



BONNY BABES CHILDCARE

MARCH 2019

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



BONNIES BLOG

BONNIE FRASER

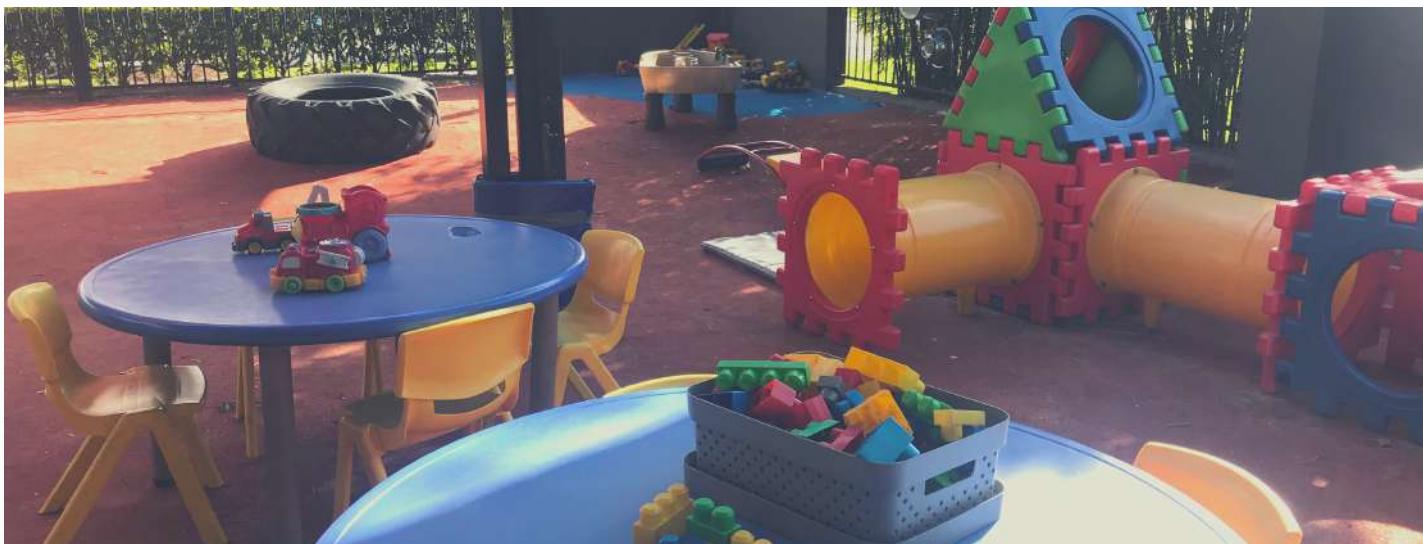
How fast does the year go by? We notice that the days are getting shorter as we head into Autumn. As the days start to get a bit cooler, we encourage you to put a jumper in your child's bag for the times that it is a bit chilly.

We are getting our oncology bags ready for our Easter drop, we are still looking for donations to fill the bags, thank you to all of you who have already donated we really appreciate your kindness.

Welcome to all our new families, we know that you and your children will make great memories while you are at Bonny Babes. Please remember that we value your input and love to have you join in with all our activities. We feel passionate about communication and know that there are times where you would be unable to take phone calls due to working commitments or due to working arrangements. In considering this please let us know how you would like to be contacted whether it is by phone or by email. Of course if there happened to be an emergency, we would phone you regardless of preference. With this in mind please ensure that your details are up to date and all your contacts are current.

We would also like to say Goodbye and thank you To Miss Alexa as she leaves Bonny Babes after 13 years. We have loved having Miss Alexa lead our Coomera centre and as she leaves she leaves a legacy of the work she has done. We wish her all the best for the future and know that she will do well where ever she goes. Miss Megan will be taking over the position of Director at Coomera and I know that she will lead the centre really well. Please feel free to pop in and meet her if you haven't already.

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 Mini Easter eggs, individually wrapped ginger or peppermint lollies, travel hand sanitisers, lip balm and packets of biscuits will be gratefully accepted.

All of our 3 centres have collection boxes in their reception areas. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**"I love
playing with
all the toys
and going to
soccer at
Bonny Babes"**

**ERIEANNA
AGE 4**

DIRECTORS BLOG

HOPE ISLAND

MISS BRIONEY

The children are nearly all settled in and our Teaching teams have loved being able to engage the children and focus on Term 1's Learning goals.

Last Monday I took the Pre-Prep Teachers from last year to visit Coombabah State School. We spent some time in the Prep classrooms with our 2018 students. It was evident at this visit that the children are thriving in their school environment and have been well-prepared, with a love for learning. This was validation for us that our Pre-Prep program is of a high standard.

