

# FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES NEWS JUNE 2021



CORANGAMITE SHIRE

## Fee increase 2021

Important information regarding fees for Child Care & Family Day Care.

Corangamite Shire Family & Children Services is committed to providing an accessible service to as many families as possible. Corangamite Shire Council's budget process, fees and services are reviewed annually and fees for Child Care and Family Day Care are reviewed at the start of each financial year.

The following fees will apply as of Monday 5 July 2021.

Please note as of Monday 5 July fees will be charged for all booked After Kinder After School (AKAS) sessions including absent days, sick days, family holidays and school closure days.

Service	Current Full Fee (per hour)	Full Fee from 5 July (per hour)
Childcare	\$12.20	\$12.65
Family Day Care	\$11.30 8 am-6 pm \$15.60 6 pm-8 am	\$11.50 8 am-6 pm \$15.80 6 pm-8 am

## Award nomination



Family Day Care educator, Kerrie Fortescue has been nominated in the 2021 Excellence in Family Day Care Awards.

Kerrie has been a Family Day Care Educator with Corangamite Shire for 13 years. Kerrie started her Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care in 2012, and has been an enthusiastic and highly committed educator in all aspects of her profession ever since.

Kerrie's professional growth has seen her embrace change, develop leadership skills, tackle technology, and advance her learning while completing a Diploma of Early Education and Care.

Regional winners are announced 24 August, National Finalists announced 13 September, with the National Winner announced 30 October.

## Welcome back to Cobden

With renovations complete our Family and Children's Services are welcoming back and introducing new users to Cobden Children's Centre.



# Making the connection from bin to landfill

Terang Children's Centre embarked on an excursion to Corangamite Shire Landfill and Terang Op Shop on Monday 21 June. The excursion evolved from the children's curiosity and learning about why we put certain items into different bins and the 5 R's - Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, and Recycle.

Corangamite Shire officers, Jess Maxwell and Glenn Busuttil gave the children a tour of the landfill facility and explained what happens to the things people don't want any more and where they go. The adventure to the pit edge came with sights of large machinery, squishy mud and funky smells.

A trip to the Terang Community Op Shop was inspired by the educational journey through the landfill site where a treasure trove of loved items was discovered. A donation of surplus items was made and each child was able to select a book they could take home.



## Service Closure Professional Development

Monday 12 July will be a service closure day across all of the Family & Children's Services. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes. A whole of service closure day allows the staff and Family Day Care contractors to complete annual CPR refresher, work on Quality Improvement Plans, and complete professional development.

## Keep up to date

To keep up to date with what's happening in Family & Children's Service. Like and follow us on facebook [www.facebook.com/cschildrenservices/](http://www.facebook.com/cschildrenservices/)

## 2022 Kindergarten

<p>Kinder registrations for 2022 now open</p> <p>Registrations close Friday 9 July</p> 	<p>Open for all eligible children in the 2 years before school</p> <p>Subsidised by the Government, every child who is 3 or 4 years of age before 30 April in their year of attendance will be eligible for up to 15 hours per week of kindergarten.</p> <p>Register via <a href="http://corangamite.vic.gov.au/Enrolment">corangamite.vic.gov.au/Enrolment</a></p>	
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We have received 194 of registrations for 2022 Kindergarten with 73 registrations for After Kindergarten and After School Care in Terang & Timboon. Registration for Children who turn three or four in the years they enrol in kindergarten are still open until Friday 9 July. If you know anyone who may not have registered please encourage them to do so.

## Western Plains

Our Child Care and Kindergarten programs change over. Child Care will run at the Derrinallum venue from Wednesday 7 July. Kindergarten will start the new term on Tuesday 13 July at the Lismore venue.





# HEAL COUNTRY!

4-11 JULY 2021

## NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week seeks to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. We recognise and respect Aboriginal cultures and their unique place in the heritage and future of Victoria. Learning about and valuing the place of Aboriginal people enhances children's sense of place in our community. It celebrates the wealth of learning and experience within local communities. Each service is working to embed First Nations learning into their program.

To support Aboriginal and Torres Strait children in our kindergartens, Bronwyn Ferguson, a Koorie Preschool Assistant from Gunditjmarra visits the kindergartens providing language experiences. We share the knowledge and resources with all of the educators to better improve children's understanding and knowledge of Aboriginal or Torres Strait language and culture.

## Winter Wellness

### Staying home if unwell

Advice from the Department of Health and the Department of Education:

1. If a child is unwell, they must stay at home. If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from early childhood education care as soon as possible.
2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) such as fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, or loss of smell or taste, they should get tested and must remain at home until they receive their results. Headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.
3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative. If you are unsure if your child should stay home, please contact staff at the service they attend to discuss any exclusion period.

Educators who are unwell will not work until the symptoms and exclusion period has passed or until they receive a negative COVID test.

## YAK is coming!



Ed Gym is getting a new look!

