



BONNY BABES CHRISTIAN CHILDCARE CENTRES

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



BONNIES BLOG

BONNIE FRASER

Dear Families,

This is part of article by the renowned author Maggie Dent, it typifies some of the things we have been going through.

"As flattening the curve is happening across parts of the world and particularly in Australia and New Zealand, there are signs that the mandated restrictions on personal and social freedoms are gradually being lifted. Either way, it seems there really is a light at the end of this horrible tunnel. Every human manages and copes with adversity and trauma in different ways. The coronavirus and its impact socially, economically, emotionally and mentally is a traumatic event – a long, continuous traumatic event.

This pandemic has involved so much loss – not just loss of life, but of jobs, routines, security and significant experiences like weddings, funerals and graduations. It is very much like processing the loss of a significant loved one.

No wonder our amygdala, our brain's early warning system, has been working overtime because there has been a genuine threat to our survival. For parents it's been particularly challenging to stay calm and to hold the safe, big grown-up energy that our children require.



To the families who suddenly had their financial security ripped out from beneath their feet, your stress levels will be much higher than those who have not had this experience.

Given the uncertainty of when this will finish, the ability for humans to solve the problem, to find new work and to restore a sense of financial security, it will feel even worse because no one knows when things will improve. One of the reasons this is taking such a toll emotionally and mentally on so many of us, is that the restrictions put in place have stolen so many of our coping strategies for wellbeing.

Feeling on edge or restless or a little anxious are all signs that our amygdala is working well. We are not safe until we are safe, so it will keep nudging us to keep an eye out, to be cautious to do everything we can to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe. It is great when research lines up with common sense by showing that having parents who are capable of being a safe base for their children while protecting them from the endless reporting of the pandemic are creating significant protective factors for children at this time.

Our previous sense of normal may never be fully restored. However, we will find a new healthy sense of normal. Living on the hope that everything will return to the way it was before may be unhelpful in terms of your recovery and the recovery of your children.

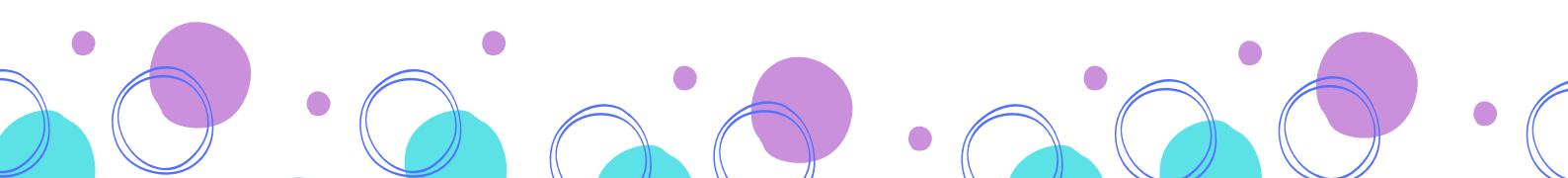
Relationships matter. One thing that has been shown to help many people in recovery is to prioritise their close relationships, their immediate family and closest friends. Exhaustion is very common following trauma as the emotional toll drains the body as well. Saving your energy for those you love most until you feel you have more energy is a sensible choice.

I would like to end this blog with the words of Brené Brown:

“Owning our story can be hard but not nearly as difficult as spending our lives running from it. Embracing our vulnerabilities is risky but not nearly as dangerous as giving up on love and belonging and joy — the experiences that make us the most vulnerable. Only when we are brave enough to explore the darkness will we discover the infinite power of our light.”

Please be gentle with yourself, your kids, your partner, your teachers and everyone in your community. This is still a bumpy, unknown ride and some days are gonna be hard.
#weareallinthistogether — we are just each doing it differently.”

Yes we are in this together, we have been so blessed to have amazing families, educators and especially children. Please remember to continually sanitise your hands on entering and exiting the centre. We are all trying to ensure that all measures are being taken. If you or your child are showing any flu like symptoms please do not come into the centre and have a covid test .



Christmas

Due to the uncertainty of this time, Bonny Babes will not be having our annual Christmas concerts, this is a real disappointment, but we must be wise in the decisions we make at this time. Really this year has been one that all of us will remember.

In saying this we will still be having our Pre prep graduation; this will be limited to two family members attending the event. We will be holding the graduation on a Saturday.

DATE: TO BE ADVISED.

Pre prep will also be having a disco/party which will be children only.

We will organise each class to have a class party, but this will be children only and Santa will deliver gifts to the children at this time. Please keep an eye out for information about this.

Hopefully we will have a normal year in 2021.

Bonnie

OXENFORD

MISS TRACEY & MISS NICOLLE

Well can you believe how fast this year is going and what a challenging one this year has been so far. We must recognise how blessed we are still operating and keeping our families to a normal routine as much as we can in this time. We would like to thank all our families at Oxenford for your continued support in these uncertain times.



