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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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

TERM 2
2024

WHATS HAPPENING THIS TERM IN YOUR COMMUNITY

ARABIC SPEAKING WOMEN'S GROUP

The Arabic Speaking Women's Group is a 6-week ESL program to help give support to women of Arabic speaking backgrounds. Connect with other women in the area, in a welcoming and supportive space. Gain insights into Australian slang, navigating services and organisations, gain knowledge on using public transport or learn where to find additional support. The program will be flexible and provide resources and information to help meet your goals. The group will commence on the 29th May 2024 on Wednesdays 12:30pm – 2:00pm. Contact Naomi on 9834 2708 or email naomis@communityjunction.org.au for more Information.



FAMILY FUN DAY -

CELEBRATING NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES WEEK

Our annual Family Fun Day will be held at Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre St Clair on the 18th May 2024, 10:00am – 1:00pm. There will be something to do for the whole



family with a free petting zoo, jumping castle, face painter, glitter tattoos, hair braiding and many stalls and community services to engage with. Everyone is welcome! We are currently looking for stall holders, so if you wish to book a stall or would like more information please contact Naomi on 9834 2708 or email naomis@communityjunction.org.au

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) for children aged 0 - 5 years and their carers at North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday 24th May, 9:30 am - 11:30am. Join us for an exciting and fun-filled session of storytelling, craft making and enjoy messy play activities. We will be reading Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker for NSS 2024 at 11.00am. Call Kim for more information on 9673 3908 / 0406 528 331 or email kim@communityjunction.org.au



MOTHERS DAY CRAFT WORKSHOP

Join us on Thursday, 9th May 2024, 3:30pm to 5:00pm at Colyton Neighbourhood Centre to create a beautiful present for that special person just before Mother's Day. This free workshop will be for children in kindergarten to year 6. We will create a flower arrangement in tea cups. Limited Spaces. Bookings essential. To book a place or for more information contact Jane on 9188 9065 / 0450188036 or email jane@communityjunction.org.au



THURSDAY WORKSHOPS

Community Junction Colyton, in partnership with Mission Australia, will be running 3 workshops focusing on different topics commencing Thursday, 23rd May, 1:30pm - 2:30pm at Colyton Neighbourhood Centre.

Session 1: Practical Parenting - Self Care & Mindfulness
Session 2: Literacy for families - Making books fun
Session 3: STEM Fun - Building & Construction for Kids

For more information or to book a spot, contact Jane on 9188 9065 or 0450 188 036, or jane@communityjunction.org.au

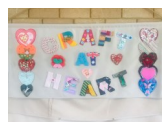


ST CLAIR YOUTH SPACE

St Clair Youth Space is a free space for high school aged Young People to hang out, gain support or make friends. The space is open Mondays and Thursdays 3:00pm -6:00pm, during school terms at St Clair Youth Centre (97A Cook Parade St Clair). There is plenty to do for everyone including sports, art and crafts, music, cooking, gaming, pool table and activities to engage with our Youth Workers. No bookings required . Contact Naomi on 9834 2708 or email naomis@communityjunction.org.au for more information.

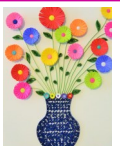
CRAFT AT HEART

Craft at Heart will continue to run on Thursdays 10:30am – 12:30pm during the school term. This is a group who enjoy meeting up for a cuppa and sharing their special craft skills with each other. Morning tea is provided, BYO coffee mugs. Starting 9th May 2024. Contact Danielle on 9673 6133 / 0452 481 646 or email Danielle@communityjunction.org.au for more information.



KIDS CRAFT WORKSHOP

Join us for a free fun-filled craft workshop for primary aged children. The workshop will run at Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre on the 17th June 2024 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Light afternoon tea and all craft equipment will be provided. Bookings are required, please contact Naomi on 9834 2708 or email naomis@communityjunction.org.au to find out more information or to secure a spot.



