



BONNY BABES CHRISTIAN CHILDCARE CENTRES

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



BONNIES BLOG

BONNIE FRASER

Dear families,

To say this month has been a whirlwind is an understatement! I hope that you are all keeping well and are doing what you can to stop the spread of this Covid-19 virus. We understand that it can be difficult to be in isolation especially with young children. We have started doing some zoom sessions with families who have not yet resumed kindy. Hopefully, this will keep you and your little one in contact with their class.

Bonny Babes encourages all families to continue to practising hand sanitising on entering and exiting the centre. We are continuing to ensure that all areas are kept sanitised and clean. We have not opened our sandpits yet and will wait on clarification from the health department on when to reopen these areas.

We are thrilled that the government has chosen to ensure that early childhood services are free. this makes such a difference to families and I hope that this is assisting you at this time. The government will be reviewing this at the end of June, and we will keep you updated on any new information.

Thank you to all families for working with us in providing your child's own lunch box and drink bottle. Please read our announcement below for more information. We also want to thank café 7 for providing some extra treats each day for all our little ones, these are so appreciated so thank you to Nat and family.

During this time, you may see our educators doing a variety of hours and it may not be in the same classes as usual, this is due to the job keepers package and so we can ensure that our educators all have hours. We have the most amazing educators at Bonny Babes, and I am so grateful for their love and support for the children, families and for all their teams. This really shows what a great family of educators we all are. I would like to give them all a shout out as they have continued throughout this time with a smile on their face and with only positive words. Thank you all so much. This time will end and we will come through this together and stronger.

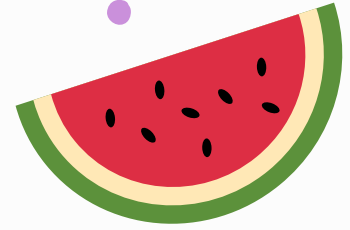
I would also like to thank all our wonderful families for supporting Bonny Babes and our Educators. You have all been supporting us with your lovely words and messages through email and in person on a daily basis. I can't tell you how much this has meant to all of us.

Please let us know if there is anything we can assist you with during this time.

Bonnie



KINDY FOOD & NAPPIES



First off, I just want to thank you all for your continued support of Bonny Babes and our educators. It has meant so much to us to have so many amazing families stand with us throughout this time.

Thank you all for continuing to pack amazing healthy lunches. As of Monday May 11th Bonny Babes will be bringing back our kindy lunches! This means that as of Monday the 11th of May the menu will include Fruit, morning tea and afternoon tea each day, Bonny Babes will provide a variety of sandwiches on a Monday and a Thursday, we will then have hot meals on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. These will be provided for all children.

Please advise your centre if any children have any additional requirements in regard to meals. We will put out a weekly menu shortly.

Nappies Will also again be provided for our under two age groups. This will start on Tuesday 5 May. Again, thank you to our families for providing nappies over the past few weeks. All other inclusions will continue to be provided as normal, these include wet wipes, sanitizer, sun screen, insect repellent and all art supplies.

Thank you again for your support in this difficult time.

Bonnie and Elaine.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Unfortunatley all of our extra curricular activites have been put on hold for now. We hope that soon we will be able to have our wonderful extra curricular activites back into our centres.



DIRECTORS BLOG

HOPE ISLAND

MISS BRIONEY

Autumn is here, but we are still having beautiful weather. I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter Break and although it was very different this year, it was a nice chance to enjoy some sunshine at home.

I would like to thank all of our amazing Hope Island families for their support, especially over the last few weeks. Childcare has never been impacted in the way it has with the recent global pandemic and it has been a challenge to navigate through the government changes. I am sure you are all aware that childcare is now free for all families for up to the next 6 months. This was amazing news for our wonderful families and helps to ease the financial burden of Covid-19. At the moment, Child Care is the only space that children are allowed to play outside of the home and it has been our goal to ensure that the lives of these little people, remain as normal as possible.

Lunchboxes have been a big success this week. I would like to thank everyone for their co-operation with this and a big THANK YOU to the Perry family from “Café 7” at Paradise Point, who have been bringing in some yummy morning tea to offer the children as an extra. We appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

We are about to start our Term 2 Learning goals and daily programs for all classrooms. Our Educators are preparing for some online learning sessions for our Pre-Prep children who are staying at home, so that they can interact and engage in some curriculum experiences. This is a new concept for us, but we are confident that it will be successful. We are all missing these beautiful children in our classrooms and can't wait to have them back, when everything settles down again.

We have started a little pantry in the reception area for families who may be struggling at this time. “Take what you need and Leave what you can”. Hopefully this helps someone who really needs it, as I know some are doing it tougher than others.

If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Brioney

COOMERA

MISS MEGAN

We have had a wonderful start to the year at Bonny Babes Coomera, thank you so much to all of our parents who attended our Parent Information Sessions, it was lovely to see our parents able to catch up with the educators from the classroom so they could find out information about their child's room, and also ask any questions they needed to.

We were lucky enough to have Harry the Helper summer safety program come in and do an inclusion with our Pre-Prep children, the children loved learning about the safety around the beach and the sun.

