THANKYOU

To the following families and community organisations we say THANKYOU!

**Green Family:** Emily, Matt, Will and Sam: Thankyou for the generous donation of your toys and books, rest assured they will be well loved by many children for many years to come!

**Yanakie Campdraft Association:** For your AMAZING donation of $2000, we are currently working on a plan for the purchasing of some new items for our Programs, so this will be a terrific contribution to help us meet our needs!

**Toora Lions Club:** Proceeds from your Lions Den Market will be donated to our Fish Creek and Toora/Welshpool Kindergarten for some books and resources to support children within the Program.

**ILLNESS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL**

**EVERY FAMILY CONTRIBUTES**

With cooler weather just around the corner, a timely reminder to all families. If your child is UNWELL PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make alternative arrangements for them to rest and recover at home and do not bring them into the Centre.

At all times our staff undertake safe hygiene practices to help prevent and control spread of any illness. HOWEVER, it only takes one sick child interacting with another to spread illness within a room despite the best efforts of educators.

Staff are unable to control the spread of illness once it is in the Centre, despite their best efforts to implement hygiene and infection control measures.

**GETTING DRESSED EACH DAY !**

At PCCC we believe in getting the kids outside whenever the conditions are suitable.

As we start to pack away the shorts and skirts, we ask you to support us in ensuring your child is ready to play (even in not so perfect weather) by ensuring they are appropriately dressed for the weather conditions and to include the following items (NAMED PLEASE) in their bags!

- **BEANIE / WARM HAT** – to keep their heads and ears covered!
- **GUM BOOTS** – to keep their feet dry in the puddles and wet areas
- **WATERPROOF JACKET** – to keep their tops dry and add an extra layer of warmth when playing outside.

This will help us to confidently support each child if they make a choice to go out and play and to stay healthy!

**BUSHLINK**

Did you know that the Bushlink Mobile Toy Library is located at our Centre? Emma and Amy are often out on the road visiting local playgroups, but when they are in the Centre parents can pop in and see them. They have an amazing collection of toys, puzzles, books, dvds and parent resources. With the cooler months upon us, no better time to get those puzzles on the go!

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ROSELLA ROOM

A big welcome to all the children and parents who belong in the Rosella Room. 2017 began slowly, as children arrived back from their holidays. Some graduated from Dolphin room while others were brand new to the centre. Now it is March, we have all settled in beautifully. Already we have engaged in lots of fun learning and free play. The Rosella children are all familiar with our room routine now, so our regular activities such as indoor/outdoor play, group times and meal times are transitioning smoothly.

We have made a big effort to immerse the children into our local community, so far we have made several trips to the library for story time, the supermarket and the park. We also went to a puppet show at the community house which all the children really enjoyed and talked about for the next few days. We aim to get the children out and about in the community a lot more, with more excursions and incursions into the centre.

We began the year with a focus on native animals making several animals at craft time and talking about them at group time. In conjunction with the Foster show we moved onto Farm animals and created a magnificent masterpiece which was displayed at the Foster show.

We have also been cooking up a storm every week with lots of different recipes, we have made orange and poppy seed muffins, sausage rolls, fruit skewers, banana cake, fruit platters and a few other yummy things.

At group time we try to empathise the importance of looking after our environment. We have discussed water, tree and nature conservation. We have been focusing on a farm theme talking about the water making the grass grow and then how the cows eat the grass and produce milk, cream and butter. We also engage in lots of singing and reading stories, ABCs and counting to 10 have been a big hit.

For the parents of Rosella, could we please remember to sunscreen your child at morning drop off, also it would be very appreciated if all clothing was named. As the weather is slowly starting to cool off please ensure there is a spare change of clothes in your child’s bag including some warmer clothes. Thank so much for providing such great nutritious food options for your child.

And just one more quick thing, please take a few moments at pick up to read our day book and family books of what your children have been engaging in.

Many Thanks Carrie, Kate and Trish

DOLPHIN ROOM

Our young Dolphin room adventurers have been very busy this past term, lots of climbing and challenging their balance and co-ordination skills. We have been enjoying lots of water play experiences with the continued warm weather, some of your little ones are definitely water babies at heart.

The Dolphin room children have contributed to the ‘Summer’ themed mural that was displayed on behalf of PCCC Foster at the recent Foster Agricultural show. You can now see the...
mural displayed in the hallway at PCCC Foster.

Just a few reminders to parents...

- Please help us by labelling all of your food containers, lunch boxes and belongings. This helps us to get everything back to you at the end of the day.

As we come to the end of the warmer weather please consider packing well-fitting gumboots and a raincoat/jacket for your child.

KOALA ROOM THURSDAY 3-5 PROGRAM

The children have settled in well. They are getting to know educators and developing friendships both new and old. The children have adjusted to the different routines of the program well.

We have implemented 3 take home puppets this year to promote a sense of belonging. The children have enjoyed sharing their stories with the puppets. Children are selected to randomly take home Harry, Caleb or Maysie.

We have been busy this term enjoying cooking some yummy scones, sweet and savoury, reading stories, singing songs, dancing, counting and exploring the environment outside especially enjoying the bikes.

We look forward to a fun filled year with the children.

Thanks Kate, Denise, Andrea, Carole.

KOALA ROOM FRIDAY 3-5 PROGRAM

Welcome to everyone, new and old families. We have had a very busy start to the year, our team this year consists of Sandra, Denise, Carol, Brianna (in the afternoons) and myself (Louise). As with any new situation we are all settling in together, as are your children. We have observed the children moving around our environment confidently, sharing in activities with one another.

The children are learning about our routine and self care, such as remembering to wash hands after toileting and before eating, remembering where their lunch boxes are and remembering to return them to the trolley when they have finished. We have also spent time talking about how important it is to drink water through out the day. The children are learning about what to eat at fruit time, that is which foods are fruit and which are not.

We have learnt some sign language- mother and thank you.
There is lots of play happening and through this play the children are developing skills in negotiating, communicating and acceptance. They are developing and growing mentally physically socially and emotionally. This all happens while the children are playing, shows how important play is doesn’t it. We would like to thank parents for ensuring your child is signed in and that you have put sunscreen on your child and tick them off on the sunscreen list. We are looking forward to the year ahead getting to know your children.

In friendship Louise, Sandra, Denise, Carol & Brianna

KOALA – 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

As term 1 comes to an end, it gives us an opportunity to reflect on how far your children have come over the past weeks. They have found their place within their group and initiated, forged and developed their relationships in the Koala Room.

Our routines and rules are in place and the children have a good understanding of how to be part of the kinder group as well as being their unique self.

This term we have talked a lot about being a good friend and hopefully you will have seen the booklets that have been sent home to reinforce the importance of the culture we endeavour to instil in our children.

Our indoor/outdoor program is based on allowing the children to freely indulge their imagination and curiosity, whilst at the same time, being guided by the educators in a safe and stimulating environment.

We have introduced our treasure bag this term which will continue on throughout the year. This gives children a wonderful opportunity to link home to the kinder, as well as providing them the chance to speak to the group as a whole and answer questions from the group.

As part of our program to date, we have explored, built, created, played, listened, communicated, danced, sang, tried new things and so much more.

If you have any ideas, skills, or passions that you may like to share with our kinder group, please let us know.

A big thank you to all the wonderful family members, who have volunteered their time this term. The children love having new faces in the room not to mention the fact that the kinder child whose family is on duty, gets to ring the bell and open the door at days end which they LOVE!!

We’re looking forward to building on our relationships with you all in term 2 and wish you all a happy school holiday break.

Regards – Suzanne, Sharon & Amanda

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