WANTED: TAX HELP VOLUNTEER

This year we are looking for a Tax Help volunteer to work from Arthur Neave Memorial Hall from July 2024 to October 2024, to help people in the community prepare and lodge their tax returns online using 'My Tax'. You do not need any special experience or skills to become a Tax Help volunteer. Tax Help provide training between March and June each year. You can become a Tax Help volunteer if you are at least 18 years old, have lived in Australia permanently for the last 2 years, pass a pre-engagement check (which includes a police record check), and complete online training. For more information, please contact Dani on 9673 6133/ 0452 or email danielle@communityjunction.org.au



SERVICE NSW WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 26th June Service NSW will hold a Workshop at Colyton Neighbourhood Centre from 9:30am - 10:30am, to help customers in accessing savings, rebates, and services to reduce their cost of living. These include:

- . Energy Rebate
- . Transport & Driving concession
- . Toll Relief Rebate
- . Seniors Card
- . Fee-free apprenticeships
- . Pensioner Travel Vouchers
- . Free Essential plumbing.



Light Refreshments will be provided. Bookings are essential. Please contact Jane on 9188 9065 / 0450 188 036 or email jane@communityjunction.org.au to book a place.

SEEKING DONATIONS

We are continuing to seek food donations for our food pantry and seeking Corporate Clothes at Arthur Neave Memorial Hall, to help empower individuals who are seeking employment or attending court cases. Donations can be dropped off at Arthur Neave Memorial Hall on Mondays-Thursday, between 9:00am - 2:00pm or Wednesday 9:00am - 6:30pm. Please contact Dani prior on 9673 6133/ 0452 481 646.



STRENGTH AND FITNESS CLASS FOR OVER 50'S

Join our Strength and Fitness class at North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre each Wednesday morning, 8.30 - 9.30am with our new facilitator Lain who will support your fitness journey. Lain is a personal trainer who is passionate about fitness, healthy eating and supporting our local residents. The cost each week is \$5.00 For more information contact Kim on 9673 3908 or 0406 528 331.

KIDS HUB

Kids Hub is a creative space designed to inspire Kindergarten to Year 2 children. This 6 weeks program will provide interactive workshops and engaging activities; children can explore their imagination and learn new skills. Kids Hub provides a nurturing environment where kids can thrive and express themselves. Join us at Kids Hub from **Thursday, 16th May - 20th June 2024, 3:30pm - 4:30pm at**

Colyton Neighbourhood Centre, for a world of endless possibilities and creativity. For more information or to book a spot, contact Jane at 9188 9065 or 0450 188 036 or email jane@communityjunction.org.au



YOUTH SPACES

Our Youth Spaces in St Clair, Werrington, North St Marys Erskine Park and Youth Pop Up Colyton will be returning the week starting 6th May 2024. Young people in high school are welcome to come along and enjoy a safe space to hang out, make new friends and participate in a variety of activities. There is also a Friday Night Outing planned each term. For more information on our youth programs please contact Brendan on 9673 6133



LEARN PLAY GROW

Learn, Play, Grow will continue to run during Term 2 at Colyton, Werrington and St Clair. Learn Play Grow is a free parent and child play session to prepare children for preschool. It is open to children aged from birth - 5 years and morning tea for the children is provided. Sessions recommence the week beginning 6th May 2024.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM TERM 1 2024

OUTREACH CHILDREN SERVICES

The Outreach team have been busy working within the community providing their services to many children and their families. The Outreach team have supported Community events including 'Read It Eat It' and our local 'Easter' event offering messy play and sharing ideas of the importance of play. Community Junction Children's services Outreach offer mobile childcare, parent sessions and preschool readiness programs in school terms to not for profit organisations to cater for children and their families operating throughout the Penrith LGA. If you are a not for profit organisation within the Penrith LGA and would like more information please contact amandac@communityjunction.org.au



SENIORS WEEK EVENT

Community Junction celebrated Seniors Week in March for 2024. The day was a great success thanks to the many services that joined, the community for coming along and the wonderful businesses that contributed donations for the day. We had a wonderful Elvis impersonator, who entertained the group with many songs and a conga line. There was a photobooth, frame decorating activity, trivia, lucky door prizes, as well as plenty of food to accompany. We were so excited to see everyone there and can't wait for our next event.



