



# CABONNE/BLAYNEY FAMILY DAY CARE

## FAMILY NEWSLETTER

July 2018



Harmony Day Playgroup  
29th March 2018



## DIARY DATES

MOLONG PLAYGROUPS - 2nd, 16th & 30th August  
13th & 27th September

CANOWINDRA PLAYGROUPS - 8th August  
12th September

## EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

### MARGOT THOMPSON - MARCH 2018

For her caring, supportive & trustworthy attitude to all children, families and staff members. Margot's dedication and knowledge is shown through her structured and play-based curriculum that focuses on the individual children in her service. The Coordination Unit values the knowledge and experience Margot brings, trusting she will be there to help when needed.

### MEL HODGE - APRIL 2018

For her fantastic transformation of her backyard environment to comply with the Service Philosophy & her efforts to create a more inviting workplace for her current and future families and children in care.

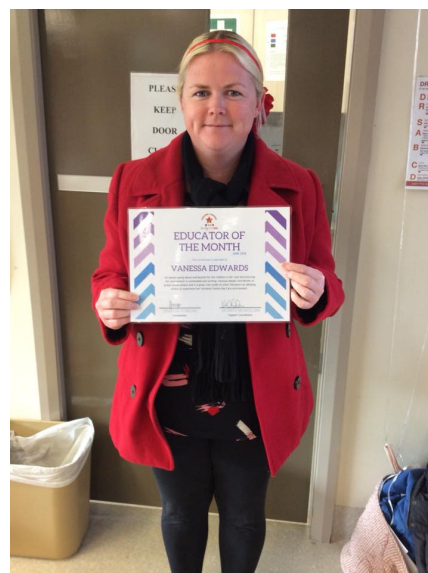
### KELLIE WALKER - MAY 2018

For implementing the 'Mindful Children' program and working hard to improve her physical environment to better benefit the children in her care. Kellie provides great nature play experiences and is constantly working towards meeting the requirements of the Service Philosophy.



### VANESSA EDWARDS - JUNE 2018

For always going above and beyond for her children in care and ensuring her environment is sustainable and inviting. Vanessa always contributes to group conversations and is a great role model to other Educators by allowing others to experience her fantastic environment.



## FROM THE COORDINATION UNIT

Wow, what an incredibly busy couple of months we have had! We apologise for not producing a newsletter since February, we are back on track now and will keep them coming every 2 months.

### **ASSESSMENT & RATING VISIT**

On July 3 & 4, our Service was assessed and rated by the NSW Department of Education. Our Service will be rated against the 7 quality areas of the National Quality Standards and the National Regulations. They will give us an overall rating, from which we can receive a Working Towards, a Meeting or an Exceeding. During the assessment, the assessor spends time at the Service and with 3 randomly chosen Educators. We would like to send a MASSIVE thank you to our 3 wonderful Educators who were chosen to be assessed; Kira Whiteman (Molong), Kirstyn Riley (Orange) and Leanne Gilmour (Orange). We believe we did very well & will receive our rating result in the coming weeks.

### **CHILD CARE SUBSIDY**

The Coordination Unit would like to thank all parents for their patience and cooperation during the transition to the new Child Care Subsidy (CCS). We had a fairly smooth transition, with only a few hiccups so we are very fortunate. There are still some parents who need to complete their Eligibility Assessment. Please remember, once an enrolment is created, parents must log on to the MyGov account and confirm the enrolment before they are able to receive CCS.

### **2018-2019 FINANCIAL YEAR FEES AND CHARGES**

As you are all aware, we raised our fees this new financial year. The fees and charges are now as following:

**Re-Enrolment Fee** (Occuring January of each year) - \$25 per family

**New Family Enrolment Fee** - \$50 per family

**Administration Levy** - \$1.30 per hour, per child

### **IMMUNISATION GRACE PERIOD**

Our Service is required by new regulations to have up to date immunisation statements for all children. We are allowing a 2 month grace period from when an immunisation was due to hand a statement in before we suspend care. A letter or email will be sent when an immunisation is due to remind parents & another warning letter will be issued 1 month before the immunisation statement is due at the service.

