Term 2 2016

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Diary Dates

**Monday 9th May** 7pm Governing Council

**Thursday 12th May**
- Casey and Steph at Rural Care Forum and Kara at Partnership Review
- Sue Taylor (Kindy)
- Kerri McWaters (RC AM)
- Leah Gibbs (RC PM)

**Friday 13th May**
- Casey, Steph and Kara at Rural Care Forum
- Leah Gibbs (RC AM)
- Sue Taylor (RC PM)

**Thursday 19th May**
- Volunteers Morning Tea @ 10am

**Monday 23rd**—**Friday 27th April**
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Book fair will be set up at Kindy all week (more info to come)

**QUEENS BIRTHDAY**

**Week 7 13/6**

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**WELCOME!**

We welcome two new families to Rural Care!
Ned, Tegan and Jason Elliott
and
Piper, Emily and AJ Savage
Welcome!
We hope you settle in well and we look forward to working with you and your children.

“Tell me and I forget, Teach me and I remember.” - Benjamin Franklin

Involve me and I learn.”

**Term 2 - Week 2 9.5.16**

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Department for Education and Child Development

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**Book Fair**

Where: Balharry Memorial Children’s Centre

When: Monday 23rd—Friday 27th May

Time: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:45am—4:30pm

Friday 9:00am—1:00pm (Playgroup 10-12)

All Welcome!

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**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME**

- **Wednesday 25th May 2016**

You are invited to join us for National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday the 25th of May at 11am.

Initiations will come out next week for families to join us for this shared experience and to browse the Scholastic Book Fair which will also be set up at our centre during that week.

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Thank you to our great relief staff: Kerri McWaters, Ro Vincent, Leah Gibbs, Kerena Simpson and Sue Taylor for working while we have been attending trainings.

This term sees Rural Care integrating with the Kindergarten through a combined term 2 program overview featuring Mem Fox. Every two weeks Kindy and Rural Care staff will focus on one of her books starting with Possum Magic. The Children have been listening to the story, making finger puppets and hanging possums. We will be cooking the food Hush eats on her journey including vegemite sandwiches and scones. We will also focus on Australian animals through stencil painting and sensory play with the Australian animals.

Our eat the rainbow continues with green and brown this week. Then from the 23rd of May it will be purple. We thank all of you for supplying a variety of fruits and vegetables to share with the group.

Our identity tree is growing leaves with the family photos coming in. Thank you to those families and remember to bring yours in if you haven’t already. Your child/ren are looking for their faces and yours on the wall.

The holidays saw Rural Care enjoying cooking, teddy bears picnics at the playground and a pyjama party day. All activities were thoroughly enjoyed by both children and staff!

Thank you to Karen Burrows who has spent a couple of days at Rural Care touching up the artwork on our cubby house. She believes with a couple more sessions it will be complete.

It has been great seeing your children wearing their Children’s Centre uniforms. The children feel very special and it has been a talking point between children and staff.

Thanks
Casey and Steph

We have had a very busy start to the term. The children have all settled back into routines and were very excited to tell us all about their holidays.

This term we are doing an author study of Mem Fox. We will be focussing on one book a fortnight and will plan activities around that text. This fortnight we are working on Possum Magic. Children have been making possums, tracking their movements around Australia and trying the different foods they ate to make Hush visible again. Children have shown a great interest in Australian animals through Julie Vivas illustrations so we have followed that on spent some time on kangaroos, wombats, kookaburras, dingoes, sharks, echidnas and obviously possums.

Ro has been busily making a range of sensory activities for children to engage in. We have had play dough, stretchy dough, gloop, slime and rice to explore in. The children have loved these experiences and exploring the different textures and sensations they create. It allows them to build fine motor skills and challenge themselves; some children were rather hesitant about touching the messier activities but love it now! This may explain the children coming home with messy clothes. The smocks have been tested to their limits. If this is a problem, please pack an old t-shirt for your child to wear.

Kerri has continued to cook with the children every few weeks. She has continued the conversations about healthy eating and appropriate food choices. This week children made fresh food faces. They cut and sorted the foods themselves and made their own individual faces on paper plates. Children shared wonderful conversations about shapes, colours, smells and tastes. They were all very clear about what they liked and didn’t like and impressed us by knowing all of the fruit and vegetables provided.

Next fortnight we will be working on the Magic Hat book. Children will be asked to wear a special hat on one of the days (just to give you the heads up). More info to come …

A massive thank you to Sue Taylor who has been our amazing reliever both in Kindy and Rural Care. You step in without any disruption to the children’s routine. Thank you!

Thanks
Kara and Roanna