GULYANGARRI

Gulyangarri were invited to Shalvey Public School's annual Easter Hat Parade. The children, parents and grandparents enjoyed making and creating their hats together during our morning craft activity. They then proudly walked around the Parade showing of their finished hats. The Easter Bunny also made a surprise visit to Gulyangarri, the children were so excited to share in an Easter Egg hunt and games.



EASTER WORKSHOP—ST CLAIR

Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre St Clair was successful in running an Easter workshop for primary school aged children. The group



made Easter Sock Puppets and had a light afternoon tea. Everyone had a great time and we were very impressed with all the creativity and great ideas from the group. Thank you to those that joined us.



GARDENING TO FLORISTRY WORKSHOP

Term 1 Colyton Neighbourhood Centre was packed with beautiful colours and smells from our Gardening to Floristry course, in partnership with TAFE Career Pathways and Employability Skills (CAPES). Throughout the 8 weeks, students were taught how to make beautiful floral arrangements, floral crowns and corsages, and learnt different techniques and skills on how to wire flowers and the correct way to care for the flowers and keep them fresh. Participants also learnt how to do simple soil testing, microclimates and why using mud maps help when planning a garden through their teacher Kathleen's guidance. Participants also created new friendships.



EASTER EVENT - NORTH ST MARYS

A fun packed 'Easter' event was held at North St Marys Neighbourhood centre with free food and activities for the whole family. Families enjoyed this year an ice cream van and free glitter tattoos and hair braiding that was provided by 'Roberts Air Conditioning' who this year sponsored the event. Thank you everyone who came to the event and we hope to see you next year!



READ IT AND EAT IT

We had a lot of fun in Term 1 with our Read It and Eat It Event at Arthur Neave Werrington, where families were able to enjoy messy play, activity recognition activities, healthy playful food and books. Families were also able to connect with local services such as Penrith City Library, Lifestart and The Smith Family.



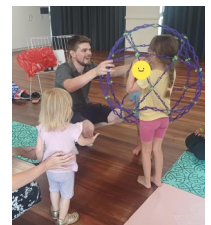
CHILDREN'S CENTRE

We have warmly welcomed 3 new educators to our team, Elyse, Cherriby and Jorja, as we increased the staff to children ratio to further embed high quality care and quality interactions with children. Educator Jayden is now our OOSH Educational Leader, who we have also welcomed back into the Preschool service Tuesday - Friday. We are very excited to announce that educator Emma has welcomed her beautiful baby girl 'Maeve' into the world and everyone is doing amazingly well! This term both OOSH and Preschool services have had a big focus on sensory and messy play, and Preschool did a wonderful job at joining in the school's Easter Hat Parade and showing off their hat creations! We had a visit from our local dentist and all the children were so brave in having their teeth checked! We have had a great term getting to know lots of new children and families in both services, and establishing secure relationships and a sense of belonging as we got to know each other. We look forward to an exciting Term 2, of using children and family voices to guide our program and experiences!



PARENT - CHILD STORY YOGA PROGRAM

During Term 4 we enjoyed a Parent - Child Story Yoga program run by Penrith City Council - Children's Services. Families who participated were able to meet other families in the community, learn new yoga moves, listen to a story and enjoy a lovely morning tea to finish off each session.



EASTER HAT WORKSHOP COLYTON & NORTH ST MARYS

On the 20th and 21st of March, Colyton and North St Marys

Neighbourhood Centres became buzzed with feathers, glitter, adorable baby chicks and eggs with our Easter Hat Making Workshops. Each child planned and crafted unique hats during the session that reflected a one of a kind masterpieces that were symbols of creativity, effort and the joy of celebrating Easter together. Kids, parents and guardians had a wonderful time.



