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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

'Strong Community Connections'



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

FOOD AND MATERIAL AID Food and Material Aid support for families experiencing vulnerability during and directly by the Covid-19 pandemic. For more information or to check for eligibility please contact Terina 0415 655 586 or via email terina@communityjunction.org.au Please note funding is not on-going and support may be different case by case.



HALL HIRE

Community Junction manage a number of halls in St Clair and North St Marys that are available for hire at reasonable rates. If you are a resident looking for a venue to hold a family celebration, a community group or service looking for a meeting space, or a small business looking to establish classes in the local area we may be able to assist. We require a minimum of 2 weeks notice to book a facility. Call Rosie on 9834 2708 (Monday / Tuesday) or 9673 3908 (Wednesday / Thursday) for more information.



GET MOVING AND KEEP ACTIVE

Get moving and join us for our Gentle Exercise Class at North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre every Monday, 9:00am - 10:00am during school terms with Shoan.

Cost \$5:00 per class. For more information call Kim on 9673 3908 or email kim@communityjunction.org.au Classes are also held at St Clair on Tuesday and Friday 8:30am - 9:30am. For more information for classes located in St Clair, please contact Naomi on 9834 2708.



MANDELA ART WELLNESS WORKSHOP

North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre held a Mandala Art Class during Term 1 where participants had a great time exploring hidden talents and getting to know one another and learning how to use art to help lower stress. Due to its popularity another workshop will be held, starting on Monday 2nd May. If you would like to attend our next workshop, please contact Kim to book your place on 9673 3908 / 0406 528 331 or kim@communityjunction.org.au



EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS COURSE

Would you like to skill up for the workforce? A FREE course for people to build skills preparing and securing employment will be held at Werrington Youth Centre (end of Cottage St, Werrington). The program will be held every Monday 9:30am - 12:30pm during school terms. Please contact Terina on 0415 655 586 or via email terina@communityjunction.org.au

INDIGENOUS SERVICES - GULYANGARRI

Getting your little ones ready for school? Is your child aged 3-5 years and toilet trained? You're invited to Gulyangarri Centre in Shalvey Public School every Tuesday 9:00am - 2:30pm and Wednesday 9:00am - 1:00pm. You will need to provide a packed recess and lunch for your child. Gulyangarri is FREE for all Indigenous children. Gulyangarri Learn Play Grow is a free Aboriginal play session for families with children 0 - 5 years held at Willmot Community Hub, 8 Carteret Ave Willmot from 9:15am - 11:30am on Monday during school terms. For more information contact Vickilee 0419098034 or vickilee@communityjunction.org.au



TURKISH COMMUNITY GROUP

A Turkish Community group is held at Erskine Park Community centre every Tuesday, 10:00am - 2:00pm. The group enjoy chatting over a variety of food dishes and connecting to others in the community. For more information contact Naomi on 9834 2708 or email naomis@communityjunction.org.au

PARENTS HUB

Parents hub is a free social and wellbeing group for young parents, held at Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre every Wednesday 9:30am - 11:00am. Enjoy chatting with other parents and connecting to services of your choice in the comfort of the centre. Free childcare is provided in an adjacent room, and light snacks and drinks will be offered. All are welcome! For more information contact Naomi on 9834 2708 or email naomis@communityjunction.org.au



FLORISTRY COURSE

Colyton Neighbourhood Centre will be running an 8-week FREE floristry course during Term 2, commencing Wednesday 4th May 2022. Places are limited, and bookings are essential. For more information or to book a spot, please contact Jane 9188 9065 or 0450 188 036 or email jane@communityjunction.org.au



OUTREACH SERVICES

The Community Junction Outreach team is back out in the community and enjoying every minute. We are so excited to be back at groups and interacting with all of the families. Our Learn Play Grow groups at Colyton, Werrington and St Clair have had lots of families attending each week. We have celebrated Rare Disease Day and Harmony Week, played loads of games, created magnificent pieces of art, sang songs and read many stories. We have welcomed many new and familiar faces back to the groups and are looking forward to meeting many more new faces. We have also started working with other services and community groups, providing support and our outreach services, on site to groups they are running.



