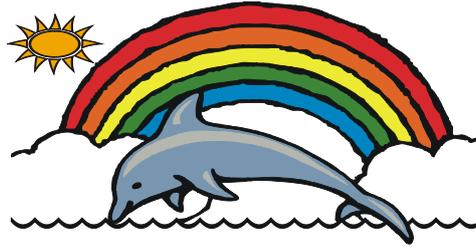


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August 2015 Newsletter

Dear Parents and families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter which sees us half way through Term 3 already. How the time is flying by and I won't mention how many weeks it is until Christmas!!!

We have recently issued your child's portfolios for you and your child to share. We trust that you have all enjoyed seeing how your child is progressing and learning whilst at pre-school. We appreciate all the parental input you have provided on the Parent Input page and value the suggestions for future goals and development. If you have not yet returned your child's portfolio, please ensure this comes back to pre-school immediately, as educators need these to continue their work.

## ENROLLING TO BIG SCHOOL

If you are sending your child to school in 2016 you **must** enrol them to school immediately. Many local schools will be commencing their transition to school programs very soon and I have had reports from Berkeley Vale Public School that their Kindergarten enrolments are down. Please make this a matter of priority if this relates to you.

## STAFF NEWS

Lisa Ogilvie, Thursday / Friday educator, within the Dolphin room, commenced her Maternity Leave sooner than she had intended on recommendations from her medical professionals. Lisa was presented with a Westfield Voucher on behalf of the Management Committee, families and children of pre-school. Lisa intends to put this to good use at Target and Cotton On Kids

## What's Coming Up?

- **Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015 starting at 7pm.**
- **Father's Day Afternoon tea – Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – 3:15 to 4pm**
- **Last day of term, Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September**

when the baby arrives. We wish Lisa, Chris and their daughter Mia, all the very best for the pending arrival of their new baby. We will let our families know as soon as we hear too.

Bec Knebel will step into Lisa's Thursday / Friday role for the remainder of the year and we will advertise this temporary position during Term 4, ready for the commencement of 2016.

Over the coming weeks we have a number of staff members taking Long Service Leave.

Cathy Mace will be absent from Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> August returning Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September. Cathy will be replaced by Kristy Moore, Karen Grant, Sonja Denniss and I over the 3 week period.

Lea Johnson will be absent from Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August returning Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. Lea will be replaced by Kristy Moore during this 2 week period.

Kathy Torley will be absent from Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> August returning Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. I will be handling all fee processing and office related matters in Kathy's absence.

We wish all these team members a well-earned rest as they all venture to warmer climates. Lucky girls!!!

### **PARENT HELPERS**

Please remember that we love having parent or family helpers. A roster is sent home at the beginning of each term and we understand that often the dates allocated to you may not suit. Feel free to come along one morning that suits you, from 9am to 10:30am. We will welcome you with open arms.

### **SURVEY FORMS**

As you are aware, we recently surveyed families who may be interested in accessing Speech Therapy at pre-school. We will have Elyse England, Speech Pathologist from REACH Speech Pathology working at our pre-school. We had 22 families that indicated they would be interested in speech therapy. If you are one of these families, please see Kathy or Colleen in the office to register your child's name, as we are hoping to begin these therapy sessions during Term 4.

### **WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

Don't forget we are collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. Thanks for those children and families who have already brought them in.

### **NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Management Committee is in the process of choosing a Pre-school Photographer to run our pre-school photos for 2015. We will keep you posted of dates as soon as possible.

### **Christmas Toy Catalogues**

The Management Committee have selected three toy catalogues for families to purchase items through. These catalogues can be collected from the office with all orders due back by Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October. Any questions, please see a member of the team.

### **GETTING TO KNOW US**

This month we are getting to know Karen Grant, Thursday / Friday educator in the Dolphin Room

#### [Tell us a little about yourself ...](#)

I have lived on the Central Coast all my life and have 20 year old twins (a boy and girl). My son has an apprenticeship as a mechanic and my daughter is at university studying to be a Speech Pathologist. My husband is a computer engineer and works from home.

#### [What do you do when you're not a pre-school?](#)

I enjoy bush walking, camping and going out for dinner with my family.

#### [What's your favourite meal?](#)

I love Thai and Italian food. It tastes so much better when I don't cook it.

#### [What is your favourite pre-school moment?](#)

I love to cook with the children and we have lots of fun discussing the foods and processes we are going through when cooking together. I have put together a pre-school recipe book which families are always welcome to have a look at and take copies.