We are heading into spring which means warmer weather, please make sure you are applying sunscreen before attending every day.

This year as we know due to Covid-19 we will be unfortunately not be able to produce our awesome Christmas concerts at the end of the year, but we are still doing the Pre Prep One Graduation. Covid-19 restrictions and health and safety will be applied for this special occasion, more information for our families will be sent out shortly.

Our children are loving the extra curricular activities - swimming this term has been popular. All sports programs are running smoothly and we are loving our new climbing frame and slide.

We were very busy creating our Father's Day presents and we hope all of our Father's had a Happy Father's Day. We were so disappointed that we couldn't do our Hot Dog night, let's hope we can have a comeback special next year with all our annual celebration's.

We are very proud of our childhood travelling pants which was created throughout all classrooms for the children to create a pair of decorated jeans for jeans for genes day which is displayed in the reception area. It was so much fun for the children to see the end product and enjoy the process.

We hope you all stay safe and are continuing to sanitize your hands entering and leaving the centre.

Regards Tracey & Nicolle.

DIRECTORS BLOG

HOPE ISLAND

MISS BRIONEY

Happy Father's Day to all Bonny Babes Hope Island Fathers, Grandfathers and special Friends! The children were very busy last week hand-making their gifts to send home and celebrate with you. It was very different this year without our annual "Hot Dog Night" celebration, but this was not possible due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Our Teaching teams are finalising this Term's daily learning goals with the children and our weekly Holiday Program will run for 2 weeks from 20th September. This is a great time for our Educators to critically reflect and evaluate the Learning of Term 3 and each child's progress.

Class Photos will be taken soon from Monday 14th September. Please collect an envelope from your child's classroom or the reception to make an order. Just a reminder that photos do need to be paid prior to the day.

Brioney ☺
Nominated Supervisor - Hope Island

COOMERA

MISS MEGAN

Hi everyone

We have had a few busy months at Bonny Babes Coomera, it has been so nice to have our extracurricular activities back in the center, our children are loving soccer, tennis, and are especially loving being back at swimming.

We were very grateful to all of our families who bought a book or books in our book fair, thank you to you all we were lucky enough to receive from our profits from the book fair around 10 books to have in our rooms.

Bonny Babes Coomera are lucky enough to have a variety of students in our center who are learning and being mentored from our fantastic educators. We are starting to get busy in our rooms, if you require an extra day please see Megan or Rochelle at the front to see when we can fit you in. We have two lovely educators that have started with us at Bonny Babes Coomera Miss Cass from Hope Island and Miss Cassie, we welcome them both.

Our Centre celebrated Science week, where we all enjoyed being little scientists and watching various experiments unfold. Early September we celebrated Educators Day; we are truly lucky to have such passionate, caring educators at our center. Our Educators have been creatively making our center look fabulous, everyone has started focusing on their doors, they all look amazing!

We hope all of our fathers and special friends had a happy father's day, it's a bit different this year as we were not able to have Father's Hotdog Night, but we hope you all had a lovely day.

Megan & Rochelle



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are so excited to have our extra curricular sports at Bonny Babes. 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) Also as the weather is cooler, please don't forget to pack a jacket for your child to wear after swimming.
Hope Island: Wednesdays
Coomera: Wednesdays
Oxenford: Monday

SIBA SOCCER 3–5YRS

Hope Island: Tuesdays
Coomera: Thursdays
Oxenford: Wednesdays

FUNKY FEET DANCING 3–5YRS

Hope Island: Mondays & Thursdays
Coomera: Subject to interest and enrolments
Oxenford: Tuesdays

TENNIS

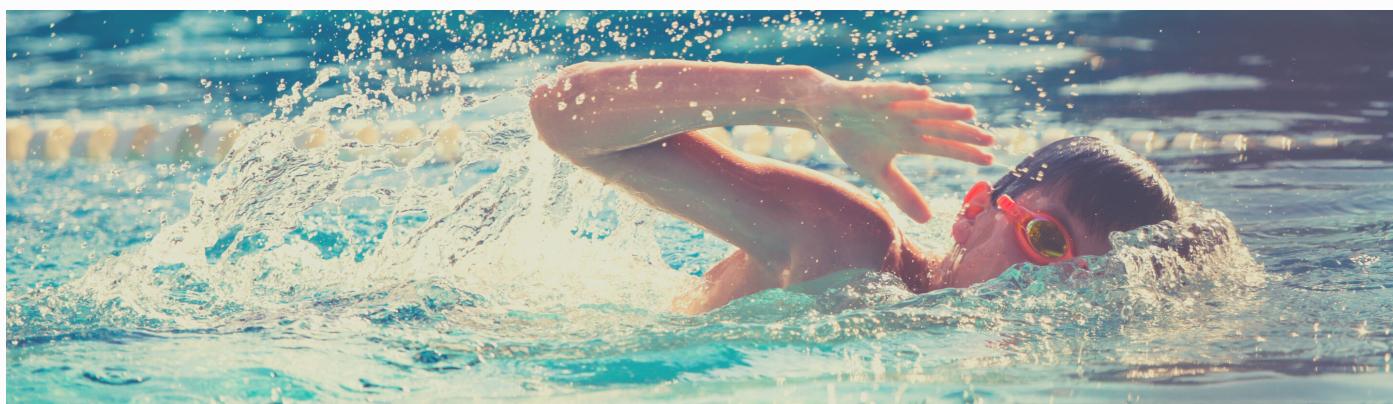
Hope Island: Thursdays
Coomera: Mondays
Oxenford: Wednesdays