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SWEET STARTERS PROGRAM

During term 1, Belinda from TAFE Outreach came to North St Marys Neighbourhood to provide a Sweet Starters program. During this course, participants learnt new skills in decorating and making biscuits, making cakes and slices. Belinda also gave participants tips on how to create birthday cakes cost effectively at home. Students thoroughly enjoyed this class and were very creative in making their own cakes and biscuits.



HARMONY WEEK

We celebrated the diversity of our community with a Harmony Week event at Arthur Neave Memorial Hall Werrington, which included morning tea, a quiz and a recipe book put together with recipes by members of our groups. This recipe book is a live document that members of the community can continue to access and/or contribute too. For more information on the recipe book please contact Dani on 9673 6133/ 0452 481 646 or email danielle@communityjunction.org.au



TERM 2 2024 CALENDARS

For more information regarding programs and activities on the calendars, please contact the number located at the top of each calendar and leave a message.



COLYTON - 9188 9065

TERM 2 2024

COLYTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE Corner Jensen and Willoughby St Colyton

MONDAY

Learn Play Grow Play Sessions Commencing 6th May 2024

For parents and carers of children aged 0 - 5 years
9:30am - 11:30am
Cost: Free

Morning tea provided. Please bring a hat.



TUESDAY

Team Colyton Community Group

For more information about the group please contact Team Colyton
teamcolyton@yahoo.com
A group creating a better community!



WEDNESDAY

Service NSW Workshop 26th June 2024

Wednesday 9:30am -10:30am
Bookings essential.

Contact Jane on
9188 9065 / 0450188036 or
email: jane@communityjunction.org.au

Service NSW can support NSW customers in accessing savings, rebates and services to reduce the cost of living.



THURSDAY

Seniors Living Well Commencing 9th May 2024

10:00am - 12:00pm
Cost: \$5.00

Social group get together with different activities and morning tea provided
65 years +

Mother's Day Craft Workshop 9th May 2024

Kindergarten - Year 6
3.30pm - 5:00pm

Bookings essential

Contact Jane on 9188 9065 / 0450 188 036 or email jane@communityjunction.org.au

Kids Hub

Kindergarten - Year 2
3.30pm - 4:30pm

16th May - 20th June 2024

Outdoor games, messy science experiments, cooking, arts & crafts, interactive games,
Phone: 9188 9065, 0450 188 036 or
Email jane@communityjunction.org.au

Thursday Workshops

For parents and carers of children aged 0 - 5 years
1.30pm - 2:30pm

23th May - 6th June 2024

Phone: 9188 9065, 0450 188 036 or
email: jane@communityjunction.org.au

Scan our QR code to follow our Facebook page



We offer information and referral as well as affordable printing and photocopying



Book Club

Second Wednesday of the Month
4:30pm - 6:00pm









Cost: Gold Coin

A 'Team Colyton' Initiative



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<p>JP Services Monday and Tuesdays 10:00am - 2:00pm It is recommended that you call beforehand to ensure the JP is available</p>	<p>Gentle Exercise Commences 23rd April 2024 8:30am - 9:30am Cost: \$5.00</p>	<p>Parents Hub Social and wellbeing group for parents During school terms FREE childcare provided 9:30am - 11:00am Commences 8th May 2024 Cost: FREE</p>	<p>Learn Play Grow Play Sessions Parents and Children 0-5 9:30am-11:30am Light morning tea provided Bookings essential Cost: FREE Commences 9th May 2024</p>	<p>Gentle Exercise 8:30am - 9:30am Cost: \$5.00 Commences 26th April 2024</p>
<p>Kids Craft Workshop 17th June 2024 Kindergarten—Year 6 3:30pm—5:00pm Bookings essential Cost: FREE</p>	<p>Turkish Community Group Continuing through school holidays 10:00am - 1:00pm Cost: FREE Erskine Park Community Centre 57 Peppertree Drive Erskine Park</p>	<p>Arabic Speaking Women's Group Commences 29th May 2024 Get support with ESL and socialize with other women in the area 6 week program 12:30pm—2:00pm Cost: FREE</p>	<p>Scan our QR code to follow our Facebook page</p>	<p>Sewing Group During school terms 10:00am - 12:00pm Cost: \$12.00 Commences 3rd May 2024 Erskine Park Community Centre 57 Peppertree Drive Erskine Park</p>
<p>St Clair Youth Space—Drop In 12-18 years old 3:00pm – 6:00pm Mondays and Thursdays Cost: FREE Commences 6th May 2024 St Clair Youth Centre 97A Cook Parade St Clair</p>	<p>We offer information and referral as well as affordable printing and Photocopying</p>		<p>Scan our QR code to follow our Facebook page</p>	<p>Celebrate Neighbourhood Centres Week! Family Fun Day Save the date! 18th May 2024 FREE Community event Keep an eye on our socials For more information to come.</p>

