

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

▶ **Yarra Junction** NEWSLETTER



July 2021 Edition

From the Director's Desk

Dear Families,

What an interesting finish to term 2 and beginning of term 3 that we are having, once again we are going into a snap lockdown. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all families to take care of themselves and the people around them, to stay safe during these challenging times and to reach out to others in you need to. If there is anything that we can do to support you and your children during this time please don't hesitate to reach out to the staff at the service or myself.

Just a few reminders for all families –

- Every person that enters our service needs to be sign into the service using the QR code that is next to the iPad, or on the doors into the service. This is in addition to signing your child into the kiosk.
- All children must be brought into the service and signed in by the person dropping them off, children cannot be dropped off in the car park and walk themselves into the services.
- If your children are not going to be attending either before or after school care can you please let the service know - if your children don't come into the service then we need to send a staff member to find them.

If there is anything that we can help you children with while they are in before or after school care please do not hesitate to speak to one of the team about your children's needs.

Most importantly stay safe and take care of yourself and your family.

If there is anything that you need I can be contacted via email at amandaquilty@cire.org.au or on 0499 003 821.

Thank you

Amanda Quilty

Coordinator's Desk

What a month we've had here at Yarra Junction OSHC! We've been madly rearranging our space to:

- better utilise what we have
- allow for a dedicated reading and relaxation area
- open up our new Atelier – an area where the children have the freedom to be creative with a variety of materials including paint, glue, textures, pencils, glitter and a lot of what most would consider 'junk' (great stuff for collage work and creative expression)
- create an environment that is inviting and engaging for the children

If you have any feedback, or have heard anything from your children, we would love to hear it so we can continue to provide a space and experiences that are relevant to our families.

Lego has been one of our most popular experiences recently with multiple sets being built over the last few weeks. We have also seen so much imagination with the loose Lego as the children recreate some of their favourite characters, games or shows.

We currently have a very creative group with quite a number art pieces appearing. These have been in a number of different formats including, scratch art, Hama beads, painting, pasting, mosaics, grey lead drawing, pencil and texta work just to mention a few.

Outdoors we really only have 2 options (apparently) as the children seem to be extremely focussed on either hand ball or their own version of footy – you have to adapt when the space isn't the size of a proper oval. Those that choose not to participate in either of these ventures will move between the cubby, the slide and running the yard.

Please remember we are always here if you have any feedback, questions, concerns or ideas.

Cheers

Amanda B and Ash

Cire Children's Services Facebook Page

Cire Children's Services now has its own Facebook Page. Please follow and like our page.

Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/cirechildrenservices/>



Dates to Remember

Friday 6th August – Art Exhibition – all services – this will now be online due to the latest lockdown
Wednesday 1st September – Early Childhood Educator Day

Friday 17th September – Last day of third term.

Monday 20th September – Vacation Care begins – Woori Yallock and Badger Creek.

Sunday 5th September – Father's Day

Monday 4th October – First day of Term 4

Recipe of the Month

This month the children have been enjoying Zucchini Slice.

375g grated zucchini
1 cup S.R Flour
1 Onion finely chopped
200g diced ham/bacon
1 cup grated cheese
¼ cup vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 170°C.

Beat the eggs in a large bowl until combined. Add the flour and beat until smooth, then add zucchini, onion, bacon, cheese and oil and stir to combine.

Grease a line a 30 x 20cm lamington pan. Pour into the prepared pan and bake in oven for 30 minutes or until cooked through.