Book Fair will be arriving in the centre on Monday 18th March for 2 weeks. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to purchase their favourite books and earn some free books for our centre. Reading is so important for the development of little minds!

COOMERA

MISS MEGAN

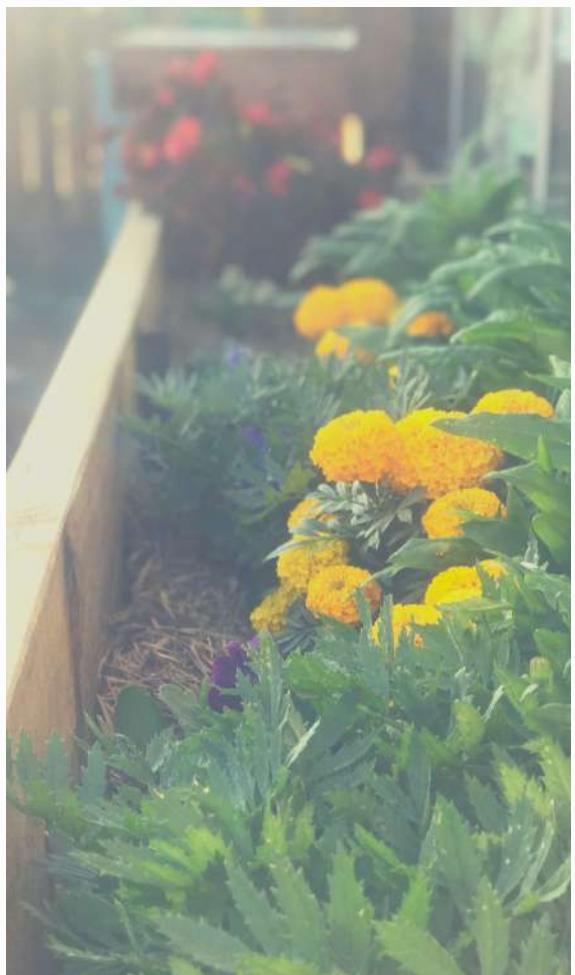
Hi everyone my name is Megan and I am stepping in as the New Director here at Coomera. Thank you so much to Miss Alexa who has been such a wonderful director and I realise I have big shoes to fill.

I have worked at Bonny babes for the past 7 years with a few little breaks in that time. I'm sure most of you have met me before, if not I am looking forward to meeting you and touching base. My door and ear is always open if you ever need to discuss anything.

I am looking forward to working with all of the wonderful Educators here at Bonny babes Coomera in partnership with our families, to create a nurturing, exciting and holistic family environment.

"Play is the brain's favorite way of learning"

- DIANE ACKERMAN





OXENFORD

MISS TAB

Hi Families!

We are now week 6 of term 1 and our wonderful pre -prep teachers have attended their first terms networking meeting. This is a great opportunity for the teachers to collaborate with other educators and teachers at school, ensuring we are working together for a successful transition to school world. This sounds like we are jumping in too early but as we all know, early intervention is the key to success for our little learners.

Our class room will start displaying signs asking “what school will you attend?”. This is a time where we can support you and the child with what the school may require, discuss how the transitions statement work and the importance of these documents.

If you are unsure of what catchment your school is please see this link to find out -
<http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap>.

BONNY BABES EDUCATIONAL LEADER

MISS INDIE

Our educators are well into their planning for your child's learning by now and we hope you have all established great connections with them last month as they collaborated with you to create some goals. This month they will be using these goals to create a work sample to showcase your child's skills and abilities. Later on in the year the educators go back and look at how far your child has come by doing this activity again, it is always so beautiful documenting how far each child has come.

This month we have also been focusing on reading with your children and incorporating this into your everyday routines at home. Did you know for 12 weeks Big W are giving away free books? Simply just ask the shop assistant at the entry for your free book.

Here are some simple cues for you to do when reading with your child. The 3S strategy is a simple way to help your child begin to learn the basic of conversations. Remembering your child does not have to speak to practice this method. Children can partake by looking and pointing.

See- “Wombat. See, here is a Wombat”
Show- “Show me the Wombat”
Say- “What's this animal called?”



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are super excited to have our extracurricular sports starting back up for the children. Children who are engaging in physical activity are increasing their skills in walking, running, balance, climbing, kicking & catching, they are also working on their social play with turn taking, listening to the coach and following simple step directions. This is all helping their development and they are having so much fun.

