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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

June
2021

'Strong Community Connections'

Colyton, Erskine Park, North St Marys, St Clair, Werrington and surrounding areas

To ensure the safety at all times of our staff, community and group members, we have incorporated a COVID Safe environment which includes QR Code Check in, social distancing, a limit on group size and regular cleaning.

CLOTHES TO CONQUER

Our Clothes to Conquer project is in desperate need of clean, good condition corporate clothing in sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12. The project supports community members attending court cases or job interviews, who are experiencing disadvantage. If you have any items to donate please contact Terina on 0415 655 586 or 4732 1562 or email terina@communityjunction.org.au



COMMUNITY HUB DAYS

The last of our Community Hub Days will be held on Thursday 10th June between 3pm - 5pm at Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre, St Clair. Its is a free event for the whole community designed to get us re-connected with each other after a year of isolation and lock down. There will be various local services, a FREE sausage sizzle and food pantry, an art workshop, kids corner, health and fitness workshop, a self-care workshop and more. If you would like more information please contact the team on 9834 2708 or email naomis@communityjunction.org.au or monique@communityjunction.org.au



HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (AGED 12 - 18)

Our June/July school holiday program is approaching quickly and our Youth Team has another jam-packed program planned for all young people. We will have many joint activities including bush walking in the Blue Mountains, visiting Glenbrook cinemas, BBQ & games day at Werrington Youth Space and that's not even the half of it. We will also be fundraising for our annual Youth Camp with a car-wash fundraiser on Tuesday 30th June at our North St Mary's Neighbourhood Centre where young people will be washing cars for \$10.00. Keep your eye out for more details on our Facebook page, or you can contact our Youth Workers for more information.



North St Marys Children's Centre

Vacation Care - June/July 2021

OPEN WEEKDAYS 7:00AM to 4:00PM
Catering for Children in Kindergarten to Year 6



LOOKING FOR VACATION CARE THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

Come in or call us on (02)96230331 to book in for loads of exciting, interest based experiences. We are located within the grounds of St Marys North Public School in North St Marys via the Oak street entrance.



COLYTON YOUTH SPACE IS BACK

Colyton Youth Space has returned to Colyton Neighbourhood Centre on Tuesday afternoons 3:00 - 5:00pm during school term. We have kicked off our Term 2 program with cooking pizzas and cupcakes, a talent show, and plenty of fun and games. We are looking forward to including sports, arts and crafts, and much more as Colyton Youth Space continues to grow. Our Youth Space activities are free and we are open for all young people 12-17 years old. For more information contact Brendan on 9188 9065 or Brendan@communityjunction.org.au

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Our youth team are raising funds for this years Youth Camp by holding a community car wash event on 30th June 10:00am - 3:00pm at North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre. Cost \$10.00 per car. If your car is looking a little grubby and needs a wash please pop on down to the centre and support our event.



KEEPING UP TO DATE

It is easy to keep up to date with our programs and activities. Our website is updated regularly and you can view our term programs or any new activities by visiting our website, communityjunction.org.au. Our Facebook page is another great way of keeping up to date with the latest programs and activities on offer, or alternatively you can ring our centres and talk to a staff member.



Scan the QR Code for easy access to our Facebook Page.



WERRINGTON YOUTH SPACE

The start of Term 3 has been a busy time at Werrington Youth Space. We have welcomed Andrew and Mitchell to work and enjoy activities with young people at the space. Our Healthy Habits program has continued where young people have worked together to make a variety of healthy foods such as fruit salad and protein balls. We also enjoyed Hub Day at Werrington where young people were able to connect with each other, their community, local services as well as enjoy a free sausage sandwich, pancakes from Platform Youth Services and a game of touch footy.



SENIORS LIVING WELL.

For most ladies from the Seniors Living Well it was the first time they had made Australian Damper. They worked as a team to mix, knead and shape the damper. Once cooked it was eaten with jam and dollops of cream and washed down with a cuppa. The Seniors Living Well group runs from Colyton Neighbourhood Centre on Thursdays during school term. For more information please contact Jane on 9188 9065 or jane@communityjunction.org.au



'GIVE ME SOME SPACE'

National Simultaneous Storytime was celebrated at North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre on 19th May. Children and their families from our Playvan group were joined by children from our Preschool service to listen to this years book "Give me some Space". The book was read by an astronaut in space at 11.00am across Australia and New Zealand. During the morning we shared morning tea, created amazing space craft and ate space jelly cups.



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CHILDREN SERVICES

During May our Preschool and OOSH services have engaged in Mothers Day celebrations such as card craft and a family afternoon tea. We have also said a sad farewell to Michelle B from our Preschool team, and wish her all the best in her new role. Our Preschool children have been busy celebrating Earth Day through creative expression using natural resources. We went across to North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre to participate in Simultaneous Storytime read from an astronaut in space, there was a free eye screening program for 4 year olds. OOSH have been focusing on community events and group experiences such as ANZAC Day, the Lids4Kids Foundation, dancing and a variety of arts and crafts! We would like to warmly welcome Michelle S who will be working Monday - Wednesday at the Preschool.



YOUNG HEALTHY MINDS

We have had a lot of fun and laughter at the Young Healthy Minds Program at Colyton. Young people have participated in active games that help them get up and move, learnt about eating the right foods to help keep their mind and body healthy and have created designs for a T-shirt that expresses positive messages. Spots are still available for the program. Contact Jane at 9188 9065 or email jane@communityjunction.org.au



COMMUNITY HUB DAYS

During May Community Junction held a number of Community Hub Days, providing residents with the opportunity to meet the workers at their local Neighbourhood Centres, access information from local services, collect free food hampers, grab a delicious sausage off the BBQ, and engage in numerous Activities, such as food demonstrations and an Aboriginal Art workshop at the different centres. We would like to send a big thank you to our valued partners and community members that dropped by and supported our Hub Days.



OUTREACH CHILDREN SERVICES

Our Outreach team set up areas at our Learn Play Grow sessions, for children to play with cars and truck to help babies and toddlers develop gross motor and balance skills. This helps develop hand eye coordination as they grasp the vehicle and push it to where they want to go. The activity encourages thinking, where they want the car to go, is the car going fast, can they drive like mum or dad.....the options are endless.



GULYANGARRI

We had a special visit from Aboriginal Elder Uncle Wes Marne. Uncle Wes sat with the children sharing some of his stories with them. The children really enjoyed spending time with Uncle Wes and listening to the interesting stories he told us.

