

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES NEWS JANUARY 2021



CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Welcome

A very warm welcome to everyone who has enrolled in 2021. We are looking forward to welcoming back all the families and children we met last year and establishing new relationships with those attending our services for the first time. This year we are pleased to be offering two years of funded kindergarten before school.

Service changes



Due to venue availability Skipton Child Care will relocate in term one to Lismore, while Skipton's kindergarten program will continue to run at the primary school, until renovations at the kinder are completed.

Cobden Kindergarten will start the year at the RSL Hall across the road from the kindergarten and the Maternal and Child Health Service will run from the medical clinic at 5 Victoria Street.

The Sisters' Mobile Child Care (MCC) will run at Glenormiston, while the hall has some much needed work completed.



Reminders

Playing outdoors is an important and valued part of our Family and Children's Services educational program, and ensuring SunSmart practices protects children from harmful UV:

- Children are required to wear loose-fitting clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Tops with elbow-length sleeves, and if possible, collars and knee-length or longer style shorts and skirts are best. A broad brimmed, or legionnaire's, hat provides UV protection to the face, neck and ears.
- Pop in a change of clothes also, as children can get dirty and wet while enjoying a variety of outdoor experiences and weather conditions.
- Shoes need to be comfortable and enclosed. To ensure your child's safety and comfort when playing, running or climbing, thongs and strappy sandals are a safety hazard and aren't recommended.
- Labelling your children's belongings helps us ensure they go home in the right bags.

Smiles 4 Miles encourages families to provide a nutritious lunch and snack option for their children. We believe that drinking well (limiting sugary drinks, and drinking tap water), eating well and cleaning teeth well, is essential. If you would like some meal suggestions check out the Pick & Mix healthy lunchbox poster at heas.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes#pickmix.

For some children bringing something familiar like a favourite snuggle or blankie can offer comfort throughout the day if they're feeling a little anxious. And don't worry if it's you who is feeling a bit apprehensive – it's ok to call and check in with staff during the day.

Service start dates

	Thursday 28 January	Friday 29 January	Monday 1 February	Tuesday 2 February	Wednesday 3 February	Thursday 4 February
Childcare	Port Campbell MCC Ecklin Child Care	Skipton Child Care, Lismore Ecklin Child Care Port Campbell MCC	Skipton Child Care, Lismore	Glenormiston MCC	Western Plains Child Care, Lismore The Sisters MCC, Glenormiston Terang gold group	Western Plains Child Care, Lismore
Kindergarten		Terang blue group Timboon red group	Cobden Timboon gold group Western Plains, Derrinallum	Simpson Skipton Terang Children's Centre green group		
After kinder/ school care		Terang AKAS Timboon AKAS				

Kindergarten eSignature PIN

We are excited to have kindergartens join the rest of our services using Harmony's electronic sign in. Families will receive an email with an eSignature PIN and a link if you want to change the PIN. Each family member who drops off or collects a child will need to have their own signature PIN.

For families who use multiple services such as mobile child care or family day care, and are starting kindergarten this year you will receive a kindergarten PIN that you can change to the same pin as your MCC or FDC PIN if desired.

Kinderloop



Kinderloop is a cloud-based app our Family and Children's Services is going to use for program planning and documentation. It provides a secure way to share information, learning experiences and reflections between families and other educators.

Educator will provide families with a link to the Kinderloop application on commencement of Kindergarten.

Staff changes

You will notice some changes to both the services team and in the office as Sue Currell has taken a secondment to a teaching and educational leader role at Terang Children's Centre this year. Sue will continue as co team leader of education and care on Thursdays and Fridays. We are currently recruiting for a co team leader and other new positions. The new staffing appointments are:

Timboon

Teigan Vanderhorst (Co-educator green and red groups) Fri

Terang Children's Centre

Sue Currell (Educational Leader and Early Childhood Teacher) Mon & Wed

Hannah Justin (Early Childhood Teacher) Tue, Wed & Fri

Clare Fennessy (Diploma Co-educator) Mon & Wed; (AKAS) Thu & Fri

Amy Fortescue (Co-educator) Tue & Thu

Jan O'Connor (Co-educator AKAS) Mon to Fri

Brigid Kenna (Co-educator) Mon & Wed

Western Plains Long Day Care

Selina Lawlor

Ecklin Child Care

Charlee Danby

Port Campbell Mobile Child Care (MCC)

Debbie Norton

Skipton Kindergarten

Kate Medson (Co-educator)

At the end of 2020 we farewelled Kathy Woodman, Sally Anne Schintler, Megan Heard, Trish O'Leary and Chloe McNabb. We wish them well in their next roles.

