



Kindergarten Orientation Q & A Session 2021



With current restrictions limiting visitors to our kindergartens, we continue to work on creative ways to get important orientation information to families.

Please click on the link below for a virtual Q&A session presented by our kindergarten teachers. If you have any more questions, do not hesitate to contact kindergartens directly or email our Family and Children's Services team.

Virtual Kindergarten Orientation Q & A Session 2021 <https://youtu.be/ziS15nvQsjI>

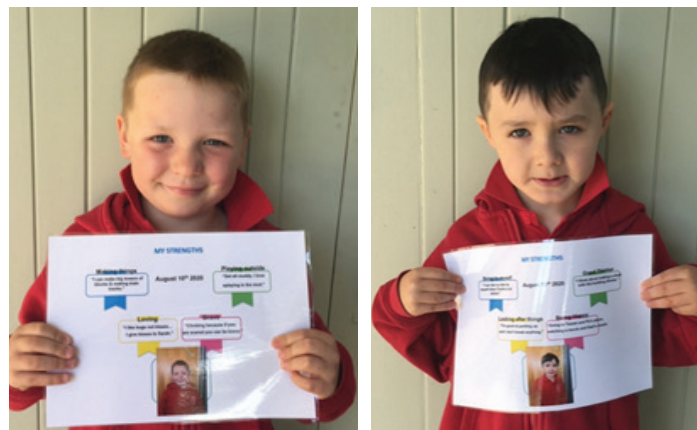
More information on kindergarten 2021 start dates will be sent to families in November.

Child care awarded mental health & wellbeing

Mobile Child Care has been officially recognised for Mental Health and Wellbeing through the Healthy Early Childhood Services Achievement Program.



Strengths



The children at Western Plains Kindergarten have been talking about strengths. Using cards, children are asked to pick four strengths and explain why. Their responses were shared with families through Kinderloop.

We use a strength-based approach in early childhood, where we look and plan for opportunities to complement and support existing strengths and capacities. What strengths do you see in your child?

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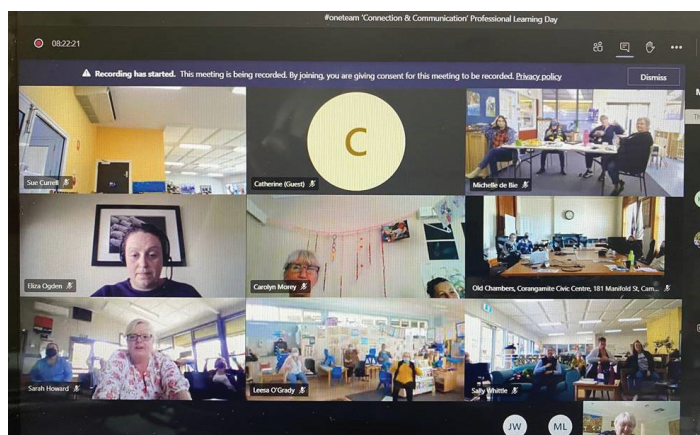
Social and emotional learning

Early childhood is an important time for children to develop their social and emotional skills. Their experiences during these years form the foundations for learning about social rules and relationships, and for building the capacity to interact successfully with others. By actively embedding opportunities for skill development in our early learning service, we can help children practise, develop and master the social and emotional (SEL) skills that are appropriate for their developmental stage and essential for mental health and wellbeing now and into the future.

Taken from

Be You website - Learning Resilience module

#oneteam 'connection & communication' professional learning day



Family and Children's Service teams met virtually to attend this year's professional development (PD) day. The two sessions focused on wellbeing and additional support for children and families in need. The wellbeing session encouraged educators to reflect on what they have been doing, goals to strive to and what they will continue to do in the future.

The group were provided with an overview of services such as Orange Door, and Family Support and Child protection which provided an insight into actions Educators can take when a concern is raised about a child or family in need of additional support. Quality Improvement plans and philosophies were also developed throughout the session lead by Luke Touhill from Macquarie University who provided a valuable process for implementing the developed plans. Overall, the day proved how resilient and adaptable the team is in addition to providing new staff with the opportunity to meet the rest of the team.

DRESS UP FOR BOOK WEEK



Book Week 17-23 October

Book Week gives children a chance to dress up as their favourite book character. George was a dinosaur, William was Pig the Pug, Campbell and Jackson were farm tractors at Family Day Care in Camperdown. There were many different costumes in Terang Children's Centre's Possum Group.



Recruitment: Family Day Care Educators

Seeking a new career challenge?

Build your own business as a Family Day Care Educator with Corangamite Shire Council.

Family Day Care Educators care for children in their own homes, often alongside their own families.

Our Educators choose the days/hours that best suit them, effectively operating their own business.

Family Day Care Educators are supported by a local network of Educators plus the professional team at Council's Family and Children's Services Department.

Request an information pack by emailing familydaycare@corangamite.vic.gov.au

Skipton relocation

Skipton Kindergarten and child care programs have relocated to the primary school multipurpose room while works are carried out at the kindergarten. The team moved last week, making the space ready so the children will have some familiar items in the new location from Monday 9 November.



Supporting families, children & staff during COVID-19

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of families, children and staff is a strong focus of our service. Unfortunately, we have not been able to run parenting forums during COVID. Please follow the Family and Children's Services Facebook page for advice to see what options are available to you.

South West Healthcare  **SWH COVID-19**
Mental & Emotional Wellbeing HOTLINE

1800 965 144

1 – 5pm Mondays to Fridays

A non-judgmental listening service for local people impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you're seeking guidance and assistance in accessing counselling or wellbeing support, experiencing emotional distress or seeking basic information about how to access local services and/or telephone and online support services to support your mental health and emotional wellbeing give us a call.



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

8-15 NOV 2020

Naidoc Week

This year's theme is 'Always Was, Always Will Be'.

Always Was, Always Will Be recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country.

This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant First Nations people.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

We also recognise that they were also the first educators.

Emilia Harris attended her Maternal and Child Health two year check-up and received 'How the Birds got their Colours'. This book is routinely given to children at this check-up as part of the Let's Read Program.

This is an Aboriginal story by Pamela Lofts and Mary Albert.

If you would like to make an appointment to see a Maternal Child Health Nurse phone 1800 552 902.



STEM in Skipton

STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines – science, technology, engineering and mathematics. An example of engineering in early childhood setting is the ball machine at Skipton kindergarten.

The ball machine.

This was a wonderful opportunity to explore pulleys, slopes and angles as the children were challenged to make a large marble type run. The ball was lifted up by the pulley in a bucket and tipped out into the large marble run. Children asked questions about the different slope and wondered how fast the ball would travel down the shoot. They also had to figure out how to make the ball turn at the end.

It was wonderful to see how the children collaborated and communicated together.



Vacancies

Contact the Family & Children's Services team on 5593 7100 to enquire. There are currently places available at:

Mobile Child Care in Port Campbell
Friday 10 am-3 pm

Mobile Child Care at The Sisters
Wednesday 10 am-3 pm

Family Day Care (limited vacancies)
Cobden, Terang, Timboon

2021 booking enquiries. Please phone the Family and Children's Services team on 5593 7100.

Coming Up

8-15 Nov | NAIDOC Week

11 Nov | Remembrance Day

9-15 Nov | National Recycling Week

21-29 Nov | Social Inclusion Week

Keeping Active



While the regular options like Ed Gym and library have moved to online during COVID walks or bike rides along the Terang-Noorat trail have become a regular activity for the children attending Family Day Care with Kerrie in Terang.

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