



BONNY BABES CHILDCARE

FEBRUARY 2019

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO FEBRUARY!

BONNIE FRASER

As I look out the window today and see the rain pouring I am so grateful as we have really needed it, but I take a moment to think about the flooding in North Queensland and surrounding areas.

This month marks the start of swimming lessons! Gullivers are now offering direct debit and weekly payments. Please remember that all payments must go through Gullivers, we have no knowledge of who has paid and who hasn't. In saying this it was so beautiful to see how excited the children were, not only at swimming but just getting on the bus. We live in an area that is surrounded by water and it is really important that all our children are water safe. We will also be having some water safe activities at the centres also provided by Gullivers.

We have started our daily programs now so hopefully you will be receiving these. The programs are set up to show significant valued learning, please be aware that we do so many things with the children throughout the day that it would be almost impossible to record all of these. Bonny Babes follows the planning cycle set out in our Early Years Learning Framework, so a lot of what you may read is within this cycle, including the children's Portfolios which are once a month and are individually written for each child. Bonny Babes has an educational leader who assists all educators with their program cycle. If you have queries in regards to your programs or your portfolio's please see your teachers or your directors. We love to have input from families as your input can lead our daily learning.

Bonnie



EASTER AT BONNY BABES

This year for Easter each centre will be holding an Easter Shared Morning tea in the dome. This will be held on Thursday the 18th of April. Bring along your picnic blanket and a snack to share with your child and enjoy fun crafts and activities together. (Please no nuts) RSVP to reception.

COOMERA	9.30am -10.30am
OXENFORD	9am -10.30am
HOPE ISLAND	Kindy & Prep 9.30am -10.30am Infants - Juniors 2.30pm-3.30pm

BONNY BABES SISTERHOOD

Thank you so much to all of you who have been donating items for our Bonny Babes Sisterhood. The items we receive are given to patients in the oncology ward at the Gold Coast University Hospital in beautiful little bags that the children have painted pictures on. These gifts really brighten up the day of the patients who are doing it tough.

Our next collection is for our Easter bags - donations of toothpaste, toothbrushes, barley sugars, packets of biscuits and Easter chocolate goodies will be gratefully accepted. All of our 3 centres have collection boxes in their reception areas. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**"I love coming
to Bonny
Babes and
doing
paintings for
my Mummy"**

**SOPHIE
AGE 4**



ADMIN TEAM

MISS ELAINE, MISS VENETIA & MISS TRACEY

Fees for 2019

Statements are emailed to parents on a Tuesday from our admin team, and payments will be debited on Wednesday morning. Please take a moment to check your statement and contact reception if you have any questions. For Oxenford enquires please contact Miss Tracey on 5519 3300 and for Hope Island & Coomera please contact Miss Venetia on 5580 5544. Miss Tracey will be on holidays for a week from Monday the 18th of February and Miss Nicolle will be looking after the accounts during this week.

Make up days

Please remember that we are only able to do make up days within the week of the absence.. If your day falls on a public holiday you have the choice to have half fees for that day or do a make up day. (make up days are charged as normal) Please call reception at your centre to ensure that you get the day you would like, as we only have a few spaces available. Our next public holidays are for Easter on Friday the 19th of April and Monday the 22nd of April. Then the Anzac day public holiday will be on Thursday the 25th of April.

BONNY BABES EDUCATIONAL LEADER

MISS INDIE

We hope you are all enjoying reading your child's daily learning! All our staff take pride in the learning they do with your child and are always striving to create a play based environment that fosters learning in children. Each month our educators complete a portfolio entry, portfolios are a celebration of your child's learning and helps our educators plan for each learning program.

This month your child's educators will be working with you to create some age appropriate goals for your child. Have a think about how we can foster development in your child? Please see your educators over the coming weeks to discuss these goals.

DIRECTORS BLOG

HOPE ISLAND

MISS BRIONEY

February is upon us and all of the children have settled well into their learning journeys for 2019. We are so excited to work alongside all of our families, to ensure that children are achieving the appropriate developmental milestones for their age. We will always make a time to discuss this with you, if there is ever any concerns throughout the year.

I have seen a lot of parents juggling school and Kindy drop-offs and pick-ups, also some families are trying this for the first time. This is never easy and traffic can be difficult to manage during the school term. If there is anything I can do to help out, please let me know. I am happy to collect your child from the car of a morning, or have them packed up in reception ready to go in the afternoon.

COOMERA

MISS ALEXA

Can you believe that February is here! Soon Easter will be upon us, the year really does fly by fast! This month we have focused on settling and developing goals for each of your children, if your child's educator has not spoken to you regarding goals for this year please see them asap.

Did you hear that we are serving toast for the children in our care from 6.30-7.30am each morning, please let the educators know if you child would like jam or vegemite.