### **NEW EDUCATORS IN YEOVAL & PARKES**

We have 2 new Educators registered with our Service. Bonnie-Sue Mawbey started a Family Day Care Service in Yeoval on 2 July 2018 & Megan Gould will be starting early August in Parkes. We are always accepting more Educators so if you know anyone who would like to start a Family Day Care Service, please get them to contact us!

### **RAFFLE ITEMS**

Our Service is looking at holding a raffle and street stall in the coming months. If you have any items you would like to put towards the raffle, you can leave them with your Educator or drop them to our office at 103 Bank Street, Molong. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated!

### **MERIDITH ROBERTS-LYE**

We sadly said goodbye to our beautiful After School Educator, Meridith, in June. Meridith decided to retire from Family Day Care and make the move to Darwin to be closer to her family. You will be greatly missed by the Service and the community of Orange, Meridith!



**CONGRATULATIONS SHIRLEY EDWARDS  
ON YOUR PREGNANCY!**

Our beautiful Parkes Educator, Shirley is due to give birth to a baby boy in late August. We wish you and your family all the best and are praying for the safe arrival of a healthy baby!



**CONGRATULATIONS KELLIE & JACOB WARD  
ON YOUR WEDDING DAY**

Our gorgeous Orange Educator, Kellie Walker (now Ward) celebrated her wedding day in March 2018. Kellie looked absolutely stunning in her wedding dress. We wish the happy couple a lifetime of love and happiness.



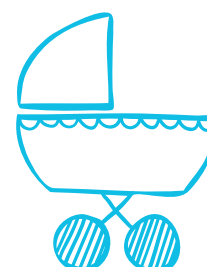
**CONGRATULATIONS LEANNE KINSELLA (Molong)  
ON THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR GRANDSON,  
SETH SUTHERLAND**

Leanne's daughter Miriam and her husband James welcomed their beautiful baby boy in April. Congratulations to the Kinsella & Sutherland family!



**CONGRATULATIONS  
ALICE, DENNIS & OLLIE  
DRUVE ON THE ARRIVAL  
OF YOUR BABY  
GIRL/BABY SISTER!**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
AMANDA, BRODIE &  
ISABELLA FRIEND ON THE  
ARRIVAL OF BABY ASHTON**



## MOLONG FIRE STATION VISIT

On June 13, Educators, Children, a Grandparent and the Coordination Unit Staff visited the Molong Fire Station and were shown around by Fireman Lenny. The children got to see all the equipment on the truck. Fireman Lenny turned on the lights and sirens for us. The children all received their own fire brigade colouring books. We would like to thank Lenny & the Molong Fire and Rescue team for allowing us to visit. We all had a great time.



## ANZAC MARCHES IN CANOWINDRA & MOLONG

A big thank you to all families who turned out to march with our Service at the Molong & Canowindra ANZAC Day marches. You should all be very proud of your efforts!







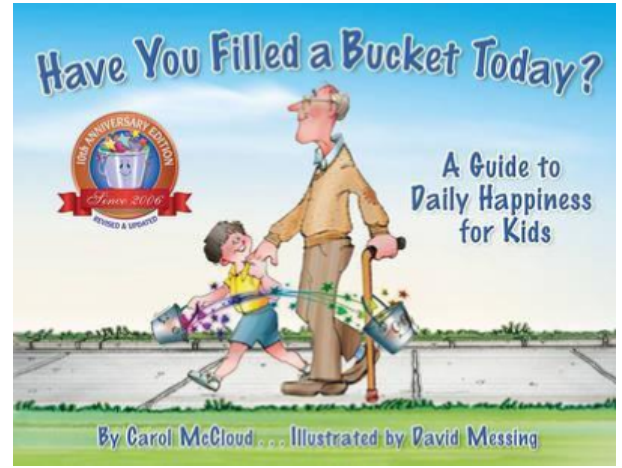
# BOOK CORNER

## Have You Filled a Bucket Today?

By Carol McCloud , Illustrated by David Messing

Children are not the only ones that need to learn how to be truly happy. It's all in the bucket, that invisible bucket that follows you everywhere... teaches young readers valuable lessons about giving, sharing, and caring. This guide to daily happiness, though, is not just for kids. We all need reminders of the benefits of positive thinking and positive behaviour. It's an important lesson to teach and remind us all . . . that