The Ed Gym Program has had a refresh. YAK, or Young Active Kids will replace Ed Gym from Term 3 2021, sharing the same philosophy as the existing Ed Gym program. The YAK program invites pre-school children to learn, play, grow, explore and discover in an environment that encourages independence.

Our new staff members Kerrie Storer and Brenda Kent aim to provide an exciting, fun-filled and challenging experience for all participants and provide an environment for parents to engage and socialise. Each week there will be a different program theme which brings together play, games, music and other fun things.

YAK will commence in Term 3 and be offered during the school terms as follows:  
Camperdown (Theatre Royal): Monday 10am  
Terang (Terang Stadium): Tuesday 10am.

Keep an eye out for YAK in Term 3!

## FitKids School Holiday Program

Timboon  
\$10 per child  
9 am-11 am

Tuesday 6 July Basketball  
Thursday 9 July Arts and craft fitness games

Camperdown  
\$10 per child  
9 am-11 am

Monday 5 July Boxing fun and fitness  
Wednesday 7 July Football skills

## Recruiting Family Day Care Educators in all towns

Council is recruiting educators in nearly every Shire location.

### Can you help?

Do you know anyone who is looking for a great job working from home?

Excellent opportunities are available for home-based employment for suitably qualified early childhood educators wanting a change from the rush of centre-based care, or someone who is working towards a qualification in early childhood education and care and wants to earn an income and gain experience while studying.

Learn more at

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

## Join our team

### Currently advertised

Early Childhood Educator Assistant Terang

Early Childhood Educator Mobile Child Care Skipton

Early Childhood Educators Family Day Care Educator

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

## Vacancies

After Kindergarten/After School (AKAS) Terang  
Monday-Friday

After Kindergarten/After School (AKAS)  
Timboon  
Wednesday and Friday

Mobile Child Care Port Campbell  
Friday

Enquiries for bookings please phone the Family & Children's Services team on 5593 7100.

## Enrol in Family & Children's Services

Please complete the form below to register your interest in Corangamite Shire Council Family & Children's Services

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

### Corangamite Shire Family & Children's Services

## Connect with us



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[www.facebook.com/CorangamiteShire/](https://www.facebook.com/CorangamiteShire/)

[www.twitter.com/CorangamiteSC](https://www.twitter.com/CorangamiteSC)

[www.instagram.com/corangamiteshire/](https://www.instagram.com/corangamiteshire/)

## Policies

Family and Children's Services polices are available at [www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Policies](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Policies)

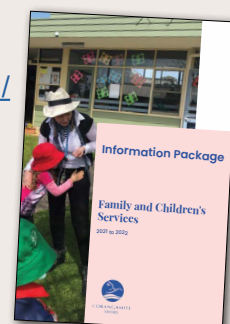
## Feedback

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)

## Info book

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



23 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT QR CODES – EARLY YEARS REQUIREMENTS

We are writing to provide you with important information about a recent update on the health directions under which all early childhood education and care (ECEC) services are required to operate.

The use of the **Victorian Government QR Code Service** for electronic record keeping will be mandatory for all workplaces to enable the effective contact tracing of any COVID-19 outbreak. **This includes all education sector workplaces.**

QR code check-ins are required for all visitors to ECEC services and Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) services. QR codes will be required to be used by all visitors who enter ECEC buildings and indoor spaces, including:

- all parents and carers
- all visitors, including contractors, external staff and building and maintenance staff.

The Victorian Government QR code check-ins is not required for staff or children.

The QR code does not replace the usual sign-in and sign-out processes for children – this is still required.

Parents and carers are required to check-in via the displayed **Victorian Government QR Code** during drop off and pick up. You are not required to scan the QR code when you leave the building.

All entry points, including pick up, drop off and reception areas, will display QR code posters.

If you don't have a working compatible smartphone to check-in with, please approach a member of staff for alternative arrangements.

We understand you need to look after your child or children until they are safely in our care – the safety of all children is paramount. If you are unable to check-in prior to handing your child or children into the care of staff, you can check-in immediately after your child or children are in the care of our staff.

Thank you for your support and understanding of this important health direction. Further information about QR codes is available at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au).

Please don't hesitate to contact our service if you have any concerns.

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# HOLIDAY MOVIES

Theatre Royal, Camperdown

Popcorn and snacks will be available for purchase



## FROZEN 2

2019, RATED PG

10:30 AM



## THE WITCHES

2020, RATED M

1:30 PM



## BILLIE & THE OUTBACK DINOSAURS

PRODUCTION, \$5 PER CHILD/PERSON

11 AM -NOON | BOOKING REQUIRED 5593 7100



## TOM & JERRY

2021, RATED G

1:30 PM



## THE CROODS-NEW AGE

2020, RATED PG

10:30 AM



## THINK LIKE A DOG

PG

1:30 PM

This is a COVIDSafe event. Parents and guardians will need to check in before entering the venue. Please wear a mask. Social distancing will be in place.



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