

SUBIACO CHILDREN'S CENTRE



DEC/JAN VACATION CARE NEWSLETTER



VACATION CARE FEEDBACK

We encourage you to contribute to our Vacation Care feedback survey. This helps us to continually improve our programs. The survey is available on the Centre's website, under the 'feedback' tab and is named "Summer VAC Program Feedback 2021". We appreciate any contribution.

"I liked Koala Park because they had some of my favourite animals - koalas and kangaroos" - Jialu, Cohuna Koala Park

HAVE A SUGGESTION?

We are always looking for new & exciting things to do at the Centre - be it recipes, crafts, sports games, or places we can visit in school holidays. Let us know if you have a suggestion for anything and we'll be sure to make it work.

SUMMER VAC HIGHLIGHTS

We had loads of fun over the summer break and visited many interesting places (and learnt lots too!).

Our first week was Christmas themed - which meant we had many Christmas & holiday themed crafts and activities to do. We learnt how to make our own mosaics from tiles, and we even got to take home our very own scrumptious gingerbread houses.

We kicked off 2021 with a summer themed week - so we did heaps of outdoor activities like water relays and sidewalk chalk drawing. We headed off to the movies to see Croods 2 which was very funny, and we got to play with robots with Edgy X! Even though it was pretty hot, we really enjoyed the mazes, chess, and mini golf at Outback Splash too.

We also had an "Australian Animals" themed week too - which meant we learnt lots about the creatures we might come across all over Australia.

We saw many of these animals at Cahuna Koala park - even a crocodile! Most of us got to pat some friendly kangaroos too. We headed off to Hillarys too where we went into AQWA and explored under the ocean. We also had a bouncy castle come to the centre and lots and lots of face painting!

In our "Around the World" themed week - we learnt heaps about other countries and cultures. We did some gardening and planted new native edible plants. Optus Stadium was also so much fun - we got to go in the locker rooms!

Our last week of school holidays was just as fun as the ones before.

We visited the Jo Wheatley playground in Dalkeith - with a flying fox, lots of swings, a sensory garden and a massive playground. We were all very tired by the end of the day. We learnt how to make our own compost and worm farms with Wonderful Worm Waste. The worms didn't even gross us out!

The big old bells at the Bell Tower was definitely a highlight for lots of our kids - because we got to ring the bells and make lots of noise! We also enjoyed making & racing Billy Carts with Edgy X. This week's activities were centered around our First Nations People - so we did lots of dot painting, learnt about Dreamtime, and made craft from many natural materials.



"I liked decorating with the squishy lollies!" - Emma, Gingerbread House incursion

"The swings and trampolines were the best part of the shipwreck playground" - Jeremiah, Shipwreck Playground excursion



AQWA Excursion

SUMMER VAC HIGHLIGHTS



"I liked the excursion because all the bells were really cool but especially the ANZAC bell" - Alba, Bell Tower excursion



Wonderful Worm Waste excursion



Face painting for our circus day



Mosaics excursion

"I enjoyed the wet area with cold and hot baths" - Isaac, Optus Stadium excursion



"My favourite part was when we did the maze, it showed teamwork and resilience" - Chloe, Outback Splash mazes

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Free play at the oval



Free play in our sandpit



Tuckerbush & Bindi Bindi Dreaming incursion



"We got to battle with robots" - Vihaan, EdgyX Robotics incursion



"In the book I learnt that the eagle is a spirit and it made all the land & people" - Sophia, "Welcome to Country" inspired craft

'GET TO KNOW' OUR EDUCATORS

KIARA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



Hi, I am Kiara and I first started at Subiaco Children's Centre mid way through 2017. I have loved getting to know the kids here and all their personalities in my time here. I became qualified at the end of 2019 and at the start of last year I took over as Assistant Director and have enjoyed getting to do more behind the scenes stuff such as planning holiday programs. Outside of work I am a student at UWA doing my Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Law and Society and Criminology and I am looking forward to finishing at the end of this year. Otherwise I like to spend my time with my pet Schnoodle Fudge!

SARAH, QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR



Hi there! I have been formally working with children for 9 years now and seriously love my job. Although my Bachelor's degree is in Criminology & Counter-terrorism, my passion is working with children, particularly those that are disadvantaged. I am also a mum to a very energetic toddler who makes me laugh and cry and appreciate how amazing little people are. I believe that children learn best through emotional & social connections and I genuinely enjoy helping children to reach their full potential. I am a passionate advocate for juvenile justice and I love attending professional development sessions and am always striving to learn how to do things better.

ANNABEL, QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR



Hello! My name is Annabel and I have been working at the centre since the start of 2018 however, my Subiaco Children's Centre journey started in 2005 when I was pre-primary and first attended after school care! I believe this has been a great advantage for me, as I appreciate the close connections that formed between myself and the educators who served as strong role models, shaping my nature and values. I believe it is essential to have meaningful connections with the children, and I love getting to know them through conversations, craft, cooking or physical activities. I fully appreciate the opportunity that working with children entails, as the children never fail to make me laugh and they have a very positive impact on my day. Outside of work I am in the midst of completing my law degree at UWA, with the thought of four more years at Uni not troubling me at all, as I am able to spend this time with the children and their ever-growing personalities!

BELLA, QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR



Hi, I'm Bella and I've been working at the center since August 2017 and absolutely love it! I have always enjoyed working with children, and also volunteer on camps for at risk and disadvantaged kids during the holidays. I completed my Bachelor of Science in Psychology at the end of 2019 and am now starting my Psychology Honours project this semester. My studies mean I am very interested in how children develop through different ages and I try to apply this knowledge at the center so I can form positive relationships with the children and so they are getting the most out of their time at the center. When I'm not working or studying I love to read and travel!

CLEO, QUALIFIED EDUCATOR



Hi, my name is Cleo and I have been working with Subiaco Children's Centre for over four years, starting way back at the beginning of 2017. The highlight of my day is being given the opportunity to work alongside inspirational educators, whilst fully engaging with the children, helping them to embrace learning, achieve their goals and play with friends! Currently, I am completing my Bachelor of Physiotherapy at the University of Notre Dame (which definitely keeps me on my toes), further highlighting my passion for helping others in as many ways as I possibly can. At the beginning of 2020, I decided to contribute more heavily to the center by becoming a fully qualified educator and supervisor. This has allowed to me ensure I can demonstrate the most informed and engaged version of myself each day to all the incredible and individual children at the center.