

Duntroon Community Centre Newsletter



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(as at 6 Dec 11)

Farewell and Good Luck to all those families leaving us at the end of this year.

Please stay safe during the Christmas break, we look forward to seeing all our members, old and new in 2012!

Funds raised so far
this Financial Year
as at 9 Dec 11

President's Message

What a year!!!!!!

2011 started with our Queensland Flood appeal which saw us gather 14 pallet loads of items for those affected by the floods and continued with the Welcome BBQ, our first ever outdoor movie night, Bunnings BBQs, Mothers Day Luncheon, First Aid Course, Trivia Night, the Twilight Fair, Operation Christmas Child and the centres Christmas Party which was held on Friday 02 December. The Playschool continued to run their ever popular program for 3yr olds, Playgroup was run regularly and Capital Crafters met every Thursday during the term times.

We would like to Thank everyone who has volunteered and assisted to run these events throughout the year. Whether it be as a Playschool parent in order to get your parent participation levy back or as an interested person wanting to make a difference within our community these events would not run without you.

I would also personally like to Thank the 2011 Committee for their constant work behind the scenes. With out a committee the centre could not run and they do a lot of the admin and behind the scenes work in order to ensure the centres smooth running. In particular I would like to Thank Samantha Murray for her tireless efforts over the past 3 years and Carol Murdoch for her efforts and commitment over the past 2 years on the committee. Kathy Reyne is staying on as the Vice President of the Committee next year - Thankyou Kathy for staying on to help me out! This is my first newsletter as Committee President I am really looking forward to the challenge of providing activities relevant to our members needs and requirements in 2012.

I would also like to personally Thank our Playschool Staff Danielle Kibel and Di Spandler for their fabulous program this year. I know my son has truly benefitted from your wonderful Playschool program. Thankyou. Last but definitely not least a BIG Thankyou to Jenny Lean - we Would be lost without all of your guidance and support.

As many of you relocate over this period either leaving Canberra or coming to Canberra I hope that everything goes smoothly. Houses are everything they appeared to be online, boxes are transported safely and in one piece and furniture arrives in the same condition as it was packed. But most importantly I hope that you all travel safe - whether it be on holidays, just to the corner store or relocating please take it easy on our roads during this 'silly season' and the summer holidays.

For those of you leaving us Farewell and Good luck! You will all be missed. Please feel free to drop in and say Hi if you are ever in the area. We will always welcome you back with open arms.

Everyone else we will see you next year!!

Have a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic New Year!!

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. Until we meet again. ~Irish Blessing

Rach

New DCC Committee

Congratulations and thank you to those who were voted in to represent members on the Duntroon Community Centre Committee. Office Bearers are:

President	Rachael Grogan
Vice President	Kathy Reyne
Secretary	Tamara Bergquist
Treasurer	Emma MacAuliffe
General Members	Anne Simmons
	Belinda Daunt
	Jen Whitehead
	Kylie Behan
	Camilla Kerr-Ruston

A Special General Meeting of the Duntroon Community Centre will be held on 24 Jan 12 at 8:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Centre. If you are interested in nominating for a position on the committee please ring Jenny on (02) 6265 9411 or come to the meeting on 24 Jan 12.

The DCC Office will be closed from 17 Dec 11—31 Jan 12 (inclusive)

*To find information about the Centre during this time,
please look at our Website*

duntrooncommunitycentre.org.au



Twilight Fair—2011

On Saturday 29th of October the annual Twilight Fair was held on the grassed area behind the Duntroon Community Centre with a great variety of stalls and car boot goodies on offer to everyone who came down for a look.

The morning of the fair started out ominously with rain threatening to dampen our plans to hold the Twilight Fair outside. Thankfully the rain stopped by 2pm so the wet weather plan didn't have to be sprung into action!

We had a number of stall holders including Narelle from Prim Essence (<http://www.primessence.net/>) travelled all the way from Puckapunyal with her gorgeous signs and Brie from Your Defence (<http://www.yourdefence.com.au/>) who travelled all the way from Central NSW coast to help support our fair. Handmade goods were popular as were the bargains on offer in the car boot sales.

