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Biggest Morning Tea...

Thursday May 19th 10.00 am—12 noon

Lets make this years Biggest Morning Tea the biggest we have had yet!

To make it a huge success to help with the work of the Cancer Council, we are asking for donations of items for the raffle and also cake, slices etc for morning tea. Please see Heather in the office if you would like to help with this request of goods. Raffle items can be handed in on or before Friday May 13th.

Entry will be a gold coin donation.



Above: Cancer Council mugs will be on sale at the office.

Neighbourhood House Week...

There will be plenty to see and do during Neighbourhood House Week (May 9-13) Staff are currently working on the finishing touches, so stay tuned!



Above: Neighbourhood House Lunch 2010

Neighbourhood House Lunch

Monday June 20th -12 noon

We are inviting our members to attend this lunch and to catch up with others who also come in to the centre. It should be a nice, relaxing lunch to enjoy by all. Bookings are essential and the cost to members will be \$5.00 per person.

We look forward to seeing you on the 20th June!



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A word from Gary, the garden guru...

How is your garden after all the rain that we have had in the last few months?



Rainfall events that deliver in the order of 50mm at any one time can be quite problematic, at the best of times, without contemplating the impact of rainfall events in the order of 100 to 200mm. Yet this is what we have experienced twice already in the local area this year. Whilst many would simply dismiss these recent rainfall events as 1 in 100 events, or merely part of some natural long term cycle, climate scientists believe that these events are symptoms of global climate change. In their view, these rainfall events are consistent with their expectation that climate change would make all weather extremes (e.g. droughts and floods) even more extreme. In my opinion a thirteen year drought followed by floods of the order that we have seen lately seem to be more than just consistent with this point of view. What's even more alarming is that in a recently released report on the impact of climate change in the Western Port Region, climate scientists have predicted that this trend will continue and that they expect our annual rainfall to decrease, on average 8% per annum by 2020, whilst the frequency of extreme rainfall events of twelve hours would increase by 3-22%. The message? Expect more of what we have experienced in the last 14 years and plan accordingly.



Gary's upcoming NEW courses...

**** Organic Vegetable Gardening ****

We are offering 4 x 2 hour sessions aimed at people with little or no experience in vegetable gardening. Students may pick and choose any of the 2 hour sessions they are interested in at a cost of \$25 or enrol in all 4 sessions at a cost of \$90 students will need to bring a pen & note pad.



**** Intro into organic vegetable gardening ****

This session will explain what organic vegetable gardening is and what it involves. Monday 9th May 7-9pm Cost \$25

**** Designing & constructing an organic vegetable garden ****

Learn how to design and construct an organic vegetable garden of your own. Monday 16th May 7-9pm Cost \$25

**** Planting & maintaining an organic vegetable garden ****

This session will explain how to plant and maintain an organic vegetable garden. Monday 23rd May 7-9pm Cost \$25

**** An introduction to the control of plant pest & disease ****

This session will cover how to control plant pests and diseases in the vegetable garden in the least ecologically disruptive way. Monday 30th May 7-9pm Cost \$25

A minute with Anne...



Above: Anne Bucknell

Hello! My name is Anne Bucknell and I have been the Occasional Care Coordinator here at the BNC for the past 5 years.

In the 16 years since completing my Diploma of Teaching, I have worked in the Early Childhood field in a variety of roles, including 5 years experience setting up 3 year old kinder groups in Blackburn and Burwood before moving to the Berwick area in 2002.

In addition to the three morning Occasional Care groups, I have enjoyed the challenge, assisted by Alison Shuttleworth, of introducing and running the Three Year Old kindergarten program. We have been proud to watch the program grow from one small experimental activity group into the popular program with 84 places over four groups available in 2011.

On a personal note, I have 3 children—two very musical sons, aged 16 and 18, and a very artistic and crafty 7 year old daughter. My partner and I are engaged, and are planning a wedding for later this year, so life is very busy! In my spare time, you will find me walking, listening to music, spending time with my family, or dabbling in various art and craft projects.

It's been a great start to 2011 so far, and we are looking forward to another fun and successful year in the Children's Room. If you are interested in any of our children's programs, contact the office for more information, or just pop in to say Hello!



