HARMONY DAY

Last Thursday we celebrated Harmony Day. It is celebrated on the 21st of March, but we chose to do it a few days earlier so more children could be involved.

Harmony day is a day to celebrate our cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

We completed many different activities over the course of the day, with children discussing why we like all being different.

WE ALL SMILE IN THE SAME LANGUAGE!
FIELD DAYS

Thankyou to everyone who helped make the Children’s Tent a success.
Your efforts are greatly appreciated! Especially those who took all the supplies down in the heat and set the tent up and to those who very efficiently brought everything back to the kindy Saturday afternoon.
We have made a profit from selling the Minion and Frozen balls, along with our lucky dips. When we sell the left overs it will be a substantial amount towards new resources for your children to enjoy.
‘Constable Harry’, Rural Cares’ scarecrow won second prize in the scarecrow competition. Thanks to Jason from the Lucindale Police Station for visiting us and helping out with some of the finer details for his outfit. We are very impressed both our scarecrows were still standing after the downpours Thursday night and Friday. This is likely from their improved frames welded together by Lachie Seears. Thank you for providing us with something that will last for years to come!

STAFFING

We are very excited to announce that Steph Key has been appointed until the end of 2016 in Rural Care. We look forward to having Steph around for the remainder of the year.
This comes with other exciting news, of which most of you are now aware. Casey and her husband Jamie are expecting their first child in September. Congratulations to you both. We will pencil little Weaver into our 2021 Kindy intake!
We will begin looking for a familiar face to replace Casey when it is closer to her leave. We will keep you posted.

KINDY CONTRIBUTIONS

Please make sure you have paid your child’s termly Kindy Contributions ($80). It works out to less than $10 a week and goes directly towards learning experiences for your child.
THANK YOU to parents who have paid them.

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!

Please return with your name in the times you are able to help out!

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Mother’s Day Classic
Walk or Run for Breast Cancer Research!
When: Sunday 8th May 2016
Where: Lucindale Country Club—Bunyip Way, Lucindale
Distances: 3.5 km or 7km walks or runs
Entry: Online at www.mothersdayclassic.com.au before 4th May or on the day.
Teams also welcome to register!
For more information please go online to the above address or contact Eliza Handbury on 0414861588 or eliza@handburygroup.com.au

EASTER CELEBRATIONS
As part of our Easter celebrations and learning we will be completing many different activities. We will leave it to you to explain the religious meaning behind Easter if you wish to with your children.

We will be completing an Easter egg hunt on Thursday with children from both Rural Care and Kindergarten. If your child is not able to eat chocolate please let us know and send in a substitute. Each child will receive 1-2 Cadbury Dairy Milk eggs.

NEW UNIFORM
Uniform Orders have been placed and will arrive in the coming weeks. Please remember you need to pay for your uniform prior to receiving it.
If you have paid—Thankyou! Your uniform will be sent home with your child when it arrives.
If you haven’t paid you will receive a notice when they arrive so you can make a payment to receive them.
We will be sending out an order form in the first newsletter of each term, in case you need to purchase new items.

PLEASE NOTE A FORM WILL COME HOME THIS WEEK FOR JUMPERS AS THEY WERE NOT ON THE LAST ORDER.

From everyone at Balharry Memorial Children’s Centre, we wish you a very happy and safe Easter break.
We have had a very busy couple of weeks at Kindy.

We have been busy preparing for the Field Days. Having visits from Jason the local policeman and Suzette from the CFS, so we could complete our scarecrows in their likeness. We have also been working together with Rural Care to get everything ready for the Children’s Tent, which was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen!

We continue our learning about ourselves, our feelings and our bodies. Children are showing a greater understanding of how our bodies show us when there is something wrong and how we can read our bodies signs to help make it better. We have also started looking at body language and how you can see how other people might be telling you they are feeling uncomfortable, unsafe, happy etc.

With the lead up to Easter and the inevitable chocolate invasion we have continued our healthy eating focus and will do for the remainder of the term. Children are showing a greater awareness of the foods they are consuming and can explain their food choices.

We will be focussing on Easter and the changing seasons for this next fortnight. Children began showing an interest in the falling leaves so we will follow their inquiry and see where it takes us. They loved making a large pile of leaves, jumping in and out of it, making leaf angels and working together to bury each other. Wonderful nature based learning.

Thank you again to everyone for embracing our collaborative approach to our learning here and the work we are doing together with Rural Care. It has shown an increase in children’s interactions, attachment and relationships with adults and over all learning.

Thanks
Kara and Roanna

The past fortnight has been busy with Field Day preparations. We thank all our parents for volunteering in our centre’s tent this year—we appreciated your help.

We thank Lachie Seears for making Rural Care and Kindy a scarecrow frame which will last us for many years ahead.

The children and us enjoyed making our ‘Constable Harry’ Scarecrow and her placed 2nd in the competition—a great effort!

We have also been preparing and replanting our garden with this seasons veg and this week we hope to plant geraniums in planters to hang on the fence which divides the yard.

We were lucky to have some strawberries donated by Karen Venables. Thank you for helping us to plant them.

This fortnight takes us into Easter where we will be completing a number of Easter activities, including an Easter egg hunt with the Kindy on Thursday. We will also start looking at the changing seasons as we are now moving into autumn. We hope to collect leaves to make collages, prints and paintings.

Eat a rainbow will continue into next week with the colour GREEN—Thank you to all of you who supplied/packed a red piece of fruit or veg for your child it was a great success.

*WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR FAMILY PHOTOS FOR OUR IDENTITY TREE. IT IS LOOKING VERY BARE!*”

Thank You and Happy Easter,
Casey and Steph