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**REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN FOR THE FIELD DAYS!**

I would like to say thank you to the families and staff at Balharry Memorial Children’s Centre for making me feel so welcome. I am enjoying getting to know you and your children as it is a great place to come to work with a great supportive staff.

Kind Regards, Steph.

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**EMAILED NEWSLETTER**

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you rather than receiving a paper copy, please write down the email address/es you would like it sent to, return the slip to BMCC and we will add you to the list (extended family welcome):

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**Note:**

The government requires that all children participate in field days. Women and men are welcome to help out. Please bring an ute or trailer if possible. Thank you.
NATURE PLAY

Kara, Casey and Roanna attended TAFE training last Friday the 4th of March. It was all about Nature Play in Early Childhood Settings. We have many wonderful ideas and ways of incorporating our program into our beautiful grounds and how to bring nature inside, especially through the winter months.

Keep an eye out for some exciting new play spaces.

Features that enable children to explore and experience the natural environment

A natural environment in a children’s service is an environment which includes natural elements.

Natural environments may include:

- gardens where children can grow their own plants
- sandpits for sensory, symbolic and physical play
- digging patches where children can use garden equipment
- a range of planting to encourage a variety of modes of play such as playing with gum nuts, small branches, flowers, stones and bark
- small pits of pebbles, gravel, course sand and smooth river rocks for fine motor and imaginative play
- plants for picking and eating
- plants that encourages birds, butterflies and other insects
- trees which provide shade
- worm farms and compost areas for environmental education
- water play areas for sensory play


LUNCH ORDERS FROM LAS ON KINDY WEDNESDAYS

Our first week of lunch orders went very well. It is promoting discussions which link to our curriculum around healthy eating and good food choices.

Remember: children will need to complete a lunch order bag and hand it in to kindy before 930am. Any orders after that time may not be filled.

Thanks again to the Lucindale Area School and Michelle for offering this service to us.

CAMP DRAFT

The Camp draft is on the 2nd and 3rd of April. We will be holding a trading table on **Saturday the 2nd from 9:30am—1:30pm**.

All families are asked to put together 2 donations of either cakes, biscuits, slices, sausage rolls, etc and drop them at the Kindergarten on Friday the 1st by 5:30pm. All donations must have a list of ingredients attached.

Feel free to share this with your friends and family, the more donations the more we are able to raise to improve the learning experiences of your children.

If you are interested in working the stall please see a staff member to be put on the roster.

Thank you to those who have already committed to donations, especially those outside our immediate Centre Community!
RAFFLE TICKETS AT THE LUCINDALE HOTEL

We are rostered on to sell raffle tickets at the Lucindale Hotel on Friday the 18th of March ... Yes its Field Days, but that means the pub will be packed and we should make a significant amount of money.

If you are able to sell tickets at the pub from 5:30pm please return this slip or see Kara.

I _______________________________ am able to sell raffle tickets at the pub:

| 5:30pm—7:00pm | 7:00pm—8:30pm |

SCHOOL VISIT

We visited the Lucindale Area School last Tuesday the 1st of March. The children had a wonderful time exploring the play based learning environment Tash Wilkin has created and got to see the amazing new outdoor area.

We had an extra treat by visiting the Agricultural Centre where Miss Dahlenburg and Mrs Wilkin introduced us to the chickens and pigs. We finished our visit with a lift back on the schools bus with Brooke, as it had become too warm to walk back to Kindy.

We are looking forward to next week when the school children will be visiting us at Kindy.

NEW UNIFORM

You should have all received your uniform order forms with this newsletter or in the days before. Please get your orders in ASAP. We would really like to get the order out at the end of the week so we get our uniforms before the end of term.

They are not compulsory for Rural Care, but do assist us as a safety measure by quickly recognising our children when we go on excursions or have other children visiting us.
This fortnight we are looking at the Emergency Services we have in Lucindale. We will be focussing specifically on the Police and Country Fire Service to begin with as we are making a fireman for our Field Days scarecrow. If you would like to offer your creative skills with this project we would love you to drop in!

Further to this we will be continuing our healthy eating and bodies focus. We are taking part in group games to keep active and working on resting our bodies after lunch in preparation for the afternoons activities. We are jumping on board with Rural Care and creating a rainbow using the foods we are eating during healthy snack in the mornings. We will collate our food pictures to make a large rainbow in our eating area.

Over this week we will be collecting food wrappers and photos of the foods in our lunchboxes and making a visual representation of the amount of sugar in each food. This will be on display in the Centre if you would like to come in and have a look. We will also be displaying the amount recommended for the age of our children so we can compare. It is important for children to have a sound understanding of good food choices from an early age. This is the reasoning behind introducing lunch orders, as it provides a learning experience you can share with your child around this.

We will begin working through the Child Protection Curriculum (CPC) this fortnight. The CPC is created to introduce your child to the concepts of feelings, trust and personal safety. It builds their understanding of their own bodies and the signs it gives you when it is feeling unsure or unsafe. The CPC also allows children to build an understanding of their trust networks and who is there to help them. We will be asking for your input at various stages and will notify you through the newsletter when we are covering tricky topics your child may want to discuss further with you at home (see below).

CPC topic for this fortnight—Personal vs Private

- we will be learning about how our bodies are different and to use the correct terminology for body parts. Please encourage your child to use the correct terminology when talking about their body and remind them of what is ok to be shared in public and what is to be kept private.

Any question or concerns please see Kara.

If you’d like to pop in at any stage we would love you to join us!

Thanks
Kara and Roanna

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This fortnight at Rural Care children will be designing and making our scarecrow for the Field Days. We will be focussing on Emergency Services along with Kindy and our scarecrow will be a Police Officer. This will create an opportunity for children to participate in designing their own police and emergency personnel over the coming weeks.

When integrating with the Kindy we will be making emergency vehicles using boxes. We will also be continuing with our healthy eating focus and will start our eating a rainbow next week with the colour red:

***We ask that you supply a red fruit or veg for your child to share and eat at fruit time.***

Our show entries placed well and we encourage you to come in and see our display of the children’s paintings, necklaces and produce.

The children will also be developing their cutting and gluing skills through a variety of activities—such as creating pictures of their own healthy lunch boxes by finding and cutting pictures out of magazines. The children have also been involved with setting up the outdoor equipment, creating their own play experiences.

We have created the opportunity for role play experiences through a clothes shop area inside. The children have the opportunity to dress up, sort clothes, communicate with others, use literacy skills by writing shopping lists and numeracy skills through counting and handling money with the cash register.

***Reminder—Please check the Field Days Roster to see when you are required and if there are any other times you may be able to help.***

Thank you for you help.
Also, please remember to send in your family photos!
Thank You
Casey and Steph