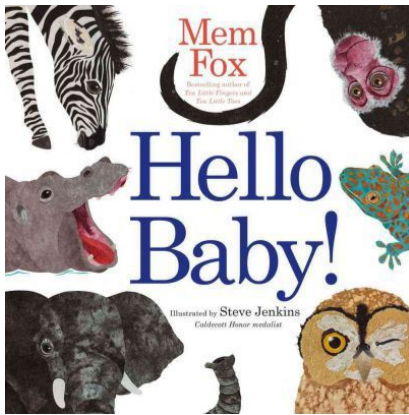
showing kindness and appreciation of others goes a long way to making this world a happier place for everyone, including ourselves. A classic tale, beautifully told and beautifully shared



## Hello Baby!

By Mem Fox , Illustrated by Steve Jenkins

A playful favourite from Mem Fox is now a Classic Board Book! After meeting a bevy of baby animals--including a clever monkey, a hairy warthog, and a dusty lion cub--the baby in this story discovers the most precious creature of all...itself, of course! With an exuberant rhyming text by bestselling author Mem Fox and adorable cut-paper illustrations by Caldecott-Honor recipient Steve



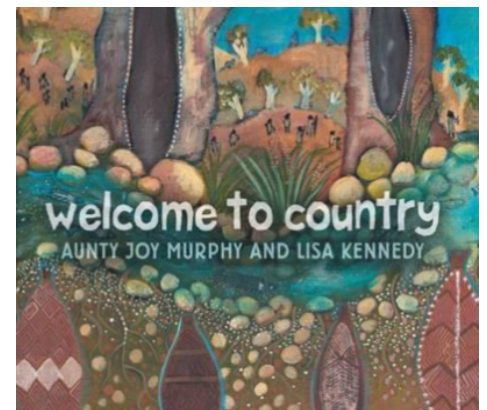
Jenkins, this book is an irresistible celebration of the joyful connection between parent and child.

Now available for the first time as a Classic Board Book, this story is perfect for the youngest readers!

## Welcome To Country

By Joy Murphy & Lisa Kennedy

This is an expansive and generous Welcome to Country from a most respected Elder, Aunty Joy Murphy, beautifully given form by Indigenous artist Lisa Kennedy. Welcome to the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri People. We are part of this land and the land is part of us. This is where we come from. Wominjeka Wurundjeri balluk yearmenn koondee bik. Welcome to Country.





# HEALTH & WELLBEING

## Pack your child a **HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**

Choose a variety of foods from each food group



## CRANBERRY & APRICOT MUESLI BARS



### Ingredients

100g (1/2 cup) light canola or olive oil spread  
2 tbs honey  
1/3 cup unsweetened apple juice  
1/2 cup dried cranberries  
1/2 cup diced dried apricots  
Canola or olive oil cooking spray  
1 cup quick oats  
1 cup sunflower and pepita seed mix  
2/3 cup plain flour  
2 tbs raw sugar

### Method

1. Combine spread, honey, apple juice, cranberries and apricots in a small saucepan. Place over a medium heat until spread is melted, stirring occasionally.
2. Bring to the boil, then reduce heat to low and simmer uncovered for 5 minutes. Remove from heat, cool 15 minutes.
3. Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced). Grease an 18cm x 28cm slice pan with cooking spray and line with baking paper to cover base and extend up sides of pan.
4. Combine oats, seed mix, flour and sugar in a large bowl, add dried fruit mixture and mix thoroughly.
5. Press mixture firmly into prepared pan.
6. Bake in preheated oven for about 25 minutes or until slice is light golden. Remove from oven and cool completely.
7. Lift slice from pan using lining paper and cut into bars to serve