



BONNY BABES CHILDCARE

# MAY – JUNE 2019

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## BONNIES BLOG

### BONNIE FRASER

Hello everyone and welcome to our May/June newsletter! In this issue, we will be providing a preview of what is happening in our little community here at Bonny Babes.

We are now just about in the middle of the year!! How quickly do the weeks fly by? Thank you to all the mums and special friends that came to our special morning tea, we love to celebrate the mothers in our community, you really are the glue that holds families together.

This month we celebrated under eights week, this year it is all about culture. We are so fortunate to have many cultures within Bonny Babes and we love that you as families are sharing your culture with us. Most of you will have seen the wonderful display and learning that occurred with Miss Pia at our Hope Island centre, Miss Pia shares her culture with us each and every day. Miss Pia has been with Bonny Babes over 10 years. There are a variety of activities that will be happening throughout this week, we would love you to be involved, please feel free to pop in at any time.

This week I have put a slide in our daily emails that talks about the dangers of sending children to school too early. Please have a read of it and if you have any questions feel free to see us.

Our little swimmers are doing so well most of them have now 'rung the Bell' and moved to a higher group. We would love more children to access this activity. Please see your director if you would like your child to be part of this.

We also would like to congratulate Miss Olivia on the birth of her twin Boys. Miss Carly will be having her baby soon and we look forward to meeting her bundle of joy.

"Don't just teach your children to read, teach them to question what they read. Teach them to question everything!"

Bonnie



## BONNY BABES KINDY PHOTOS

We have our annual kindy photos coming up over the next few weeks - this is such a lovely memory to have of your child and their classmates, that will be treasured once they are all grown up. Please see your classroom educators for photo days and times.

Centre photo weeks are as follows -

**Hope Island** - 27th - 30th May

**Coomera** - 3rd June - 7th June

**Oxenford** - 15th - 19th July

"I love  
going to  
my class"

- AUBREY  
AGE 2

## BONNY BABES SISTERHOOD

We have started collecting for our Fathers Day donation to the Gold Coast Hospital Day Oncology unit. We are so appreciative of all donations we receive and the patients always enjoy receiving our beautiful little bags that are painted by the children and filled with goodies for them.

Some of the items we are collecting for this donation are - Men's Beanies, Lollies, Men's Socks, Hand Sanitiser, Bottles of Water, Small Magazines or Books, Crossword Books and playing cards.

## PANADOL AND NUROFEN

Bonny Babes Policy requires that if your child is going to need Pandol or Nurofen during the day, parents are to bring it in a labelled bottle with their child's details on it (ask your chemist to supply this label) Parents also need to fill out a medication form upon arrival so that we can administer this medication to your child.

Please remember that the Panadol and Nurofen we have here at Bonny Babes is for emergencies only - for example when a child falls sick during the day and parents cannot arrive to pick them up straight away.

# DIRECTORS BLOG

## HOPE ISLAND

### MISS BRIONEY

Happy Mother's Day..... We had a fantastic turn out this year for our annual pamper afternoon. A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend. It is difficult to find a time-slot to accommodate everyone, but the afternoon seems to suit most people. There is a survey in reception for families to let us know the best time for you to attend centre events. We do our best to cater for everyone's needs as best we can and we would love your feedback.

Earn and Learn has started and we are collecting! Woolworths are providing stickers for spending money on groceries and these stickers give our centre money to spend on new resources. There is a collection box in the centre and we have spare sticker sheets on the front counter. Thank you for your support.

Under 8's week was a bit hit with the children and they loved celebrating and learning about other cultures. We were lucky enough to have Miss Pia share some of her culture with us. Miss Pia originates from Papa New Guinea and was able to bring in various cultural pieces to share. The theme for 2019 was "Celebrating the diversity of languages within the home, culture and community".