The Vice Chief of Defence Force and his wife - Air Marshal and Mrs Binskin arrived to view all of the stalls and have a chat to some of our wonderful supporters. Unfortunately the VCDF brought the rains with him and although he was very apologetic stalls were hastily packed up and the raffle draw re-located to indoors in order to keep dry!

The VCDF kindly drew the raffle for us with the major prize being a Tour of Tasmania for 2 which was very kindly donated by Intrepid Travel Canberra (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Intrepid-My-Adventure-Store-Canberra>). Winners of the raffle were notified by phone and are listed below.

A big Thankyou to everyone who came down to the Twilight Fair - we hope you enjoyed it while the weather was good! Also a big Thankyou to our wonderful volunteers who helped to make it all happen. Once again without your support these events would never occur. We were able to raise \$1600 towards the centre which is just fantastic!!!!

Planning has already commenced on the 2012 Twilight Fair which we hope to be bigger and better than ever! Lets cross our fingers for no rain next year!!!

RAFFLE WINNERS WERE:

1st prize	Rachael Grogan	5 day "Tassie Explorer" holiday
2nd prize	Jan Peterson	Handmade Queen size quilt
3rd prize	Liz Croser	Willow Blu overnight bag
4th prize	Ian Forth	16"BMX bike
5th prize	Despina Chrisis	Craft basket

meet the team...



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Babysitter positions available



Duntroon Community Centre is looking for baby sitters for its Thursday morning craft club which runs from 9.30am to 12.30pm during ACT term times.

No formal child care qualifications are required ~ just the right person!

For more information please call Jenny on 02-6265-9411 or call into the Centre.

Posting In/Out?

There are lots of Defence Support pages popping up on Facebook. "Defence Families of Australia (DFA)" Facebook page is trying to compile a list under their 'Useful Links' section. Worth a look to see what is around!

If you know of anyone posting in, please recommend our Facebook page and website to them.

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a dark blue rectangular background.

New Postal address



DCC has a new postal address:
Duntroon Community Centre
PO Box 7915
Canberra BC ACT 2600

The physical address for DCC is:
Duntroon Community Centre
Gymkhana Road
RMC Duntroon
Campbell ACT 2612

Craft is the new black

Do you want to:
Finish craft projects?
Learn how to make a quilt?
Have time to sew?
Learn new craft skills?
Or just have a chat?

Capital Crafters at Duntroon
Community Centre meet every
Thursday morning during term
time.

Babysitting is offered, but spaces
must be booked in advance.

For more information on babysitting please call
For more info on Capital Crafters please go to
duntrooncommunitycentre.org.au or email duntrooncc@hotmail.com

Some of you mentioned in the Annual Survey that you weren't aware we were on Facebook. We are and can be found at:

'Duntroon Community Centre Incorporated'

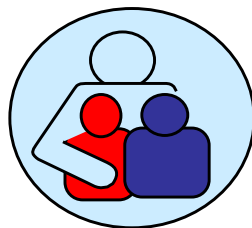


In need of Labels?

DCC has an ongoing label fundraiser with Identikid. All you need to do is add the fundraiser code '1090' when you order and DCC will earn 15% commission.

Identikid also offer things such as bag tags, shoe spots, medical alerts, identibands, pet collars and name bracelets—all with free postage to you individually.

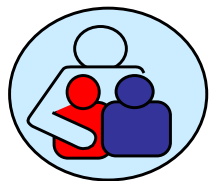
Check out the product range at www.identikid.com.au



DCC 2012 INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday 24th January at 7.30pm
At the Centre
Gymkhana Rd, RMC Duntroon, Campbell ACT

Come along and learn about all the things we have on offer to all Defence families and Civilians alike.



PLAYGROUP

@ Duntroon Community Centre

Time: 9.30am - 12pm.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays



Defence and Civilian families in the ACT region are welcome and encouraged to come along to playgroup at Duntroon Community Centre. At present our numbers are flexible and there is no need to wait until the beginning of a new term to check out playgroup.

What do children do at playgroup?

