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Stronger Families Alliance Newsletter July 2012



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Welcome to the Stronger Families Alliance newsletter

This newsletter keeps you up to date with how the Stronger Families Alliance's Child and Family Plan has been implemented across the Mountains in the last three months.

These articles show what's happening, how your team or organisation can get involved and new opportunities available for the children, families and communities you work with.

Neighbourhood service networks news

Neighbourhood service networks implementation group

Our vision is that every Blue Mountains family has access to a collaborative service network which supports child development and is a natural gateway into community life.

In term two we finalised initiatives we will collaboratively pursue in the next 24 months. [Read more>>](#)

News from the [School Community Hubs program](#)

Lower Mountains Hubs

This new cluster of Hubs started with a series of community breakfast and a safety day where children met bus drivers, police men and firemen. [Read more »](#)

Winmalee Hub

Storytime for pre-school children at Winmalee Public School begins fortnightly at 2.30pm. This initiative takes place just before school pick up. [Read more »](#)

Mid Mountains Hubs

Over 40 people went on our Family Bush Walkwith National Parks and Wildlife Aboriginal Discovery Rangers at Horseshoe Falls Hazelbrook on Sunday 20th May [Read more »](#)

Katoomba Hubs

The North Katoomba play group has been reinvigorated with new families joining with children aged between 0 and 3. The youngest playgroup member is just 5 months old. [Read more »](#)

Hubs at the Top - Mount Victoria and Blackheath

Key highlights for Mount Victoria School were the creation of the Tree of Life mural and the launch of Community Readers at the school. [Read more »](#)

Creating a child friendly community

Creating a child friendly community implementation group

Our implementation group has continued its work creating a child friendly community through a focus on child consultation, urban planning and outdoor play. Through our work we are helping the whole community play a role in creating a child friendly community.

Paint the Blue Read

The Paint the Blue Read Annual Reading Week celebration (June 18th - 23rd) was a great success. Eleven reading events took place across the Blue Mountains. [Read more »](#)

Child consultation: Children's use of outdoor space in the Blue Mountains

This project aims to discover what children say are their favourite Blue Mountains outdoor spaces including parks, gardens and the bush. [Read more »](#)

Bush Trackers Project

The Bush Trackers Project has secured \$20,000 from the Federal Government's Your Community Heritage Program. [Read more »](#)

Springwood Re-development Children's Consultation

This consultation took place in February and was carried out by Ric Mcconaghy in partnership with Council's City Planning Team. [Read more »](#)

Moving children beyond vulnerability news

Beyond vulnerability implementation group

Our vision is that children are nurtured within strong and resilient families and communities that are able to keep their children safe and well.

For the next 18 months the SFA main group will undertake intensive professional development in approaches that move children and their families beyond vulnerability. The Beyond Vulnerability implementation group is planning these events and scoping possible implementation initiatives for the SFA main group to consider [Read more »](#)

Growing the Stronger Families Alliance network

The Stronger Families Alliance creates positive change for children, families and communities through its collaborative network structures and relationships. In the last three months we have changed our structure to support the implementation of the SFA's Child and Family Plan. [Read more »](#)

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