The children in our centre had a wonderful time creating Easter Gifts for their families, we had a lovely time hunting for Easter eggs that the Easter bunny left us as a surprise, we also made some very special tributes to Anzac day.



This term Fun Friends has begun in our Pre-Prep room this program is developmentally tailored to assist children in building resilience, confidence, and self-esteem and to learn important skills and techniques to cope with feelings of fear and stress.

We would love to Congratulate Miss Abby who got married and Miss Andrea and her partner who welcomed their little girl Olive into the world.

We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support at Bonny Babes Childcare Centre, please remember if you ever need anything I am always here.

Thanks

Megan

OXENFORD

MISS TRACEY & MISS NICOLLE



Wow! look how fast this year is moving into the month of April already. We have been very busy so far with all the special occasions and establishing our partnerships with all our families. We had our parent night in February which was a wealth of information about the centre and we also had a guest speaker on nutrition for children. We had Ellen from EQ real feels which had lots on information to help equip our families and our Educators on how to build emotional resilience in our children. We have a Real Feels resource set at reception that can be purchased to help children who are needing extra support with expressing themselves in a positive way.

We were very busy for the month of March as well as celebrated St Patrick's day by organising all children and staff to be wearing green and planting seeds. On Harmony Day we celebrated by wearing orange and having special activities planned for in the dome e.g. parachute games etc. Unfortunately, we had to cancel Henny Penny until later in the year when spring arrives, and we can see new life blooming all around us.

We welcome back Miss Carly who has been on maternity leave. Miss Carly will be a part of Junior Toddler's room, helping the educators in there to program and engage with all the children.

We appreciate all your support over the past few months and know that we can work together to remember our heritage by celebrating ANZAC day at home with our families. We will also be remembering our ANZAC's by having a minute's silence on the 24th of April.

Regards

Tracey & Nicolle. God Bless

ADMIN TEAM

MISS ELAINE, MISS VENETIA AND MISS TRACEY

We would like to assure all Families that we are open for business and operating responsibly.

We at Bonny Babes understand this is a very hard time for everyone and we want to assure you that we care and support all our families and taking all the right steps as a company to alleviate concerns regarding this current situation.

As a family-owned business, we hold your well-being and safety, as well as the health of our employees, in highest priority. With that in mind, we wanted to take a moment to notify you of the steps we are taking as a company to alleviate concerns regarding the current COVID-19 situation.

At all three Bonny Babes Centres we have implemented an action Plan to complement our already high standards of safety and cleanliness. This action plan includes:

- Extra cleaning times - this will be an added barrier to the standards we already have at the centres, ensuring that all surfaces are always kept at maximum hygiene. This will include the rotation of toys, giving all toys plenty of time to be disinfected.
- Reduction of activities that include sharing of materials including playdough. This will mean that the children will be given other options for developmental play.
- Instructing children on safe hand washing techniques. Which we will send home for parents to help with continued instruction.
- Continued high maintenance cleaning of air conditioner units.
- Reduction of people entering the centres with the cancellation of some extracurricular activities such as swimming, SIBA soccer and Computer Gym for the meantime. Those that remain will always following our strict hygiene guidelines.
- Cancellation of all students from TAFE and other institutions.
- Additional Hand sanitiser pumps in the foyer.

To help with this implementation, we ask that all families:

- Use Hand sanitiser when arriving and leaving the centres.
- Report any absent days for their child and alert staff to their child's reason for being absent.
- Obtain a doctor's clearance at the end of any illnesses.
- Assist children in hygiene practises.
- Check our Bonny Babes Facebook page daily to get any updated information.

As always, we will be following the advice of The Health Department and will keep families up to date via Facebook and email.



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

BABYSITTING

Are you looking for a babysitter, or someone to come and help school aged children with their online learning?

Miss Mayra from our Hope Island/Oxenford centres is offering babysitting and online school work help and can travel anywhere on the Northern Gold Coast.

Miss Mayra has her Diploma in Early Childhood Education, Blue card, CPR & First Aid certificates and is a much loved member of our team here at Bonny Babes.



Bonny Babes Childcare Coomera
VACATION CARE
\$60 per day *CCS Rebates Available
Children aged 4 - 8 Years Old
6.30am - 6.30pm
Contact us on 5519 9722 to enrol

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, discos 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...



Our Pre Prep 2 children made pancakes for shrove Tuesday.



The children in Pre Prep 1 have started "Signing In" each day.

Our Pre Prep 1 class learnt Spanish with Miss Sonya



Oxenford

Coomera



We held a bridal shower for Miss Abby

Our Toddlers and Juniors rooms went on a bush walk around the centre and looked at all of the trees and plants



Our dome area had lots of use with all the rainy days we had! The children have been enjoying the new imaginative play area and all of the dinosaurs too.



We had the book fair arrive and raised over \$170 to buy books for our centre

The children have been learning about how important hand washing is. We have sanitiser on the wall in reception.



Hope Island



The children started bringing their own lunchboxes to kindy and we learnt about healthy food choices. Here is one of the healthy lunchboxes we saw come to kindy.