Children begin each session enjoying free play in the fantastic outdoor play area at the Centre. The entire floor surface (with the exception of the grass!) is soft fall, making it perfect for babies, toddler and pre-schoolers to safely explore the climbing frames, swings, Little Tikes Cozy Coupes and trikes. Two sandpits, two cubby houses and a multitude of ride-ons, push-alongs, hoops and balls mean children can explore and enjoy whatever they choose, with little to no competition! Sun safety is paramount and though excellent shade is provided, all children and adults are encouraged to wear hats and sunscreen when outdoors.

Indoor time begins around 11am and will be a little different on each day. Generally, children will re-charge with some morning tea packed from home and grown ups can enjoy a hot cup of tea or coffee. Afterwards, the group settles in for craft, music, indoor free play, stories, anything really, with the facilities and resources available the only limitation is the imagination of the families attending!



Playschool Update



Playschool Newsletter December 2011

Last day of term Friday 16th Dec

It's hard to believe that this is our last newsletter for the year! This year has gone by so fast. We enjoyed covering many topics during the year such as 'Dinosaurs', 'Bugs', 'Volcanoes', 'Shapes', 'Colours', 'Numbers', 'About Me', 'My Body', just to name a few. The children have enjoyed participating in these many different activities which complemented and expanded their existing skills. These newly learnt foundation skills will hold them in good stead for next year at Preschool.

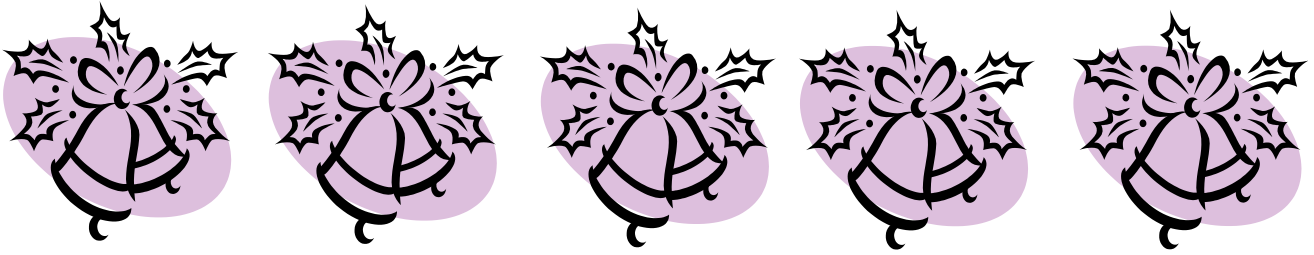
A Message from Danielle and Di.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us this year. We have enjoyed working with everyone in our care and have seen them grow, develop and gain so many new skills. We have also witnessed them putting these into practice. The children have learned new methods for interacting with each other, developed friendships and have hopefully enjoyed their time with us as much as we have spending it with them.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to all the parent helpers over the year, your assistance has made our jobs that little bit easier.

Merry Christmas, and to those leaving us for new destinations, travel safely.

Danielle and Di



A Christmas Message from Jenny

This year is nearly to end; with people becoming a little bit more stressed than normal with impending removals and moves interstate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has been involved with the Centre this year, in particular the fabulous committee that the Centre has had. There were numerous activities and goals that the committee set about doing at the beginning of the year and achieved. The Centre could not have functioned so well without the hard work that they have put in this year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by me and every other member of the Centre.

This term in particular has been an extremely busy one. I would also like to thank everyone who has participated in, donated or helped out in some way.

It's time to say good-bye, please drive safely and have a great Christmas and I look forward to seeing those that are still here, next year.





New ACT National Delegate

Christina Saladino



I've been married to an Air Force Member for over 12 years and have three school-aged children. I've experienced moving as a Defence Family from Adelaide to Wagga Wagga, to Melbourne and to Canberra at the beginning of 2010. I've used on-base facilities at all locations and really missed the on-base cinemas here.

If my schedule permits, I try to attend the following around Canberra: DCO Floating Coffee Clubs - National Museum, Gungahlin Marketplace and the Saturday Coffee Club - and Military Mums & Women At Home Business Owners Group (Email Jodie@mmwah.com.au for more details).

