & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

- Terang Monday to Thursday
- Timboon Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

FAMILY DAY CARE

- Timboon Friday
- Cobden Tuesday Wednesday & Friday





WESTERN PLAINS MOBILE PRESCHOOL CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

The children took part in Clean up Australia Day activities on Thursday 27 February with the Lismore Primary School, and on Friday 28 as a kinder group. Local Landcare Coordinator Shari ran a session with the children about the importance of Clean up Australia Day and how it is in its 30th year this year.

After the session the children ventured down to the recreation reserve to collect rubbish from around the football oval and netball courts.

They sorted the rubbish into different bags depending on if it could be recycled or not. There were many conversations about how much rubbish we were finding and how it many have got there.

When we returned to kinder we emptied the rubbish into our recycling bin and general waste bin.

This was a great opportunity for children to learn about the impact of rubbish on the local community, waste minimisation and the four Rs: refuse, recycle, reduce, reuse.

Thank you to Shari for sharing your knowledge and inviting us to take part in these events.

SARAH, CHARLEE, NAOMI and MICHELLE.



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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AT SKIPTON

The new sand pit at Skipton is a hit with the children.

Mudcakes mixing sand and water have been on the agenda as the children learn about solids and liquids, sharing, turn taking and engaging with each other in conversations.

Digging and building have also encouraged children to develop strong muscles in arms and hands ready to hold pencils.

Skipton kindergarten children have also been out and about looking for creatures and exploring the natural world that surrounds them.

ENROL IN FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Enrolment for all Council run Children's Services can be completed online on the Council web page.

<https://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Community/Family-Children-Services/Enrolment-Forms>

Once the new combined form is completed enrolling in a different Council Early Years' Service will be as simple as a phone call.

To update details or add an additional child to an existing enrolment just visit the council website and click on the button.

[Update details / Enrol additional child](#)

JOIN OUR TEAM

<https://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Council/Employment>

The image shows the 'ed gym' logo in large, colorful letters (green, blue, yellow, pink). To the right is the Corangamite Shire logo, which features a stylized bird and the text 'CORANGAMITE SHIRE'. Below the logo is a yellow banner with the text 'HAVE YOUR SAY' and a pink banner with the text 'SHORT SURVEY'.

Does Ed Gym meet your expectations?

What's great about Ed Gym?

How can we improve?

Complete the survey online at:

www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/EdGym



LISMORE WATER TOWER VISIT

During the week of 18 February, we visited the Lismore water tower for the first time to see the progress of the mural. It was a long walk and we saw many things on the way...many trucks, shady oak trees, colourful roses in gardens, and the Community Health centre mural.

We met **JIMMI** the artist, and he showed us the photo of the brolgas that is inspiring his painting. We watched him set up his IPAD on a holder, and go up on the 'cherry picker' to the top of the tower, to start sketching the brolga. We heard that by the end of the day, he had painted most of the first brolga.

We plan to return to the tower over the next few weeks to see Jimmi's progress. We look forward to seeing the finished mural. We have discussed the purpose of the tower, looked at a variety of art silos and murals. We plan to make our own mini water towers.

VEYLDF OUTCOMES: Learning & Community

Children develop their social and cultural heritage through engagement with Elders and community.

Children broaden their understanding of the world in which they live.

KINDER LOOP

Welcome to those who have started using Kinderloop for your child.

You will now have received an email inviting you to link to your child's private Kinderloop feed, simply click the Accept button and create a new username/password in the web page that opens. Additional family members can be invited, please give your child's educator the email addresses of family you would like to invite.

You can now download the free Kinderloop Plus app from your App Store to your mobile device or iPad and login, ensure you allow notifications and allow

access to your camera roll so you can post back and comment on posts. When your child is tagged in a post or daily activity you will receive a notification on your device, you can also opt in to 4pm emails if that suits you better.

Attached is a help sheet explaining how you can comment and post interesting things back to your educators for them to include in your child's learning experiences.

If your educator has switched on the Family download photos feature, you will also be able to click on a photo in a post and then download it to

your camera roll on your device.



EATING WELL AT ECKLIN



Good nutrition is essential to healthy living and enables children to be active participants in play. Ecklin childcare harvested a purple cabbage from the veggie garden with the various vegetables that families contributed the shared snack was a rainbow of families. They are looking forward to making pasta stir fry and rice paper rolls.



COMING UP

- 5 March:** World Book Day
- 8 March:** International Women's Day
- 9 March:** Labour Day public holiday
- 19 March:** National Close the Gap Day
- 20 March:** International Day Of Happiness
- 21 March:** Harmony Day
- 24 March:** Council Meeting
- 27 March:** Last day of term 1
- 29 March:** Neighbors Day

POLICIES:

[Family and Children's Services policies are available at www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Policies#section-4](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Policies#section-4)

INFO BOOK:

Available at www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Enrol

