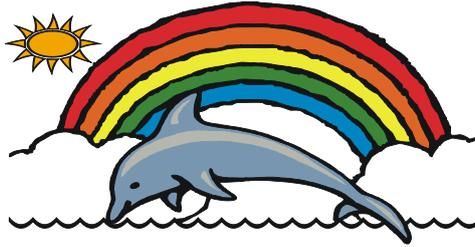


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September 2015 Newsletter

Dear Parents and families,

Welcome to our final newsletter for the term. We trust everyone will enjoy a break from the Monday to Friday routine and we look forward to everyone's safe return for Term 4.

FATHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Many thanks to all the dads, pops, granddads and special males in our children's lives, who gave up their time to visit pre-school last Thursday afternoon. It was so nice to see everyone spending time looking throughout the pre-school rooms and playing with their children. Special thank you to the team who prepared the scrumptious afternoon tea, and who had spent so much time engaging children in discussions and craft work to prepare the rooms so beautifully. Thank you also to those committee members who volunteered on the Father's Day stall during the week and who made and packaged one of the stall items.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

What a fantastic response we have had from the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. Kathy and I have just kept telling people to place the stickers and sheets into the box and when we took them out, the office floor was covered!! Thank you so much to everyone who has collected stickers and filled out sheets. Keep sending them in up until the end of term and we will send them off during the holidays.

DOGS AT PRE-SCHOOL & OUTSIDE THE GATE

Over the past few months we have observed a number of dogs being brought into pre-school and

What's Coming Up?

- **Super Hero week – 14th Sept to 18th Sept – gold coin donation please**
- **Committee Meeting – Thursday, 17th September starting at 7pm.**
- **Last day of term, Friday, 18th September**
- **Pre-school re-opens – Tuesday, 6th October**

often tied up near our garbage enclosure area. We would ask that dogs are not brought into pre-school, as we are simply trying to prevent an unavoidable accident happening. Adults may be holding these dogs, but young children are inquisitive and often inexperienced around animals. Please refrain from tying dogs up

outside our premises as children also try to reach out to pat these dogs. Owners may believe their dog is safe and trusted around young children, but whilst children are our responsibility we would like to prevent any unfortunate accidents. Please ensure that all family members who may drop off or collect your children are made aware of this request. Many thanks for your co-operation.

NATIONAL QUALITY FRAMEWORK

Many parents will be aware that all early childhood services now operate under the National Quality Framework. As part of this process, each service must undertake an on-going cycle of quality improvement. The team continually work through the 7 Quality Areas, exploring ways that we can improve the quality of our service.

As we examined Quality Area 2 – Children’s Health and Safety, we made some additions to our Medical Conditions Policies, relating to Asthma, Anaphylaxis, and Diabetes Management. Our Management Committee have been involved in the editing, proofing and approval of these policy amendments and copies are attached for everyone’s attention.

FREE SWIM LESSONS

A family member recently shared a link that families may be interested in accessing during the holidays, if your child isn’t currently enrolled in swimming lessons. Both Mingara and YMCA are both listed for free lessons and in the lead up to summer and the warmer weather it is vital that all children know how to swim.

www.learntoswimweek.com.au

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST – ALYCE ENGLAND – STARTING TERM 4

We are pleased to report that Alyce England will begin working at pre-school from Term 4, on a Monday and Friday, once per month. This will allow enrolled children from either end of the week to access Speech Therapy. If you would like your child to receive speech therapy whilst at pre-school, please obtain a permission form and further information from the office.

Attached to this newsletter are 2 double sided documents that provide helpful information for all families. Each child’s speech and language development is such an important aspect of early childhood education and we are certain every parent will gain something from this information.

NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Parents will be aware that for some time now we have had a vacant Treasurer position within our Management Committee. The Committee looked at how they could best overcome this vacancy internally and as a result the following appointments have been made.

Treasurer – Margaret Brozinski

Secretary – Lisa Booth

Many thanks to Margaret and Lisa who have volunteered to step into these various roles for the remainder of the year.

PRE-SCHOOL CONSTITUTION AND MODEL RULES

Our Management Committee are currently updating our pre-school’s Constitution, which guides our service as an Incorporated Association. Once the new Constitution is finalised, a draft copy will be made available to families who are interested in viewing this detailed document. A Special General Meeting will then be held to adopt our new Constitution with a date yet to be set.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our team.

Best wishes and happy holidays,

Colleen Templeton and the Berkeley Vale Pre-school team

GETTING TO KNOW US

This month we’re getting to know Kirsten Porter who works in the Rainbow Room, Monday to Friday.

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

I am 18 years of age and finished high school last year. I have 2 brothers and 2 sisters, 1 of which is my twin sister. All my brothers and sisters also attended this pre-school

ourselves many years ago. As long as I can remember I've always wanted a career in Children's Services. All the children are such little characters and it makes everyday a new experience.

What do you do when you're not at pre-school?

I like to hang with my friends, go on bush walks, go to the beach and play with my siblings.

What's your favourite meal?

Anything my mum cooks!!

Favourite pre-school moment?

Just coming in everyday and seeing all the children's smiley faces.