Although I am based in Canberra, my area includes Wagga Wagga, Nowra and Albury-Wodonga. I lived in Wagga Wagga for 3 years and was involved with the RAAF Wagga Playgroup.

I look forward to meeting you at DCC functions over the next year. Remember that DFA National Delegates can give advice, help families resolve individual cases or advocate on an issue that affects many families.

Kind regards, Christina
act.sthns@dfa.org.au



We celebrated our Silver Jubilee at DCC on November 24 by launching a book of partner stories.

Contributors include the wife of Chief of the Defence Force, Linda Hurley, who visited the centre for the launch.

Jenny has a number of copies of the book at DCC reception to giveaway or you can contact webmaster@dfa.org.au. A copy will also be kept in the DCC library.



If you are moving, remember to visit the Useful Links section of the DFA Facebook Page to find online partner groups and pages connected to other Defence Community Houses.

Like www.facebook.com/DefenceFamiliesofAustralia/

DUNTROON POOL

Hours of Operation

The normal hours of operation of the Duntroon Pool are as follows:

01 Nov—03 Jan	11:00am to 7:00pm
04 Jan— 28 Feb	1:00pm to 8:00pm
01 Mar to 31 Mar	11:00am to 7:00pm

Please note, the pool will be closed on Christmas day

A Lifeguard is on duty at all times when the pool is open. In the event the pool is unattended during normal opening hours the following personnel should be contacted:

- The SSDS Site Manager—Mr Gary Smith 0408 206 504
- The SSDS Site Coordinator—Mr Matthew Stockwell 0477 300 381

The Duntroon Pool rules are clearly displayed poolside and clarification may be sought from the Lifeguard on duty. The Lifeguard has the authority to ask pool users to leave if they disregard these rules. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times

The pool can be used by Defence members and their families

Housekeeping for the Centre

To keep the Centre in good order, and to fulfill licensing requirements, we request your assistance in the following areas:

NAPPIES

When changing your child's nappy, please use the change tables provided in the ladies' toilet and the disabled toilet. This is a licensing regulation. Please do not put nappies in the rubbish bins.



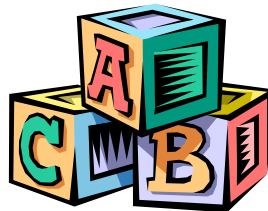
KITCHEN

If you use coffee cups or anything else from the kitchen, please make sure that they are washed up and put away after use.



NUTS

The Centre is a nut free environment. Please refrain from bringing nuts, or anything that has nuts in it, into the Centre.



TOYS

Toys in the Reception area are there for children to play with whilst waiting, please tidy up when you've finished with them.

LEAVING THE CENTRE

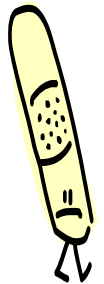
Please make sure that your child/children are the only ones that leave when the outside gate is opened. Please also hold your children's hands in the car park area.



INCIDENTS

If anyone is hurt or injured at the centre please let a staff member know so it can be documented. The Incident Reporting Book is located in the main kitchen. All injuries are also to be reported to Jenny at Reception.

First Aid Officers are Playschool staff Danielle and Dianne, and Jenny in Reception.



Looking for well priced Sunscreen?



Your search is over!

The Centre is currently running a Sunscreen fundraiser.

Sunscreen is available to purchase at the front desk.

~~\$6.00 for a 100ml tube~~
SOLD OUT

~~\$5.00 for a 50ml roll on.~~
NOW ONLY \$3.50!!!

Marketplace—our Member's products

This is our service to you, so we're not responsible for these products nor are we endorsing them by providing this information. If you're a member of the centre and would like to list here, please see Jenny at Reception.

AVON

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zoeandgreg@bigpond.com

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DCC on Facebook—become a fan!

The Centre has a group on Facebook. The page gives you information about upcoming events, reminders of happenings and a chance to be part of a number of discussions amongst our Centre community. Also a handy page to recommend to friends you know are getting posted to Canberra.

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