

Children and JYF Newsletter

June-July 2021

From (all) the coordinators

Welcome, Sarah and Sofia!
Goodbye from Gina and Tania!

This newsletter from all the coordinators also comes with “all the feelings” (as some of our favourite JYFs might say). School holidays. Lockdowns. Yearly Meeting online. Return to school. More lockdowns. In the middle of this crazy time, Gina and Tania are saying farewell and handing over the coordinator role to Sarah Davies and Sofia Jones. Their enthusiasm and new ideas are like sunshine, and we know they will encourage adventurous living and keep children and JYFs in the heart of Quaker life.

Children’s meeting for worship online

In August, there will be NO Fourth Sunday Children’s Meeting for Worship Online. The recent feedback we’ve had from children suggests that they’d rather be meeting face-to-face...which, we think you’ll agree, is pretty terrific. Sarah and Sofia will be working closely with the Children and JYF Committee to find ways to support local and Regional Meetings to nurture and connect with children and young people. If you have some ideas about how to do this, please email them to cjyfcoordinator@quakersaustralia.info.

Yearly Meeting 2021 took place from 4-9 July...

The Children’s Program...

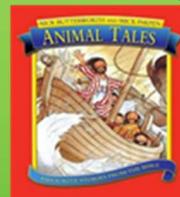
Di Bretherton and her team (including Sarah with her new coordinator hat on) ran a vibrant online program that included puppet-making, a music session and cooking! The photos below show Dana and Elyse Davies-Rapson making pasta with others from around Australia.

The JYF Program...

Gina’s JYF program began with an Alternatives to Violence workshop that was very well received. Another highlight was a panel discussion about bringing Quaker beliefs into everyday life, with Young Friend and adult participants.



Books for Children’s Meeting



Here in Queensland, we’ve been talking about the Testimony of community in our Children’s Meeting. Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen’s “Animal Tales” start out with a cat’s eye view of an early Jesus story – the wedding at Cana. A great introduction to discussion about sharing and hospitality.