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<p>North St Marys Playgroup 9.00am—11.00am Cost: Free (0 - 5 years) Commences 6th May Contact Shana 0475 977 770</p>	<p>Koori Craft and Chat Group 10.00am - 12.00pm Cost: Free Contact Maureen 9673 3908 Commences 7th May</p>	<p>Strength & Fitness Class Over 50's 8:30am - 9:30am Cost: \$5.00 Commences 1st May</p>	<p>Village Café Free coffee, meet local services and chat to other local residents. 4 Wattle Ave, North St Marys 9.30am — 11.30am • Thursday 16th May • Thursday 20th June Contact Kim 9673 3908</p>	<p>Young Parents Network 10:00am - 12:00pm Cost: Free Contact Cassie 0407 079 739 Commences 10th May</p>
<p>Craft 'n' Chat Group 10:30am - 1.00pm Cost: \$4.00 Commences 29th April</p>	<p>We also provide • Information/Referral • Internet/Computer access • Photocopying • Email Support</p>	<p>Penrith City Council Mobile Playvan 9:30am - 11:30am Cost: Free Commences 1st May</p>	<p>Thursday Craft 10:00am - 12:00pm Cost: \$3.00 Commences 2nd May</p>	<p>CHILDREN SERVICES 9623 0331 Located at St Marys North Public School • Preschool Service • Before and After School Care • Vacation Care</p>
<p>Men's Uno Group 11:30am - 1:30pm Cost: \$3.00 Limited Places Commences 29th April</p>	<p>Scan our QR code to follow our Facebook page</p>	<p>North St Mary's Youth Space Drop-In 3:00pm - 5:00pm Cost: Free Contact Brendan 9673 3908 Commences 8th May</p>	<p>JP Services Wednesday and Thursday 10:00am - 2:00pm It is recommended the you ring beforehand to ensure JP is available.</p>	<p>INDIGENOUS SERVICES 0419 098 034 Gulyangarri Located at Shalvey Public School (3 - 5 years) Tuesday and Wednesday During school term 9:00am - 11.30am Cost: Free</p>
		<p>Join us to celebrate National Simultaneous Story time Wednesday 22nd May 9.30am-11.30am</p>		<p>Learn Play Grow Play Sessions (0 - 5 years) Willmot Community Hub Monday 9:00am - 11:00am Lethbridge Park Public School Thursday: 9:00am - 11:00am Cost: Free</p>

