

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Pictured above: Alyce has welcomed a baby son and has taken maternity leave.

Boosting our Early Years team

Congratulations to Alyce Summerhayes (above) who has commenced maternity leave from Sea Lake Early Years Learning Centre after the birth of a beautiful baby boy, Layne.

We are extremely lucky and excited to announce that Bron (below) will be taking on the entire 15 hours of Kinder in 2023, along with being the Educational Leader of the Sea Lake Early Years Learning Centre. We can't wait to see our families - old and new - on site in 2023!



Pictured above: Bron will be leading 15 hours of kinder each week at Sea Lake in 2023.

More viruses on the move

Murray Valley encephalitis and Japanese encephalitis have been detected in northern Victoria, again highlighting the need to protect ourselves from mosquito bites.

Please wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing, and use mosquito repellents containing picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin.



Pictured above: Mosquito bites can lead to serious illnesses.

Feline fine at Sea Lake

We love seeing visitors at our aged care hostels, and the recent arrival of Flossy was a hit. Our furry little friend had a lovely time, getting plenty of attention from our residents.



Pictured above: Pat gets to know Flossy, a kitten who visited our Sea Lake facility.

Fitting farewell for Sue

Staff were sad to say goodbye to Sue Willox, a member of the Hotel Services and Early Years teams for more than 20 years! Sue officially retired in November.

She was guest of honor at a lavish morning tea (with lots of food) hosted by the Hotel Services and Early Years teams, where many memories were shared of her long career at MTHCS. Sue has a few grandchildren that she will enjoy spending more time with, and she said on her departure that she won't miss the early starts! Sue has been a wonderful staff member - loyal, innovative, compassionate and a wonderful example of MTHCS organisational values at work - especially Excellence: Setting high standards and continually striving to improve them.

We wish Sue all the best in her well-earned retirement.



Pictured above: Sue Willox (centre, with bouquet) and colleagues gather for her farewell.

Heat and COVID-19 protocols

The weather has certainly heated up since the start of the new year, with several days of extreme temperatures recorded.

Please note that Heat Health Alert days will impact Social Support Groups and some of MTHCS service delivery.

Staff will notify clients of cancellations resulting from Heat Health Alerts.

Meanwhile, COVID-19 measures remain in place at our aged care hostels.

Visitors need to wear an N95 mask, provide a negative RAT result and check-in by QR code.