Brioney ☺

## COOMERA

### MISS MEGAN

What a fantastic start to the first half of the year we have had at Bonny Babes Coomera. In the Foyer we have we have put up our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP), every month we will focus on one area of our QIP, please feel free to read the information, and answer the question that is up. The QIP is up where the sign in iPads are. Doing this helps us gain input from our families, to help us improve our service.

Staffing news, Miss Nicky has returned! She is back on the mend, and is working at Coomera for a few hours each week, We are so excited that she is back. Miss Fiona has also started with us in our Infant room, Miss Fiona is a returning Bonny Babes Staff member, and we are looking forward to her return.

Little Free Pantry - At our Coomera Centre every day we put out our Little Free Pantry , which is filled with Non Perishable items/food. Thank you to everyone who adds to our Little Free Pantry, if you would like to bring in anything for our pantry it would be appreciated by us and our community.

Class Photos are coming to our Coomera Centre from Tuesday the 4th June- Friday 7th June. Please see the posters around the centre regarding your child's day and times of class photos.





## OXENFORD

### MISS TRACEY

Can you believe it is June already.? We have had such a busy month of wonderful celebrations throughout the month of May. Our centre was full of wonderful moments such as Mother's Day honouring our special women in the children's lives and recognising the greatest qualities about each individual parent. It was so lovely to see each child pampering their mum's and grandmothers. We love the experiences that each room prepared and the enjoyment was captured by our Educator's.

We were busy celebrating Under Eights Week which celebrates the diversity of languages within the home, culture and community. We have had our talented staff bringing their own languages through their own culture. We have prepared fun days such as pyjama day, and reading stories from different countries. Our people in the community were invited into the centre for learning experiences such as cooking, reading stories and sharing languages from around the world. We look forward to more enriched learning throughout the year ahead.

### **MAKE-BELIEVE PLAY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

Make-believe play is a big part of anyone's childhood and many experts stress its value on early development. Research has found several evidences on how make-believe influenced child creativity, understanding and social competence. But, there are also experts who state that make-believe play does not have a positive developmental impact. They stress that other factors add to the perceived benefits of make-believe play. So, what's the lowdown about make-believe play? Is it really capable of helping children grow in some way?

Imaginary play could encourage social development because children are simultaneously behaving as themselves and as someone else. This gives them a change to explore the world from different perspectives, and is a feat that requires thinking about two ways of being at once, something that children may have difficulty doing in other circumstances.

You can imagine how this could be a part of a child's developing social abilities.

For instance, if a child is pretending to be a mother, he or she must imagine what it would feel like if the baby cries or doesn't behave. If a child is pretending to be the family dog, he or she needs to figure out how to communicate with the "owner" without speaking.

The child who creates an imaginary friend has the opportunity to explore all the nuances of friendship – without having to manage the unpredictability of another person's behaviour or risking the friendship ending.

The child who impersonates a superhero can play out and achieve goals such as helping others and performing daring rescues. This kind of power is not easily found in early childhood. Getting to be the hero and taking care of others must be a nice change from being taken care of and ordered around.



## 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 dont forget to pack a jacket for your child to wear after swimming.

Hope Island: Wednesdays

Coomera: Wednesdays

Oxenford: Fridays

### FUNKY FEET DANCING 3-5YRS

Hope Island: Thursdays

Coomera: Subject to interest and enrolments

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: Wednesdays

### 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.

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

Mothers day was so much fun and the children all loved pampering their mums



We read stories and coloured in with our mums and special visitors.

## Oxenford



During under 8's week we were lucky enough to have Miss Najmeh visit Juniors from the Kindy room, where they made carrot jam – a Persian delicacy. Using carrots, rose water, spices and sugar, she demonstrated how to make this delicious treat.

Miss Najmeh gave each of our juniors the chance to smell each ingredient. They loved the smell of the rosewater.

Everyone loved having Miss Najmeh here telling us about her culture.



We took part in celebrating "National Simultaneous Storytelling 2019"

We all enjoyed listening to the story "Alpacas with MARACAS" on the smart board.