COMPUTER GYM 3–5YRS

Hope Island: Tuesdays
Coomera: Wednesdays
Oxenford: Wednesdays

BILLIES BUDDIES 2–5YRS

Oxenford: Mondays



ADMIN TEAM

MISS ELAINE, MISS VENETIA AND MISS TRACEY

To all of our families,

We want to thank you all for your continued support over these past few months with all that we have had to endure. It has been a very challenging time for us all individually and as a business. We have been so blessed to have such amazing families, educators and all your beautiful little children who have helped us through these turbulent months. Seeing all their happy faces everyday has been our saving grace.

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

As you know, we run our centres with many extra educators to ensure continuity, so this means every year we need to increase our daily fees. Due to COVID-19 this has been delayed several months and within this time we have also had to incur a wage rise for our educators. To ensure that we are able to continue to provide high quality Education and Care, our fees unfortunately need to rise.

Early Childhood Educators are one of the lowest paid educators within 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 need to ensure that their wages are in line with current community expectations.

Bonny Babes understands the financial difficulties that the increase in fees may have on families, to this effect, we will still be offering reduced public holiday fees by 50% and also providing Make-Up days where possible. If a make-up day is booked to replace a Public Holiday, then the above discount will not apply. All make-up days must be taken in the week of the Public Holiday. This is a Government Policy that we must adhere to.

As of the 28th September 2020, the new daily fee will be:

\$119.00 Infants and Junior Toddlers

\$117.00 for Toddlers through to Pre-Prep

Children in the Pre-Prep funded kindergarten program will still be able to access the Health Care Card Subsidy. Please see reception for further details on the required criteria.

We are still able to provide the following, to all Families, included in your fees:

- Nappies (in Infants and Junior Toddler's)
- Wipes
- Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea.
- Christmas presents
- Natural insect repellent
- Sunscreen

We would like to thank all our families for your ongoing support and your understanding during this time.

Regards,

Bonny Babes Management.

FUN THINGS FOR TODDLERS



Are you looking for activities, outings, ideas & more to entertain your toddler?

Samantha Heyden is a local mum from Ormeau who has created a website dedicated to reviewing places and things to do on the Gold Coast with toddlers!

Check it out here - <https://www.funthingsfortoddlers.com>
Or see

PRE PREP SHIRTS

Our Prep shirts are available in Red or Navy and come in sizes 2, 4, 6 & 8.

Only \$12.50 each. Limited stock available now, or you can order one with the form at reception



Bonny Babes Coomera

VACATION CARE

\$60 Per Day
CCS Rebates Available
Children Aged 4 – 12yrs Old
6.30am – 6.30pm
Contact us on 5519 9722 to enrol.

BONNYBABES
WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Located at 16 Yaun Street, Coomera

VACATION CARE

Did you know Bonny Babes Coomera now provide Vacation care on the school holidays?

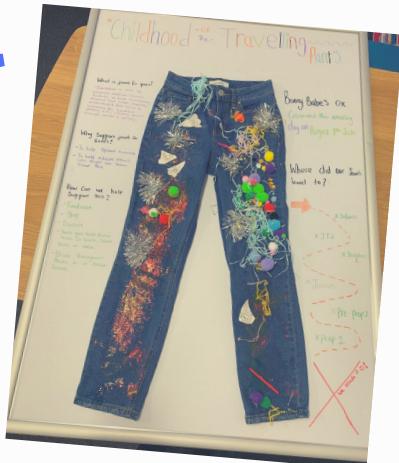
Our school holiday program has lots of fun activities for kids to keep them busy over the holidays! Slime making, gardening, science days, cooking, dress up days etc.

Bonny Babes Coomera is located at 16 Yaun Street, Coomera - 200m from the Coomera Soccer Fields (Viney Park)

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



We celebrated our amazing educators on Educators Day



We decorated some travelling pants that came from room to room for jeans for genes day.

We had a visit from a feathered friend!



Oxenford

Coomera



Our Infants room enjoyed their new activity centre

Pre Prep One learnt about indigenous weaving and culture



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Our Junior Toddlers learnt about colours

We celebrated our amazing educators on Educators Day!



Hope Island



Our Infants class have been practicing in their new emergency evacuation cot and taking trips out to play in the dome. The wheels on the cot go round and round!