



CENTRE NEWS

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YANGETUP FAMILY CENTRE INC

From the Manager

Firstly I would like to welcome all of our new members for 2018 and it is wonderful to see so many families returning to the centre from previous years. First term has been very busy with lots happening at the centre.

We are very involved in many of the **Connecting Community for Kids Initiatives** with lots of people from the centre volunteering their time on the action groups.

We celebrated **Chinese New Year** and **Harmony Day** with lots of families coming along and sharing their culture. Special

thanks to Huey and Kim for their involvement in these events.

We also hosted a very successful **Saturday Playgroup** with lots of families attending and six dads taking part in the free baby massage session provided by centre member, Gemma Collins, who also has her own business, **Honeybee Baby Massage**.

Looking ahead we are preparing to start a **new co-design project to update our outdoor spaces**. This

was identified as a priority through our community engagement activities last year. We will be seeking your input over the next few weeks.

We will have a **Holiday Play session on Thursday 19 April from 9:30-11:30am**. We have partnered with the Brady St Music and CCK to provide a music session for kids 6-12 yrs while we provide a music and movement play session for families with children 6 and under.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter. Samantha Williams

Important Dates

13 Apr - Term 1 ends

19 Apr - Holiday Session

30 Apr - Term 2 starts

1-7 May Neighbourhood House Week

8-11 May Mothers Day Celebrations

19 May - Saturday Playgroup

15-21 May National Family Week

24 May - Biggest Morning Tea

21 Jun - safeTALK workshop

23 Jun - Saturday Playgroup

29 Jun - Term 4 ends

8-15 July NAIDOC Week



This is Lynda Smith, Yangebup Leisure Group member, modelling the ladies groups' woollen sleeves made for Dementia Australia sufferers, a practical low-cost initiative to alleviate the distress and suffering of those who experience this terrible degenerative disease. Lynda is a woman who uses her initiative. She saw an article in Have a Go magazine and suggested the activity to the group, and look at the wonderful result. Win Win! Ladies come together and then achieve something that helps others.

The Leisure Group meet every Tuesday at the centre from 9:30-12:30pm

Little Library Cockburn

Local centre member, Veronica, has recently joined our Management Committee and has also started the 'Little Library Cockburn' outside her house. This is a great community initiative! Visit the library and find out more or find them on Facebook.



Celebrating Chinese New Year



Huey and her son Ethan at the Chinese New Year event

We hosted a Chinese New Year celebration as part of the Connecting Community for Kids Celebrate Culture Cockburn Action Team initiative. The festival was an opportunity for the whole community to come together and experience Chinese culture and traditions.

Over one hundred people came along to enjoy spring rolls, traditional love letter crepes and to find their luck in a fortune cookie. Children were busy making paper Chinese lanterns, crafting Chinese animal signs from playdough, dressing in cultural attire and learning how to use chopsticks. A few kids braved the Chinese lion and loved banging the drums and cymbals. Attendees were able to discover their own animal sign and learn of the character traits. Each family was handed a red envelope of lucky money (gold foil covered chocolate) as they departed to signify good fortune and positive wishes for the Lunar New Year.

Huey Teoh, Action Team Community Champion and regular attendee at Yangebup Family Centre was so pleased to see so many people enjoying the atmosphere, "I was very excited to have the opportunity to share my Chinese culture with others in my community."

The Celebrate Culture Cockburn Action Team is one of eight volunteer groups working with Connecting Community for Kids to implement projects in Cockburn and Kwinana. The goal of the Action Team is to promote and celebrate the vibrant cultures in the Cockburn community and provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all.



"It feels like home. The staff are amazing and we have made some great friendships with the families that attend here."



Lauren, Yangebup Family Centre

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CCK Community Mothers Information Session

Another of the CCK Action Teams is Community Mothers. We have a number of mums from the centre involved in this group.

They are looking for passionate Mothers to volunteer for the Community Mothers Program; a peer support project in collaboration with Curtin University, mentoring new Mums through the early years.

If you are respectful, empathetic, willing to offer moral support and can provide the link between families and community, then register your interest today.