Some rooms even created their very own MARACAS and Alpaca face masks.

We painted our mums nails and even gave massages with hand cream.



We had a lovely time on Mothers Day pampering our Mums, Grandmothers and special friends.

## Coomera

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

## Hope Island

**Miss Paula enjoying her Mothers Day pampering morning with her son Johnny**



**We loved celebrating our Bonny Babes Mums and Grandmothers. Thank you all for joining us for an afternoon of pikelets and pampering!**



**During under 8's week Miss Pia shared some of her Papau New Guinea culture with the children.**

## ADMIN TEAM

**MISS ELAINE, MISS VENETIA & MISS TRACEY**

### Fees

Statements are emailed to parents on a Tuesday from our admin team, Please take a moment to check your statement and contact reception if you have any questions.

Your weekly fees are processed on Wednesday morning. Please contact Admin BEFORE 10am Wednesday if you have any questions in regards to your account prior to the payments being uploaded.

### 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.



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.

# FROZEN FRUITY YOGHURT BITES

## INGREDIENTS

200g Yoghurt of your choice (we used natural yoghurt)  
Handful of fresh raspberries  
Handful of fresh blueberries

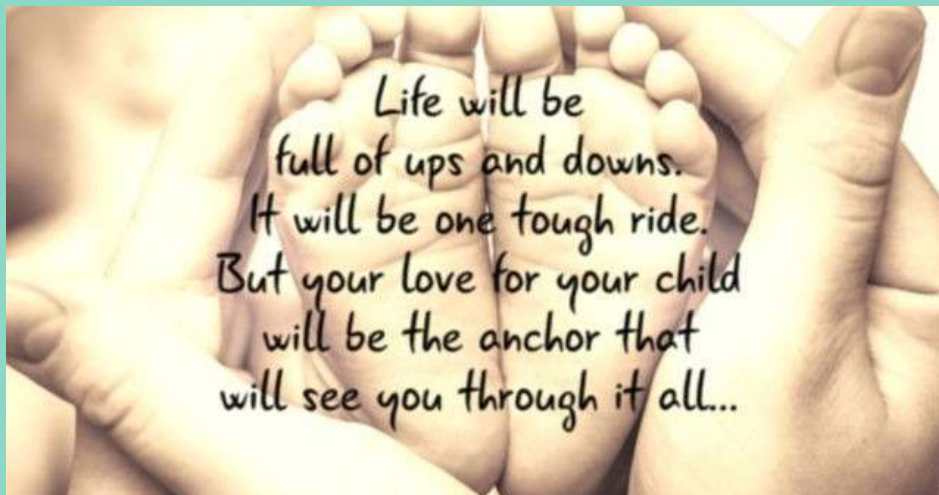
## METHOD

- Gather together your ingredients. Lay out approximately 12 cupcake cases or silicone muffin cups on a small baking sheet or tray (this will need to fit in your freezer, so it may be worth checking it for size before you start).
- Using a spoon, dollop some yoghurt into the bottom of each cake case until all the yoghurt has gone.
- Pop a few pieces of fruit into each cup, pressing them down into the yoghurt with the tip of your finger. You could even make funny faces with the fruit!
- Place the cups (still on the baking tray) into the freezer and leave to freeze for a couple of hours until set solid.
- Once frozen through, remove from the cases and serve (or bag up and pop straight back in the freezer to eat later).

These are great to munch on straight out of the freezer as a healthy snack or dessert, or for a fresh idea for breakfast you could throw a few into a bowl of granola or cereal, yum!



We would love to have some recipes from our Bonny Babes families in our next newsletter! If you have a recipe to share, please email it to [karenbonnybabes@outlook.com](mailto:karenbonnybabes@outlook.com)



Life will be  
full of ups and downs.  
It will be one tough ride.  
But your love for your child  
will be the anchor that  
will see you through it all...