We are so excited to announce that our Bonny Babes Pre Prep shirts have arrived! If you would like to order one, please come and see reception .The shirts are \$11 each and come in Red or Navy Blue with sizes 4,6 and 8 available.

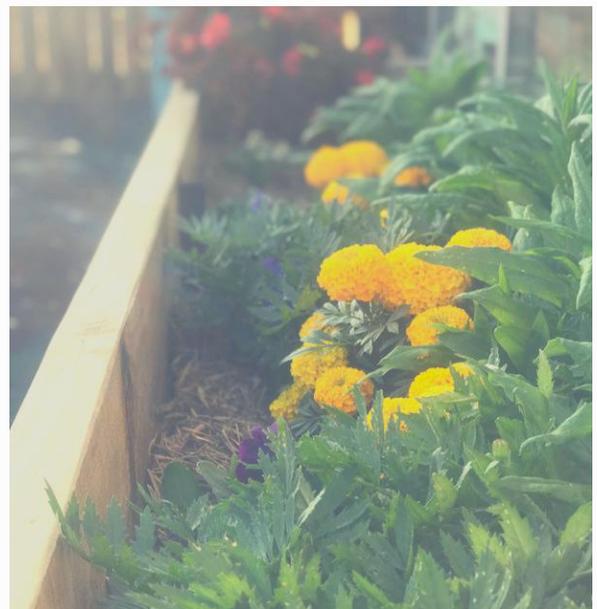
OXENFORD

MISS TAB

We will be sharing the love on Wednesday 13th February 2019 with a communal morning tea . families are welcome to stay and join in. We all gather round the tables to have our delicious morning tea which is followed by a shared story all together. We then have various activities hosted by the room, that the children can explore and construct with their siblings & friends.

We have such a huge success on our Australia day morning that we will be continuing this throughout the year.

Book club has come out for the Month -scholastic book club can be ordered & paid on line at the LOOP.





EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SWIMMING

Swimming lessons have officially started with Gullivers! The children have been enjoying their lessons so much and its lovely to see them learning such an important skill. Gullivers will also be coming into the centres to provide some water safe activities for the children.

Gullivers are now offering direct debit and weekly payments - Please contact Lara or Michelle at Gullivers on 5561 7733 if you would like to your child to attend. Enrollment forms can be found at reception. (pre prep & kindy children only)

FUNKY FEET DANCING 3-5YRS

Hope Island: Mondays & Thursdays
Coomera: Tuesdays
Oxenford: Mondays & Tuesdays

COMPUTER GYM 3-5YRS

Hope Island: Tuesdays
Coomera: Subject to interest and enrollments
Oxenford: Tuesdays

SIBA SOCCER 3-5YRS

Hope Island: Tuesdays
Coomera: Thursdays (3-5yrs)
Oxenford: Subject to interest and enrollments

OTHER

Billys Buddies (NRL - 2-5yrs) will be trialing at :
Coomera on Wednesday 20th February
Oxenford on Monday 18th February

We will be trialing a new Tennis class at Hope Island on Mondays & Thursdays.

If you would like your child to take part in any of these extra-curricular activities please fill out the forms in reception and we can ensure that your child is added.

PIZZA SCROLLS

INGREDIENTS

100gm Sliced Ham
1 Cup Plain Greek Yoghurt
1 1/2 - 2 Cups Self Raising Flour
1/2 Cup Tomato Paste or Passata
3/4 Cup Grated Cheese
Optional: Dried Italian Herbs

METHOD

1. In a large bowl mix together the greek yoghurt and 1 1/2 Cups of the flour. Mix with a butter knife to form a dough. If it seems to sticky add the remaining flour. Turn onto a well-floured bench.
2. Roll out to form a rectangle. You want it to be about 1cm thick (don't make it thin otherwise it will stick to the bench and it won't roll).
3. Spread the tomato paste over the dough, sprinkle on the dried herbs if using. Top with the ham and cheese. Ham can be laid on whole or chopped into pieces.
4. Roll from the long end until it forms a log. Cut into 2-3cm thick sections and place onto a lined baking tray.
5. Place into a preheated 180 degree Celsius oven and bake for 25-30 minutes or until golden.
6. Enjoy straight away or allow to cool completely before wrapping individually and placing in the freezer.
7. These can be frozen for 1 month and simply taken from the freezer in the morning and placed into the lunchbox. They will defrost by lunchtime.

Makes approx 12



We would love to have some recipes from our Bonny Babes families in our March newsletter! If you have a recipe to share, please email it to karenbonnybabes@outlook.com



Start the year with an empty jar and each week add a note with something good that happened.

On new years eve empty the jar and read about the amazing year you had