The Information Session will provide details around training, hours required, the qualities sought after and the volunteering process.

Date: Wednesday 11 April 10-11am

Location: The Bump WA, Cockburn Integrated Health, Suite 8, 11 Wentworth Parade, Success

Contact 0429 904 324 or info@connecting4kids.com.au to RSVP.



Local Mums including Anna Cooper (R) who are part of the Community Mothers program

www.yangebupfamilycentre.org

Visit our website for more news and centre information

Occasional Care

It has been quite a busy start to the year in Occasional Care. We have quite a lot of younger age group children, which has been great. The new extended hours have been working well with a lot of families using the 8:30 starting and 3:30 finishing time, which is wonderful. We have been doing activities based on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', as children have shown a strong interest in this book. We also celebrated Harmony Week by making some multicultural food and practising using chopsticks with noodles. The coming weeks we will be looking at Easter celebrations and making Easter cards and craft activities. Just a reminder to all families, if children's belongings can be labelled, including hat, drink bottle and lunch boxes. On behalf of the occasional Care Staff, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter. Thankyou for your support.

Deanne, Salma, Elena and Taylah.

Kindy

Kindy is off to a fantastic start to the year. We have enjoyed getting to know all our new children and families and seeing some familiar faces. This term has focused on settling the children into their new environment and routine and building strong bonds and relationships with children and their families. We have focused on building the children's sense of belonging to our Centre and their Kindy class. A current strong interest we have begun exploring is eggs, stemming from Easter discussions. We have been analysing different types of animal eggs, discussing the process of hatching, making comparisons between eggs and we even did a hands-on egg investigation. We are excited to see where the children lead us with this interest and what is to come next! The children are very excited for our upcoming Easter themed obstacle-a-thons and their parents are invited to come and watch and participate in. We are looking forward to a wonderful rest of term 1 and an exciting learning journey ahead this year.

Miss Hollie and Miss Mandy

Harmony Week 2018



Holiday Occasional Care

16-27 April 8:30-3:30pm

Monday | Wednesday | Friday
For children under 7 years

We are now taking bookings for the
School Holidays.

We will be celebrating the Commonwealth
Games and doing some cooking activities!
9417 9995 or

info@yangebupfamilycentre.org

New Child Care Package

We are preparing for the New Child Care Package and like all child care centres across Australia, we need all our families to also prepare. Please visit the website to learn more and to estimate the benefits you will receive from 2 July 2018, once you have registered.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>

Book your next party at the Family Centre

Why have a mess at home? Hire our large spacious room with tables, chairs etc. and access to the outdoor play area and fully equipped kitchen. Very reasonable rates.

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*Inspire, Grow and
Strengthen Community*

Please note that during the school holidays the office will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Other Centre News

Crafternoon Tea

Every Tuesday during school term, recommencing 1 May 2018, Crafternoon Tea & papercraft classes 12.30-2.30pm, creche is available for \$5 per child (bookings essential) & afternoon tea is included.

For a full list of topics for the term see my website www.discover.stampinup.net

Thanks Ann
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Seniors

The Yangebup Leisure Group meet every Tuesday from 9.30 – 12.30pm. Activities include bingo, minigolf, board games, craft, guest speakers and outings. Contact Kerry for more information 9417 1827.

Child Health Nurse

The Child Health Nurse is located in the same building as the Family Centre. The nurse is available to assist you with your parenting needs. Contact the Yangebup Child and Adolescent Community Health on 9417 5022 or for appointments 1300 749 869.

Sewciables

Sewing group meets monthly on Saturday afternoon. Contact Glenys on 0439080467 for more information.

Jesus Reigns Ministries

Sundays 10am-12noon
Enquiries 0426 224 311
or 0406 980 186

Women of the World

Are you new to Perth? Come and meet others just like you. Creche provided. Thursday 9-10.30am
Contact Linda 9411 3851 for more information.

Yangebup Progress Association

The YPA meets at the centre every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

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Free Bread

Available from
the centre every
Wednesday.