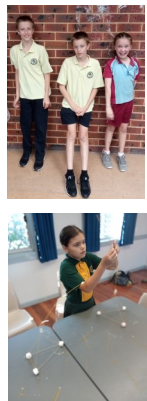
CHILDREN SERVICES

The Children's Centre have been very busy this month with Harmony week! Preschool and OOSH have engaged in Holi Day where children engaged in all things colourful, National Food day where families brought in cultural dishes from home to share, Close the Gap day where children focused on gender equality for this years 'Transforming Power' theme, and looking at cultural iconic landmarks from around the world! Preschool's Butterfly life cycle has been very popular and we now have three chrysalis' in our foyer waiting for butterfly's to emerge! Sadly our vacation care service will not be open these school holidays, though we look forward to seeing everyone return for Term 2.



PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

"The Kids' programs have been able to make their happy return this term, with North St Mary's Kid's Space and Werrington's Kids Arcade enjoying a bunch of fun activities, ranging from sports to mental challenges. It's been amazing to see people return after such a troubling time and we are looking forward to a happy Easter and an amazing Term 2. You can find us at North St Mary's Neighbourhood Centre on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00pm - 4:30pm or at Werrington Youth Centre from 3:15pm - 4:45pm. You can find out more by emailing Brad at brad@communityjunction.org.au.



OUR YOUTH SPACES

We have Youth Spaces running from St Clair, Werrington, North St Marys, Erskine Park and Colyton during the school terms. We will return to regular drop in programming from Monday 2nd May 2022. In the meantime, our social media platforms are kept up to date with relevant information for young people and their parents /carers. For more information please contact Monique 9834 2708 or 0405 824 779.



BALANCE AND BODY

'Balance and Body' is a FREE 6-week program for parents and children 0-6 years focusing on healthy eating and yoga skills that parents can implement in their everyday lives. Commencing Tuesday 9th May 2022, from 9:30am to 11:30am, at Colyton Neighbourhood Centre. Places are limited, and bookings are essential. For more information or to book your place contact Jane 9188 9065 / 0450 188 036 or email jane@communityjunction.org.au



KOORI CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

A Koori Craft and Chat group has been established at North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre. The group meet every Tuesday 12:30 - 2:30pm during school terms. For more information please contact the team on 9673 3908 or email maureens@communityjunction.org.au



YOUTH SPACES - APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12 - 18 YEARS

Our Youth Team have arranged a number of outings for young people this school holidays. Permission notes are needed, and places are limited for some outings. For more information or to book a spot please speak to our youth workers or contact Monique on 9834 2708 or 0405 824 779

YOUTH WEEK @ WERRINGTON

Rance Oval, 85 Parkes Ave Werrington, 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Take part in a wide range of challenges, games, free BBQ, inflatable activities and heaps more. We will be providing transport to this event from North St Marys and St Clair Youth Space from 12:00pm.

YOUTH WEEK @ ST CLAIR SKATE PARK

Mark Leece Oval - St Clair, 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Join us for the annual bike, skate, scooter and street competitions with prizes, inflatable activities a free BBQ and more. Helmets must be worn. Register on the day. We will be providing transport to this event from North St Marys Youth Space and Werrington from 12:00pm.



OUTING TO THE ROYAL EASTER SHOW

We will be travelling by public transport to the Royal Easter Show. Entry and transport is free for young people but we have a capped number of spots available for this outing so please return your note as soon as possible.

YOUTH CAMP

We are very excited to be taking young people on a 2 night, 3 day camp to Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort from Wednesday 20th April - Friday 22nd April. We will be camping in tents and heading off to Jamberoo during the middle day. If you are interested in coming along to camp, please chat to your Youth Worker as soon as possible for more information.

