



WELCOME TO 2016

Apple Slinky Machine

We have purchased an apple slinky machine and we invite you to send in apples with your children. It's a healthy spin that transforms apples into edible slinkies that kids love.

Apparently apples taste better when turned into slinkies!



Please remember the HMCS website (www.hmcs.org.au) has the cleaning rosters, term timetables, enrolment forms, information booklet, and newsletter available for you to view at any time.

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Special points of interest

- Cleaning Rosters are on the website.
- Daylight Saving ends at 2am on the 3rd April.
- Tea Towels available .
- Term 1 ends - 8th April.
- Term 2 commences - Tuesday 26th April.



Committee Member Profile—

Michelle Crossley



I'm Michelle Crossley, current vice-president of the HMCS. Married to Rob and mother to Josephine (3) and John (1). We live on a property half way between Hay and Ivanhoe. We use the Booligal Venue Care and Farm Based Care services, and both children love their time with the educators. I currently use the time they are in care to help with a major renovation of the property homestead, trying to catch up on household jobs or training for my hobby; endurance running events. My next run being the Great Ocean

Road Half Marathon in May. I am enjoying being a committee member of the HMCS and this is my second year on the committee. I am finding learning about the inner workings of the service quite interesting. I encourage any interested members to consider joining the committee to gain a deeper understanding of the service and get to know some of the other members.

“A child can ask questions that a wise man cannot answer” author unknown

Seesaw app.

Include families in the learning process by inviting them to view updates to their child's Seesaw journal. Seesaw's immediate, visual updates actually get seen by parents, provide encouragement for students, and cross language barriers.

Seesaw App

HMCS is going to commence using SeeSaw to create digital portfolios of children's work. Educators can communicate with you easily and share information about your children's day.

Seesaw gives students a real audience for their work and offers parents a personalised window into their child's learning.

Parents can speak to staff if they require help with the app.

123 Magic - Managing Behaviour in Children 2—12 years

Being a parent can sometimes be very tricky! At times children act in ways that can be very frustrating.

'123 Magic and emotion coaching' is a program designed to help parents and care givers find different ways to manage their children's behavior in a positive way.

You will learn practical things that help like: using counting to manage difficult behavior, encouraging positive behavior, and helping children manage their emotions.

Cost: This is a **FREE** program

When: Tuesdays – April 19, April 26, May 3

Time: 9.30am or 7pm

Your choice of day or evening sessions

Where: The Hay Hub, 90 Lachlan St

To register contact: Beth

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ICPA—NSW

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia had its beginning in the NSW outback town of Bourke, in April 1971. Families were struggling with drought and the consequences of such an event, and most importantly, the effects of the drought on the education of their children. ICPA has achieved much for families and children who are isolated from education. ICPA will continue to strive for equity of access to an appropriate education for these children.