Reader Recipe...



Colleen's Cup Cake Creations

125g soft margarine

125g caster sugar

125g self-raising flour

2 eggs

1. Put all the cake ingredients into a bowl or food processor and beat, or process until smooth.
2. Divide the mixture between a 12 hole patty tray lined with paper cake cases.
3. Bake in a preheated oven 180. for 15-18 minutes.

Butter Icing

125g Icing Sugar

50g Butter

1tsp Milk

Put the butter into a bowl, gradually beat in the sifted icing sugar and milk with a wooden spoon, electric beater or food processor until light and fluffy. Colour with food colouring to desired colour. Decorate as desired.



Above: Colleen

Thanks Colleen for your recipe! If you have a recipe you would like featured here please email it to neighbourhoodnatter@gmail.com or leave it at the office!

Workshops and courses for Term 2

**** Easter Cup cakes with Sue ****

Learn how to decorate cupcakes for Easter, learn how to make flowers, 3D models and pipe with butter cream, you just need to bring along an apron. Saturday 9th April 10am-3pm Cost \$120

**** Camera Advice with David ****

Come along and receive some expert advice on your camera or purchasing a camera. David will be happy to help and answer any of those tricky questions. Monday 2nd May 1.30-2.30 Cost - Gold coin donation

**** Cake Decorating with Sue ****

Create cakes for all occasions. Learn basic skills including: Fondant, crimping, embossing, garret frills, cut out blossoms, sugar roses and leaves. Piping skills, simple modelling techniques, painting on sugar, colouring, torting and covering a cake with butter cream and fondant. Tuesday 3rd May 7-9pm Cost \$200 + \$100 materials

**** Handmade gifts for Mum with Denise & Kate ****



Make your own Mother's day card and decorate a gift box, candle & soap to give to mum on Mother's day. Using a variety of techniques including stamping, shape cutters, embossing and more. Saturday 30th April 12.30-3.30 Cost \$20 plus \$10 for materials.

**** Paint an old pair of jeans for winter with Anne ****

This painting on fabric class for Grades 2-6 will offer a unique experience in learning how to paint beautiful snowmen on blue denim jeans. Using off white paint and shading techniques, outline and a little colour, children will enjoy creating their own individual stylish jeans to wear this winter with a bonus tote bag. Bring to the first class a pair of clean old blue denim jeans. Starts Monday 2nd May for 6 weeks 4.30-5.30pm Cost \$60 plus \$5 materials.

**** Children's Candle making 6yrs + with Lynda ****

Come along and join in the making of your own soy wax candles and choose from 3 delightful colours & fragrances. Decorate your candle container with rhinestones, butterflies, flowers or transport vehicles. Each child will be thrilled to take home their very own masterpiece, a great gift for mother's day. Saturday 7th May 1-4pm Cost \$23.50



**** Smokey Eyes with Danielle ****

This workshop covers the basic techniques in achieving smokey eyes including eye shadow and eyeliner application, blending and industry secrets to compliment your features. Saturday 21st May 10am-12.30 Cost \$80 + \$15 materials

School Holiday Workshops

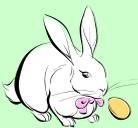
**** Basic Make Up workshop for secondary students in years 7-8 with Danielle ****

Learn simple techniques and principles to apply makeup. Lots of advice and tips to enhance natural features including smoky eyes and products that are best for you. Thurs April 14th 10am-12pm.



**** Easter chocolate workshop 9 years+ with Denise ****

Chocolate lovers will enjoy this workshop making and wrapping your own Easter bunnies, eggs and chicks using Cadbury chocolate. Fri 15th April 1pm-4pm



Tales...recipes...tips??

If you have any items of interest (jokes, recipes, news items, etc) that you would like to see featured in the Neighbourhood Natter, please leave them at the office or email them to us...

neighbourhoodnatter@gmail.com

We would like to thank our local member for Gembrook—Brad Battin MP for helping us with the printing of the Neighbourhood Natter, We very much appreciate his contribution in our desire to give our members the best in what we are able to achieve.