

Dear Merri families,

My name is Batya and I am the new Family Engagement Representative on the Merri Committee of Management (COM). I've got two children at Merri plus Elliot who is in Primary School.

Like many of you, I feel very lucky to be part of a community run childcare centre and am proud to be a part of the COM. Merri recently released a new strategic plan (if you'd like a copy, please email our President, Elissa on [president@merriccc.com.au](mailto:president@merriccc.com.au) and a key area of focus for us is about engaging more strongly with the Merri community.

In line with the strategy, the Family Engagement role is a new one, elected from within the COM to:

- Be an access point to families within the Committee of Management
- Promote and support the engagement and / or participation of Merri families
- Engage with new Merri families to assist them with their transition into care and education at Merri
- Develop an annual event calendar in partnership with the COM, Director and / or other relevant sub-committees
- Advertise upcoming engagement/participation events and / or opportunities via the Merri Community Board

As a first step, I am pleased to share with you a new page on our website called Our Community (you'll find it on the Merri Website <http://merriccc.com.au/ourcommunity/> in the Our Centre section). The page includes a consolidated Merri Calendar and some information about the community notice board that's in the foyer. The noticeboard is a place to share information and everyone is welcome to use it, but please take note of the guidelines. Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions or comments on the role or ideas for the webpage.

Kind Regards,

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