Service Vacancies

There are currently places available at:

Mobile Child Care (MCC) & Long Day Care: all venues

Terang AKAS (after kindergarten/after school):
Mon to Fri

Timboon AKAS: Wed & Fri

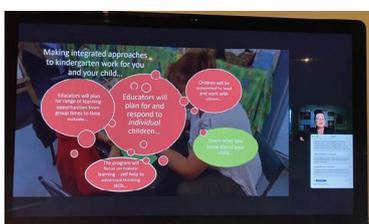
Timboon Family Day Care: Wed, Thu & Fri

To enquire about these vacancies phone 5593 7100. You can also register your interest in a Corangamite Shire Council Family and Children's Services through the council website: [Enrolment forms – Corangamite Shire](#)

Family information session

On Tuesday 19 January an information session about the teaching and learning approaches that are used with integrated groups was held for the 2021 kindergarten families. This year, all of Corangamite's kindergarten settings will have integrated groups, where three and four year old children attend together. With the introduction of kindergarten reform, we now refer to three year olds as the first year of kindergarten and four year olds as the second year.

The session was hosted by early childhood specialist Catharine Hydon and attended by 47 families from all services and nine educators and Family and Children's Services officers.

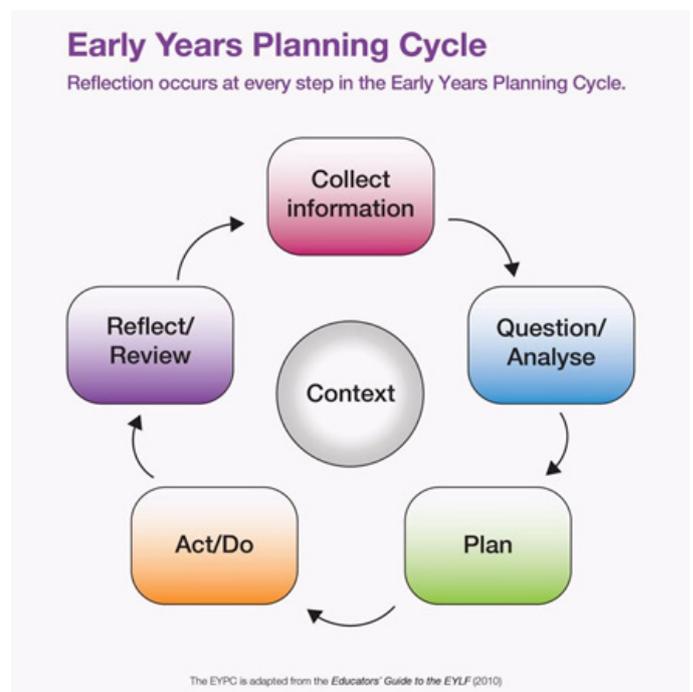


Professional Development

At the end of 2020 child-care and kindergarten staff attended a professional development day covering the early years planning cycle, Kinderloop and mental-health first aid.

Planning for children's learning involves a cycle of collecting information, questioning and analysing what it means. You will be able to see and participate in the cycle through Kinderloop.

- The educator briefly records evidence of a child (or group of children) engaged in learning.
- The educator analyses the observation to clarify what the child knows already and what the child may be ready to learn next.
- The educator identifies learning aims that are linked to VEYLDF evidence markers and writes an outline of what they will provide to consolidate or extend the child's learning and progress along their individual learning trajectory.
- The educator sets up and delivers the learning activity, paying attention to the extent to which the child engages with the aims of the learning plan.
- With the learning aims in mind, the educator evaluates what the child learnt and considers whether to repeat, refine or extend the plan.



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-Amy, Family Day Care Educator



Join Our Team

Early Childhood Educator

- Temporary full-time for up to 8 months commencing February 2021 (the position is dependent upon funding and enrolments)
- Band 3 / 5 commensurate with qualifications and experience
- Based at Camperdown
- Hours of work: 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday
- 19-day month

You will need to have:

- Diploma or Certificate III in Children's Services
- current Working with Children Check
- current National Police Check
- current Child Protection Certificate
- Level 2 First Aid, and Anaphylaxis & Asthma, certificates.

Applications close 5 pm Wednesday 27 January

View position description and apply online at corangamite.vic.gov.au/employment

Enrol in Family & Children's Services

Please complete the form below to register your interest in Corangamite Shire Council Family & Children's Services

www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Community/Family-Children-Services/Enrolment-Forms

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