

# FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES NEWS

CORANGAMITE SHIRE  
MAY 2019



## SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS LISMORE, CAMPERDOWN AND PRINCETOWN



A free playgroup for children aged 0-5 years which supports parents as their child's first educator.

A trained facilitator will provide activities for you and your child to enjoy together.

Weekly **smalltalk** topics are introduced to explore how young children develop & learn.

**smalltalk**  
Giving your kids a great start



Education  
and Training



### LISMORE

Tuesdays, 9 am-11 am  
Lismore Health and Wellbeing Room  
Lismore Primary School, 77 William Street, Lismore

### CAMPERDOWN

Thursdays, 10 am-12 pm  
Enjoy Church  
15 Brooke Street, Camperdown

### PRINCETOWN

Wednesdays, 10 am-12 pm  
Wiridjil Hall  
Princetown Road, Princetown

To register your interest, please contact:  
**Melita Bond on 0418 811 663 or  
email [melita.bond@bcyf.org.au](mailto:melita.bond@bcyf.org.au)**

# FAMILY DAY CARE NEWS



Staff and children had great fun re-purposing a set of Maternal and Child Health baby scales as a mathematics provocation with children.

Kerrie's school holiday children, after watching the free showing of Christopher Robin, enjoyed operating the scales. They took turns, measuring their own weight and creating a line graphing the weight of various play objects.

Harmony Parent Portal is open for all families. Parents will be able to view [at their leisure] educator programming and observations linked to their children as well as educator and coordination unit staff profiles.

If you have not received an email or have queries, please talk with your educator or contact the coordination unit

We encourage and welcome family feedback via phone, email or personal contact.

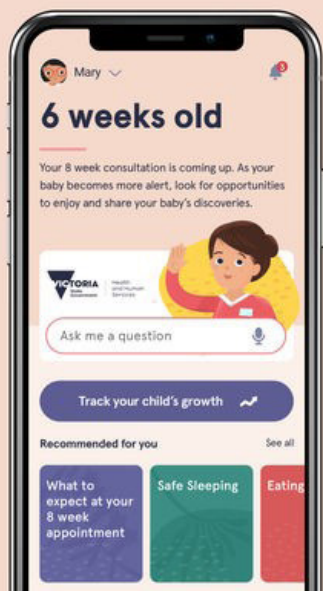
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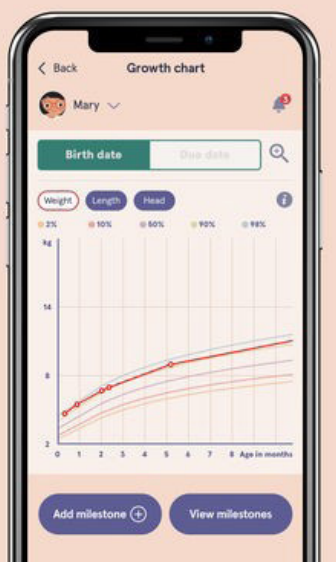
# MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH NEWS

The free Maternal and Child Health app provides reliable information for families. See information relevant to your child's age and development; useful contacts; and ask our "Virtual MCH Nurse" questions - with reliable, evidence-based replies you can rely on. **Download the MCH App from the Apple Store or Google Play or visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/mchapp](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/mchapp)**

MCH app shows personalised content for your child's age



New features include translations, and tracking your child's growth



You can even ask questions of Nora, the app's digital assistant



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# KINDERGARTEN NEWS

## Four year old kinder enrolments 2020

**Do you have someone who could be attending four-year-old kinder next year?**

Enrolments open Monday 20 May so now is the time to get started. Find your child's birth certificate and check immunisations are up to date.

A new enrolment portal will be launching in time for 2020 enrolments, with a goal of making the Shire's kindergarten enrolment process easier.

We'll still have paper-based applications ready to go for those who prefer this method, but otherwise, there is the option of online enrolments.

To ensure you have the best opportunity of receiving a place at the location and session of your choice, we recommend submitting your application as soon as possible.

The cut off for round one of enrolments will be Friday 28 June, 2019.

## TIMBOON AFTER KINDERGARTEN AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Service now operating Monday to Friday.

### After Kindergarten sessions:

Monday and Friday  
2 pm-5:30 pm

Tuesday, 12 pm-5:30 pm

### After School Sessions:

[For children under 8 years]

Monday to Friday  
3:15 pm-5:30 pm

School pick up available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

# MOBILE CHILD CARE NEWS

## OUR HOUSES

### GLENORMISTON MOBILE CHILD CARE

The aim of National Families Week is to celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society. The enduring theme 'Stronger families, stronger communities', highlights the important role that families play as the central building block of our communities. Recently at Glenormiston we have been learning about homes. Homes play a very important role in children's belonging and sense of security. The family they live with keep them happy and safe. This experience challenged children to think about the different parts of their houses and they were happy and relaxed when describing their family and homes. Families come in all shapes and sizes, and do many different things.

**National Families Week will be held from 15-21 May [coinciding with the United Nations International Day of Families on 15 May].**



- 1 Join a local community group and participate in local events.
- 2 Encourage each other and offer support.
- 3 Value everyone's contribution to family life.
- 4 Do something with your family to help others.
- 5 Take time to talk with, and listen to, family members.
- 6 Respect the differences in your family.
- 7 Ask for help when you need it.
- 8 Celebrate your family's achievements.
- 9 Build relationships with older relatives and community elders.
- 10 Keep active and eat well together as a family.

TOP  
10 TIPS

STRONGER  
FAMILIES  
STRONGER  
COMMUNITIES

National Families Week 

# WHO'S WHO

## AMANDA CASTERTON

After ten years Amanda Casterton is still making a positive impact at Corangamite Shire's Mobile Child Care Glenormiston site, even though her children are now at school.

"I get such joy from feeling like I'm making a difference and getting things done," she said.

As Glenormiston Hall Secretary/Treasurer, Nurse and mum of three, Amanda has been involved in securing \$85,000 in funding to renovate the building. The project includes painting, wheelchair access, disabled toilets, and improved parking.

"It will be great to have improved services for young families to use the hall for childcare and the indoor bowls teams to enjoy.

"I loved Mobile Child Care and so did my kids. Now, not only will the building be brought up to code, but it will be a great accessible space for families to enjoy," Amanda said.

National Volunteer Week is a time to thank the thousands of people that volunteer their time across Australia each week.

Corangamite Shire Family and Children's Services would like to recognise and thank the tireless helpers, like Amanda, who contribute to our Family and Children's Services and local communities every year.



## COMING UP

### NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME - 22 MAY

Corangamite Shire Family and Children's Services will be joining in at 11 am, Wednesday 22 May to be part of the 19th Year of National Simultaneous Story Time.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

Now in its 19th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian

children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page to see where you can join in the fun.

### NATIONAL SORRY DAY - 26 MAY

National Sorry Day is a significant day for all Australians, especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities across the nation.

Corangamite Shire Family and Children's Services are always working towards building an inclusive education and care setting. On 26 May we recognise the grief,

pain and loss suffered by the Stolen Generations. Educators are embarking on a journey with the children to learn more about our Aboriginal people and culture. Check out your child's program for updates on what they are learning about at the moment.

