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what's on in house
2016

Issue 15 - February

Easter break is Friday 25th - Monday 28th March 2016
End of Term is two weeks later on Friday 8th April.

The Chinese year of the Monkey starting on February 22nd, supports openness, tolerance and innovation. It promises great, positive change and will be a year to remember, a wonderful stage of your life if you embrace the opportunities it offers. We have some great opportunities coming up here at the House including:

- Family Fun Day - change of date - April 3rd
- Committee update - Toy renew
- Playgroup leaders workshop - March 23rd
- Room Hire
- Fitness Guru



The Family Fun Day 2016 *Note the change of date to Sunday April 3rd from 10.00am - 12.00pm

Loads of fun for all your family, friends and the community!

- Baby farm animals & Pony rides
- Raffles
- Balloon blower, Face painting entertainment
- Sausage Sizzle, cake stall and (real) coffee!
- craft and other activities!



Gold coin donation on entry. SAVE THE DATE!

Committee Update

Over the past couple of weeks the committee have been busy

- assessing the toys and storage at the House and doing some minor maintenance such as putting up hooks in the broom cupboard and refreshing the playroom sofa with a new cover.
- Old toys will be withdrawn and replaced with new in the next few weeks. If you have any suggestions as to fabulous new items - please let us know in the office and we can pass that on.
- The QuickBooks program in the office has been upgraded and will now operate on both computers.



Playgroup News

We now have 9 active playgroups at the House including 3 language immersion playgroups:

- Italian, Chinese and Japanese

If you know anyone with toddlers who would like to join a language playgroup, ask them to contact the Office.



Playgroup Leaders Workshop

Wednesday 23rd March 7.15 - 9.15pm

Attending playgroup contributes to parents and carers becoming informed, confident and connected, and children developing cognitive, emotional and physical skills as well as self-esteem and self-confidence.

Come along to this inspiring workshop to get:

- your head around playgroup
- your hands around some art & craft materials
- to find out more about the House operations and to
- enjoy some 'adult' time over a bubbly supper!

Two people from each playgroup are invited to attend this supper meeting but it is compulsory for at least one!

Please confirm who is coming from your playgroup at the Office.



Workshops and Courses

Save-A-Child First Aid - 9/03/16 & 16/03/16, 6.30- 9.30pm

ONLY \$45.00 (Thanks to a subsidy from the Rotary Club of Scarborough)

See these reviews: *'The best First Aid course I've ever done - essential for any parent', 'Very informative, insightful and extremely easy to follow. Brilliant Instructor, Exceptional!'*

There are still some places available. Book at the Office NOW!

Positive Parenting Program - take the guesswork out of parenting!

Book NOW for Term 2 2016 - Wednesdays 9.30 -11.30am, May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and June 22nd 2016.

For Info and Bookings **1300 550 879** or email at

positiveparenting@health.wa.gov.au



Room Hire - Parties, meetings and workshops

The House is an ideal venue to hire for meetings and workshops as well as children's parties and other social functions. It is ideally located, clean and well resourced. We now have a number of permanent bookings which members access, including Religious groups and the following Health Department programs:

- *Toddler health checks* - Tuesdays 9.00am - 3.00pm, (Bookings can be made on 1300 749 869).
- *Child Health Lactation Clinic (Breast feeding support and info)*: Thursdays 9.00 - 3.00pm,
- *Triple P Parenting programs (Wednesdays am)*, and a
- *New mothers group - Mondays am*



Checkout the hire details and bookings calendar [here](#) and book in early for your next function.



Swap Share Shuffle - Northern Community Share

Saturday April 16th 10.00am - 12.00 noon
West Stirling Neighbourhood House

- Share your excess garden produce, plants, cuttings, seeds, quality clothes and books.
- Enquiries: 0478 618 234 ttsadmin@permaculturewest.org.au
See the Transition Town Stirling FB page for further details closer to the date.



WSNH will collaborate with Transition Town Stirling during Neighbourhood House Week to hold a pop-up **Long Table Lunch on Saturday May 14th. SAVE THE DATE**

Fitness Guru

We are searching for a new Fitness instructor to run evening sessions at the House - an ideal, outdoor, protected venue with a rubberized surface.

If you know someone who may be interested, please contact the Office.



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