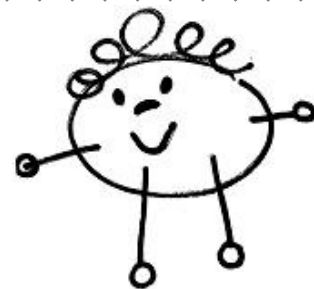


Clare Valley Children's Centre Newsletter

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Family, Team Work, Quality, Life long Learning, Fun!!!

Week : 4
Date : 22/2/12

What a great day we had last Saturday. The promotions committee did a fabulous job of organising the day. The day was primarily about promoting the centre, (although we did hope to raise some money), we certainly achieved this, with new families taking the opportunity to tour the Centre. We even greeted "older" visitors who just wanted to have a look around. We had wonderful feedback about the event, site and staff. So many families contributed to the day whether it was by way of a donation of money, cooking goodies, working on our stall or coming to the market. Thankyou to everyone, I am extremely proud of our Clare Valley Children's Centre Community.

We welcome Sandy Jesser to our centre. Sandy works in the kitchen one day a week and is picking up relief work in the rooms. Sandy has been a great asset to the centre. We appreciate her flexibility.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS

Thankyou to the parents who replied to our survey re times for the new Universal Access (15 hours for 4 year olds). I was pleased with the amount of surveys returned and I feel we have captured many parent voices.

Option 1 received the most votes with 74 % opting for the 9.00am -3.00pm sessions.

A note has been put in children's pockets asking preference for days. I will do my best to accommodate families, the choices will either be Monday, Wednesday and "odd" Fridays or Tuesday, Thursday and "even" Fridays.

PRE-ENTRY MEETING

It has been brought to my attention that our pre-entry meeting scheduled for the 9th of March clashes with Clare Primary School swimming carnival. Therefore I will move the meeting to the following Friday 16th March. I hope to see all pre-entry families in the Annex at 9.00am.

DIARY DATES :

FEB

Monday 27th - Management 7.30pm

MARCH

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE Friday 16th -
Pre-entry meeting 9.00am for families of children starting full time kindy next term.

APRIL

Thurs 6th Walkathon

PROMOTIONS AND FUNDRAISING

A huge thank you to all the families that assisted in anyway from cooking, donating, working or supporting our first Clare Valley Children's Centre Family Market last Saturday. An amount of approx \$2000.00 was raised on the day.

To Rachel Bird and Bonnie Kain - Thank you for the time and effort you put in organising the running of the market, a huge job, well done.

We would like to thank our sponsors for the day who include **Ackland Vineyard Service, Caltex - Clare, Clare and Districts Apex Club, Clare Hoppers Jumping Castle, Clare Toy Kingdom, Clare Valley Toyota, Cupcakes & Co, David Lloyd, Face Painting by Brooke, Jodie Neill - Body Shop at Home, Mathie's Meat Shoppe, Moments Everlasting, Rabobank Clare and Woolworths.**

The raffle winners were:

- 1st - Cody Jones
- 2nd - Charlie Hamlyn
- 3rd Mikalya Mason
- 4th Abby Mason
- 5th Jessica and Abbie Skinner
- 6th Verena Craig
- 7th Rashanna Bull
- 8th Vanessa O'Brian
- 9th Lilly Schupelius

The next fundraiser will be the Bulbs. Get ready to stock up for your bright winter garden. Keep a look out in your pocket for the catalogue coming soon.

AGM

The AGM is fast approaching on Monday the 26th March at 7.30pm. All positions will become vacant. A few members have indicated they will not be continuing this year so we are looking for new members to join Management or any of the sub committees. Management meets on the last Monday of each month. If you wish to come along to February's Management meeting to see what this entails you would be more than welcome.

Please see Amanda or any of the current committee members (their names and photos are on the pin up board in the front foyer).

*This is a great way to meet other parents and contribute to **YOUR** centre.*

A free crèche will be provided for the AGM.

Please let Sarah know if you need this service

THANKYOUS

- The over 2 room would like to thank Scott Gray Earles Transport for donating Tyres, S.C Heinrich and Co. for donating a trailer load of loam and for Bill and Fred Portis for borrowing the loam and delivering the tyres.

- Sarah Allison for adding elastic to lots of cot sheets - a big job!!!

- Adrian Mason and Nathan Skinner for removing our outside blinds

- Steve Pearse for making our plaque for our new sign in the carpark

- Mark Sims from Clare Valley Masonry for donating his time and materials for our sign

- Mick Hean (Mark's labourer)

- Kathryn Hinze for donating plants

- Suzie Skinner for planting the plants

- The Vanderputten family for donating spare pants to the centre

- Management for supplying supper for our Parent Voice meeting

FEES

Thankyou so much to the families who have paid for their Kindergarten hot lunches. This was due two weeks ago and 98% families have done so. The balance of the invoice is due next **Friday 2nd March**

We are reaching capacity and places are limited so childcare bookings will be **cancelled** if accounts exceed our fee agreement and no arrangements have been made.

If you are having difficulties paying any fees **PLEASE COME AND SEE US.**

SPONSORSHIP

If you have a business that would be interested in a sponsorship/promotional arrangement with the Centre and the Northern Argus please contact Amanda for details.

PARENT LIBRARY

We have a new book in our Parent library.

It is a great and easy read "Thriving" by Michael Grose. Practical ideas for parents in coping with challenging behaviours.

ENROLMENT DETAILS

Each year we are required legally to ask all childcare families to fill in a new enrolment form. This will happen at the beginning of next term and we ask you return this as soon as possible. In the mean time if any of your details have changed (mobile phones are quite often forgotten about) please see Sarah so we can update contact details.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- We are a **nut free centre** this includes peanut butter and nutella
- Please **name** all items
- Are your fees up to date?
- **SLIP SLOP SLAP**- Please remember to bring a named bucket or legionnaire hat for your child and dress them in clothing that covers their shoulders.

OUTDOOR COMMITTEE

We held a Twilight Working Bee on Tuesday 7th Feb and with a small band of dedicated workers were able to tidy the carpark area for the upcoming Family Market. The kids had a great time and enjoyed a sausage and iceblock. A big thankyou to the following;

Anita Fogden (Mia & Henry)

Sarah Rodwell (Riley, Zoe & Lenni)

Bonnie Kain (Oscar)

Michelle Morgan (Cooper)

Adrian Mason

Bronwyn Stedall (Dru)

Susie & Nathan Skinner (Matthew, Jessica & Abbie)

Staff - Amanda, Sam, Julie and Johannah

If anyone has any ideas on how we could encourage more families to attend Working Bees please let me know. At the AGM I will be finishing up on the Outdoor Committee as Abbie will start School later in the year. Anyone interested in this position please let Amanda or myself know. It is a great way to meet other families and to make improvements at the Centre to benefit our kids.

Thankyou to everyone who has helped the outdoor committee and myself in anyway over the years.

Susie Skinner

Thanks for Reading: Amanda