

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Pictured above: Tegan Bennett and colleague Danielle Kirk at the forum.

Tegan's smile seen for miles

Congratulations to Tegan Bennett, who represented MTHCS as a guest speaker on the panel at the recent Smiles 4 Miles forum in Melbourne.

Tegan has been working as the Smiles 4 Miles Coordinator in the Early Years sector at MTHCS over the past year. Due to Tegan's hard work and dedication to this program, our Murrayville Early Learning Centre, Manangatang Preschool and Ouyen Preschool services were all successfully awarded their accreditation for Smiles 4 Miles.

The Smiles 4 Miles program is delivered in early learning centres to promote dental health through healthy food and drink choices. As a member of the forum panel, Tegan was involved in discussions with other early years educators about the key topic: How to have difficult conversations around lunchboxes.

Applications open for new nurse educator role

An exciting new opportunity has been made available within our Nursing team for the role of Clinical Educator.

This position has responsibility for training, education, competency assessment and professional development, ensuring current competency standards for nursing staff are maintained. For more information about this role, please visit:

www.mthcs.vic.gov.au/careers/current-vacancies

Reminder of COVID visiting rules

Our effort to protect our sites from COVID-19 infections remains a key focus as we approach the holiday season.

We have a handful of simple requirements in place for visitors to our aged care hostels:

- Check in with the QR code
- Have a negative RAT on the day
- Wear a N95 mask while visiting

We are also reminding parents not to send their children to Early Learning services if they are showing symptoms such as a snotty nose, cough, sticky eyes or a temperature above 38 degrees.

We thank you again for your cooperation and patience during this challenging time.

Protecting each other from illness

All MTHCS sites have achieved outstanding healthcare worker influenza vaccination rates. Recently we received official congratulations from the VICNISS Coordinating Centre and Department of Health for achieving excellent healthcare worker influenza vaccination compliance rates for 2022. In Ouyen, including Canon T Martin Nursing Home, 96.6 per cent of staff signed up for the flu shot. Both of our sites exceeded the compliance target of 92 per cent in Victoria. Well done to staff, especially infection control staff, on a fantastic result.

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NOV. 28	Dr Karen O'Brien	NOV. 29	Dr Karen O'Brien	NOV. 30	Dr Karen O'Brien	DEC. 1	Dr Karen O'Brien	DEC. 2	Dr Karen O'Brien
DEC. 5	Dr Martin Robb	DEC. 6	Dr Martin Robb	DEC. 7	Dr Martin Robb	DEC. 8	Dr Martin Robb	DEC. 9	Dr Martin Robb
DEC. 12	Dr John Young	DEC. 13	Dr Jane Russell Dr John Young	DEC. 14	Dr Jane Russell Dr John Young	DEC. 15	Dr Jane Russell Dr John Young	DEC. 16	Dr John Young
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JAN. 30	Dr Zeli Sobantu	JAN. 31	Dr Zeli Sobantu						

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Pictured above: The latest GP roster for our Ouyen clinic.

GP bookings available

New rosters have been published for our GP clinics for the remainder of December and January. Please remember to call our friendly clinic staff and make arrangements for GP appointments and prescription refills in time for the Christmas break.

Enjoying the sunshine

With drier weather finally here, it's a joy to be able to support our residents to get out and enjoy a spot of gardening!



Pictured above: Ron and Abbey collect lettuce from a veggie tub.