SWIMMING

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

Hope Island: Wednesdays

Coomera: Wednesdays

Oxenford: Thursdays

FUNKY FEET DANCING 3-5YRS

Hope Island: Thursdays

Coomera: Tuesdays

Oxenford: Mondays

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: Trial on Wednesday 24th April.

BILLIES BUDDIES 2-5YRS

Coomera: Wednesdays

Oxenford: Mondays - More enrollments needed

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.

ADMIN TEAM

MISS ELAINE, MISS VENETIA & MISS TRACEY

Fees

Bonny Babes is a centre that promotes excellence in both care and education which has been acknowledged by the Department of Education in awarding all of our three Centres with the assessment rating of "Exceeding". We are continuing to reflect and ensure that our quality remains of the highest standard.

As you know, we run our centers with a large number of extra educators to ensure continuity and a safe environment for your child. In order to do this we need to increase our daily fees, to ensure that we are able to continue to provide high quality care and education.

Early childhood educators are one of the lowest paid Professionals in the Department of Education, yet they fulfill the most important role, that of shaping the minds of our future generation. To be able to deliver the best educators, we do need to ensure that their wages are in line with current community expectations.

Bonny Babes understands the financial difficulties that an increase in fees may have on our families, so we are continuing to decrease your public holidays daily fee by 50%, unless you take a Make Up Day within that same week, then the discount above will not apply.

As of the 1st of April 2019, the new daily fee will be:

\$114 per day for Infants and Junior Toddlers classes

\$112 per day for Toddlers, juniors, Kindy and Prep classes

Children in the Pre Prep funded kindergarten program will still be able to access the Health care subsidy. Please see the reception for this criteria.

Having said that the price still includes all of the following:

Nappies (In Infants and Junior Toddlers)

Wipes

Morning Tea, lunch and Afternoon Tea.

Natural Insect Repellent

Sunscreen

Christmas Present

Graduation medals

We would like to thank all our families for your ongoing support and understanding. Please feel free to come and talk to management for any concerns you may have.

Kind Regards,

Bonny Babes Management.

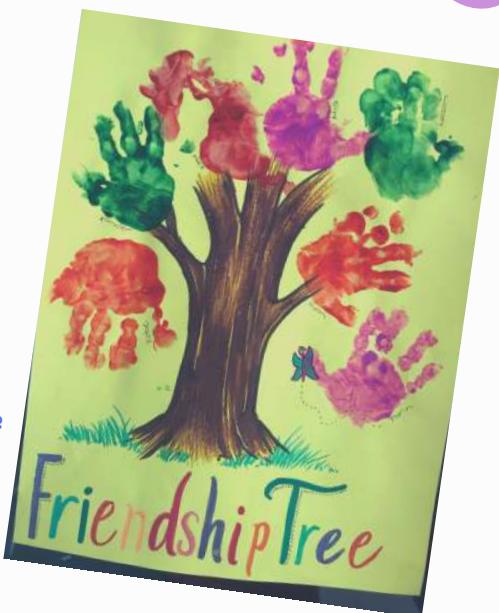


If you have any questions regarding your account please contact
Miss Venetia on 5580 5544 for Hope Island & Coomera
Miss Tracey on 5519 3300 for Oxenford.

What we have been up to at Bonny Babes...



Our infants classrooms created this friendship tree to demonstrates the friendships that have been built between the two classrooms.



Our Pre Prep One class have been trying to 'fill' their buckets by doing good deeds for their friends or by doing the rostered classroom jobs. When they fill their bucket they get a special prize and as a group get to choose what fun activities they would like to do at kindy.



Pre Prep have enjoyed learning about the letter P recently and have engaged in all areas of development from recognition of the sounds that the letter P makes and recognising the letter.



Coomera

OAT & MILO SLICE

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup (60g) plain flour
1/2 cup (65g) self raising flour
1/2 cup (65g) Milo
1 cup (85g) rolled oats
2/3 cup (150g) firmly packed brown sugar
2/3 cup (65g) desiccated coconut
1 egg
125 g melted butter



METHOD

Preheat oven to 170 degrees celsius (fan-forced). Grease and line a 20cm x 20cm cake tin with baking paper and set aside.

Place all of the ingredients into a bowl and mix together well.

Spread the mixture evenly into the prepared tin and bake for 15 minutes or until lightly golden.

Allow to cool before cutting into slices.

Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to a week (or freeze).



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



Did you know that March 3rd–8th was Hearing Awareness Week?
Sound Scouts have created a free app to test your child's hearing!
The test takes under 10 mins and can be done in any quiet place. The earlier hearing loss is diagnosed and treated, the greater a child's chance of realising their full potential in a world full of sound.