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<p>A Super STEM program For Super Little Scientists 6 Week Program Parents and Children 2 - 5 years 10:00am - 11:00pm Cost: Free Morning tea is provided Please wear old clothes. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle, change of clothes and a towel.</p> <p>Commences 13th May 2024 This program is booked out!</p> 	<p>Learn Play Grow Parents and Children 0-5 years 9:30am - 11:30am Cost: Free Morning tea is provided. Please bring a hat and water bottle. Commences 7th May 2024</p> 	<p>Kids Get Active Program 8 Week program Ages: Year 3—Year 6 3:30pm - 5:00pm Cost: Free Light refreshments provided. Please bring a hat and bottle of water.</p> <p>Commences 15th May 2024 Bookings essential, contact Dani on 9673 6133, 0452481646 or email danielle@communityjunction.org.au</p> 	<p>Craft at Heart Craft, Cuppa and Chat group 10:30am - 12:30pm Cost: Gold coin donation Commences 9th May 2024</p> 	<p>Clothes to Conquer We are providing FREE corporate clothing to people in need who are seeking employment or attending court.</p>  <p>Clothing and non perishable sealed food donations can be dropped off at the office Monday-Thursday, between 9:00am - 2:00pm.</p> <p>Scan our QR code to follow our Facebook page</p> 
	<p>Werrington's Children's Book and Toy Library Monday - Thursday, between 9:00am - 2:00pm. Cost Free.</p> 	<p>Small Food Pantry We are providing a small amount of non-perishable goods to people in need on Wednesdays 9:00am - 6:30pm available during Term 2</p>	<p>We offer information and referral as well as affordable photocopying and printing.</p> 	



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<p>St Clair Youth Space 3:00pm - 6:00pm Cost: Free St Clair Youth Centre 97a Cook Pde 9834 2708</p> 	<p>Werrington Youth Space 3:00pm - 6:00pm Cost: Free Werrington Youth Centre Cottage St 4732 1562</p> 	<p>St Clair Youth Space 3:00pm - 6:00pm Cost: Free St Clair Youth Centre 97a Cook Pde 9834 2708</p>	<p>Erskine Park Youth Space 3:00pm - 5:00pm Cost: Free Erskine Park Community Centre 57 Peppertree Drive</p>	
<p>Werrington Youth Space 3:00pm - 6:00pm Cost: Free Werrington Youth Centre Cottage St 4732 1562</p> 	<p>Colyton Pop-Up Youth Space 2:30pm - 4:30pm Cost: Free 9834 2708</p> 	<p>North St Mary's Youth Space 3:00pm - 5:00pm Cost: Free North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre Cnr Debrincat Ave & Oleander Rd 9673 3908</p>	<p>Friday Night Outings Our Youth Team plan one Friday Night Outing per term. Keep your eyes peeled for what we have coming up in Term 2. Ask our Youth Workers for more information.</p> 	

ALL OF OUR YOUTH SPACES ARE DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE



Check out our Youth Facebook Page:
Community Junction Inc. Youth Spaces
We also have a Youth Instagram account.
Communityjunctionyouthspaces



Community Junction Inc. would like to thank our program partners!



COMMUNITY JUNCTION INC LOCATIONS

• Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre St Clair Corner Autumnleaf Parade and Timesweep Drive St Clair	9834 2708
• Erskine Park Community Centre 57 Peppertree Drive Erskine Park	9834 3006
• Colyton Neighbourhood Centre Corner Jensen and Willoughby Street Colyton	9188 9065
• St Clair Youth Centre 97A Cook Parade St Clair	9834 2704
• North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre Corner Debrincat Avenue and Oleander Road North St Marys	9673 3908
• North St Marys Children's Centre Oak Road North St Marys	9623 0331
• Arthur Neave Memorial Hall Werrington 41 Parkes Avenue Werrington	9673 6133
• Werrington Youth Centre Cottage Street Werrington	4732 1562
• Gulyangarri	9673 3908

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www.communityjunction.org.au

HALL HIRE. Are you looking for a venue to hold a family function, baby shower or a child's birthday party. Are you a non profit group looking for a space to hold meetings or are you a small business looking to run a class in your local community? Neighbourhood centres in St Clair and North St Marys are available for hire during the week for classes and meetings and on weekends for private functions. Tables, chairs and kitchen facilities are included. The outdoor space is fully fenced and secure and there is a small car park attached to each centre. For rates and availability of centres located in St Clair and North St Marys, please contact Rosie on 9834 2708 or email rosie@communityjunction.org.au



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