

# FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

# NEWS

## JANUARY 2020



# Welcome!

We'd like to welcome all families and children enrolled for 2020, it's wonderful to see children back from holidays and we're looking forward to establishing relationships with children and families attending our services for the first time.

## Reminders

- Be 'Sunsmart' and help protect your child from harmful effects of UV exposure by putting sunscreen on children prior to arrival and by providing a suitable hat (wide brim or bucket hat) and suitable outdoor clothing for your child. When outside, 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. (Singlet tops do not offer enough protection and are therefore not appropriate clothing for the summer months). [FCS Sunsmart Policy].
- For safety and comfort please ensure children are dressed appropriately for playing, shoes need to be comfortable and enclosed, thongs and loose strappy sandals are a safety hazard for the children when climbing and running and are not recommended for play.
- The outdoor environment is a valued element of the services educational program, when experiencing the various weather conditions. We can get dirty and wet so a change of clothes is advisable.
- Please label all your child's belongings, we want to send home the right gear in the right bags.
- Supporting the key Smiles for Miles messages - eat well, drink well, clean well, we ask that families only provide water in drink bottles, consider nutritional lunch and snack options and provide fruit and vegies for the children's shared snack time.
- For ideas on packing healthy lunch boxes visit:  
[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/HealthyLiving/lunch-boxes-healthy-ideas](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/HealthyLiving/lunch-boxes-healthy-ideas)  
<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/nutrition-fitness/breakfast-lunches/healthy-lunches>



# NEW STAFF

The New Year brings some changes and new faces to the Family and Children's Services team.

Welcome to our new Family and Children's Services team members:

- Chis Towers - Maternal Child Health Nurse
- Chloe McNabb - Community Services Trainee
- Michelle McIntyre - Child Care Assistant  
[lunch cover]
- Skipton Kindergarten welcomes Megan Heard as assistant. Megan had been working as a Family Day Care Educator and in Mobile Child Care
- Heather Anderson - After Kindergarten/School Care. Heather has previously been on the relief staff team

## Child Care Teams

### **Skipton Child Care**

Monday - Kathy Woodman and Samantha Meade.  
Friday - Kathy Woodman, Barb Coverdale and Sally Whittle.

### **Derrinallum Child Care**

Wednesday - Kathy Woodman, Samantha Meade, Jodie Dawes and Michelle McIntyre [doing lunch cover].

### **Glenormiston Child Care**

Tuesday - Kylie Church and Jodie Dawes.

### **The Sisters Child Care**

Wednesday - We welcome back Kylie Church from maternity leave and Andrea Sadler.

### **Port Campbell Child Care**

Thursday - Karen Morriss, Kara Kent and Andrea Sadler.  
Friday - Karen Morriss, Kylie Church and Andrea Sadler.

### **Ecklin Child Care**

Thursday - Kathy Woodman, Trish O'Leary and Kylie Church.

Friday - Samantha Meade, Jodie Dawes and Charlee Danby.

### **Terang After Kindergarten/School Care**

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday - Glenice Justin.  
Tuesday - Heather Anderson.

### **Timboon After Kindergarten/School Care**

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - Barb Coverdale.  
Wednesday - Leesa O'Grady.  
Friday - [pending]

# KINDER LOOP

We are very excited to let you know that Corangamite Shire Family and Children's Services will be going live with Kinderloop from the start of term 1.

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.

Sharing communication between services and families will open up more opportunities for families to be involved and share comments and share information from home. There are also greater opportunities for collaboration between services.

Families will be sent a link inviting them to join so keep an eye out for this email.



## NOTICE OF SERVICE CLOSURE

All Council Family & Children's Services including Maternal Child Health, Kindergartens, Childcare, Mobile Child Care in Glenormiston and Family Day Care **will be closed on Tuesday 28 January** to allow our team to attend the Family & Children's Services Conference. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## VACANCIES

### Childcare

Port Campbell - Thursday and Friday

Ecklin - Thursday

Derrinallum - some availability depending on age of child

**Terang After Kindergarten / School Care** Monday to Thursday

**Timboon After Kindergarten / School Care**

Monday to Friday

## JOIN OUR TEAM

Are you thinking about a career change or looking to study? Have you considered Early Education and Care as a career choice?

Keep an eye on job opportunities via our website:

[www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Council/Employment/Corangamite-Jobs](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Council/Employment/Corangamite-Jobs)

## ENROL

### IN ANY FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Enrolment for all Council-run Children's Services can be completed online here:

[www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Community/Family-Children-Services/Enrolment-Forms](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Community/Family-Children-Services/Enrolment-Forms)

**To update details or add an additional child to an existing enrolment just visit**

[www.corangamite.vic.gov.au](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au)

## FREE STATEWIDE CAR SEAT FITTINGS AND SAFETY CHECKS KICK OFF

Victorian State Government media release, Thursday 16 January 2020

**Free, expert child car seat fittings and safety checks are being offered by the Victorian Government to keep little passengers safe.**

Kidsafe Victoria and Neighbourhood Houses, through the *Safe Seats, Safe Kids* program will provide free car seat fittings and safety checks at neighbourhood houses and community centres across Corangamite Shire.

At these events, professional fitters will inspect child car seats to make sure they're installed and being used correctly. Parents and carers will also be provided with information on how to check if their precious cargo is travelling safely.

Victoria is the first state to roll out a comprehensive statewide fitting and safety check

program after it was revealed around 70 per cent of child car restraints are not fitted or used correctly - making injury up to seven times more likely.

Kidsafe Victoria data revealed the risk of life-threatening injuries in a car accident can be four to six times greater if a child is seated in a poorly installed restraint. On average, six children under the age of 13 are killed, and around 160 are seriously injured in vehicles on Victorian roads each year.

Parents and carers can register their interest to attend a child car seat safety check session at:

[kidsafevic.com.au/road-safety/free-child-car-restraint-checking-program/](http://kidsafevic.com.au/road-safety/free-child-car-restraint-checking-program/)

**CONNECT WITH US** Corangamite Shire Family & Children's Services



[www.corangamite.vic.gov.au](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au)

## FEEDBACK

Your opinion is important to us, click on this link to provide feedback on the service:

[www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Contact/Feedback](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Contact/Feedback)

# MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Call 1800 552 902 to make an appointment.

## Maternal and Child Health Service 10 KEY VISITS



# fit kids



## Timboon stadium

### After school classes

Term 1, 2020

3:30pm - 5pm, \$5 per session

Date	Activity
Tuesday	Boxing
Thursday	Squash



## Camperdown stadium

### After school classes

Term 1, 2020

3:30pm - 5pm, \$5 per session

Date	Activity
Thursday	Boxing / fitness circuit



Phone 0437 244 275 or email  
[timboon.stadium@corangamite.vic.gov.au](mailto:timboon.stadium@corangamite.vic.gov.au)  
for more details.

# Australia Day 2020



Sunday 26 January

From 10 am

Derrinallum P12 School Stadium



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