

Children and JYF Newsletter

April-May 2021

From the coordinators...

Welcome to our latest newsletter!

It's a beautiful autumn day here at the Brisbane Quaker Meeting House and I'm celebrating jacket-and-Ugg boot weather in our thriving Quaker Arboretum (photos courtesy of Will).

This newsletter includes some details about recent and upcoming Children's Meetings for Worship Online as well as details for Yearly Meeting – 3-9 July, online.

Around Yearly Meeting time, we'll lay down the coordinator role – we're looking forward to announcing who'll be replacing us, so watch this space!



Wiggly Wiggly Earthworms

Wiggly wiggly earthworms
Underneath the ground
Eating all the dead stuff
They don't make a sound;

Next time you see one
You can say "g'day"
And thank the helpful earthworm
Working every day!



Children's Meeting for Worship Online

In March and April, Lisa Wriley brought her passion for earthcare and sustainability to our Fourth Sunday Children's Meeting. March's Meeting focused on seeds...the ones we plant in our gardens, and the seeds that God sows in our hearts. In April, Lisa hosted the Meeting from Kariong Eco-Garden and introduced us to some worms from one of its worm farms. We learned a song that celebrates worms (sung to the tune of "Incy Wincy Spider" – see the lyrics on the left) and a little about their quiet usefulness as composters and soil enrichers.

Upcoming Children's Meetings for Worship Online will be hosted by Tania:

Sunday 23 May and **Sunday 27 June:**

10 am in WA

11:30 am in SA and NT

12 midday in QLD, NSW, ACT, VIC and Tas

We will celebrate the testimony of community.

If you've been forwarded this newsletter, you can email us for the Zoom link and password:

cjycoordinator@quakersaustralia.info

Australia Yearly Meeting 2021

Please register for Yearly Meeting at <http://www.quakersaustralia.info/yearly-meeting-2021>.

All registered children will receive a special parcel! It will include some goodies that relate to the Yearly Meeting Children's Program. For more information about the Children's Program, contact Di Bretherton from Victoria Regional Meeting: dibretherton01@gmail.com

Yearly Meeting will include a JYF program coordinated by Gina. JYFs have the opportunity to join their own Alternatives to Violence Program (AVP) training, which will be run by a Young Friend.

Books for Children's Meeting

Have you heard of the new "Human Kindness" children's book series? These are values picture books for children, each focused on a different character quality. So far, we have *Persistence*, *Honesty*, *Courage*, *Kindness*, *Resilience* and *Imagination*. The books are Australian, and they're about right for ages 4 or 5 through to 8 or 9.



Kickstarter campaign: Earthcare game

Lisa has channelled her enthusiasm for practical earthcare into a boardgame prototype! Lisa needs to raise just under \$60 000 to make her game (which features local materials for tokens and the game itself) a reality. Children who play it will have lots of fun – and learn about the six "R's" (rethinking, refusing, reusing, repairing, reducing and recycling). To chip in, go to kickstarter.com and search for "earthcare game".

