

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Shout to everyone who has had their vaccination!

Huge thanks to everyone who has had their third dose (Booster) vaccination, and to parents who have taken their children to get vaccinated ready to begin the 2022 school year.

Vaccinating younger children protects them, but it also means less chance of school closures in future. It helps get our kids back to have more face-to-face learning and play time, engaging in different activities, and being with their friends.

If you haven't booked your children in yet (or your own booster shot!) please put your name down with our MTHCS Clinic. Supplies and resources are becoming available and we are ramping up our vaccination program again.

ABOVE (left): Sarah McClelland giving the thumbs up after having her first Covid vaccination.

ABOVE (right): Lacey & Ross Allan made it a Daddy & daughter date when they both came to the clinic for their COVID vaccinations.

Welcome Back to Early Years!

We are all getting into the rhythm of new routines and processes at our MTHCS Early Years sites.

They are always a hive of activity, and getting back to school and early years has been even busier than ever this year, with new systems and processes to manage COVID-19 risk.

We have a number of COVID safe measures in place for all of our sites:

- All staff are vaccinated and are required to receive their boosters in coming weeks
- Outdoor programming will be a focus where possible given our hot climate
- External pick up and drop off of children
- Rapid Antigen Testing program available for all staff
- Staff will be wearing masks indoors, although there is an exemption if they are actively teaching and clear enunciation or visibility of their mouth is essential.

An important reminder for the safety of everyone, please keep your children home if they have any symptoms at all, however mild.



Sea Lake Scholarships

Two of our wonderful Sea Lake Division 2 nurses, Tamara Allan (ABOVE left), and Shaniah Nunn (right) have each been awarded \$10,000 scholarships to support their studies for progress to Division 1 nursing. They are pictured with MTHCS CEO Lois Ocallaghan. Congratulations!

What's on our new website?

Are you living at home and need some support?
Interested in working with us?
Looking to enroll in early years programs?
Would you like to know more about the programs and services in your town?
Catch up on News and Events?

Our new website is live at www.mthcs.com.au

Consumer Representatives

MTHCS is looking for people to be involved in our Quality, Safety and Risk Committee to provide specialty consumer advice. The Committee reports to our Board of Directors.

We are looking for expressions of interest from a diverse range of people from the communities of Sea Lake, Ouyen, Underbool, Murrayville and surrounding areas.

Consumer representatives are important to us to keep our patients, carers, and families as the focus of what we do and help us to see perspectives apart from our own and help to improve the services we provide.

To register your interest, or to ask questions and discuss without commitment, contact Board EA on 5092 1111 or email Bbramwell@mthcs.vic.gov.au