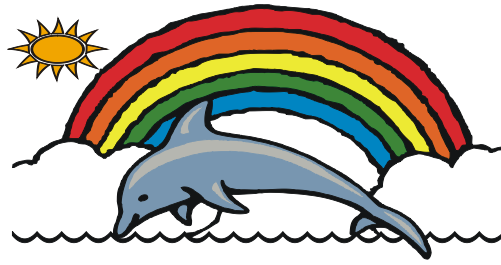


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May 2018 Newsletter

Dear parents and families,

Welcome back following our recent school holiday break. We trust that everyone has enjoyed the break, spending quality time with children, family and friends. Our team of educators are also well rested and ready for another busy term!!

Mother's Day Concerts

It was wonderful to see so many mums, grandmothers and nans, who were able to attend our recent Mother's Day concerts. Special thanks to the team for preparing the children so well to sing all those beautiful songs and organising the creation of all those gorgeous handmade Mother's Day gifts, scones and fairy bread. The list of songs we sang included:

- People all around the world
- 5 Little Ducks
- Heads, Shoulders Baby 1, 2, 3
- Eucalyptus
- Spot song

What is Coming Up?

- **Wednesday, 23rd May – Committee Meeting – 7:15pm**
- **Monday, 21st May to Friday, 25th May – Crazy Hair Week – raising money for Cystic Fibrosis**
- **Wednesday, 23rd May – National Simultaneous Story time – Hickory, Dickery Dash**

- Skiddamarink
- If you love, your mum and you know it!

I am sure if you ask your child to sing these to you, they would gladly perform!

I would also like to thank our Management Committee for organising our Mother's Day stall. Special thanks to those Mums who ran the stall each morning, taking children in the library to do their special shopping for mum.

Wishing all our mums, grandmothers, nans and special females in our lives a fabulous Mother's Day and we hope you are thoroughly spoilt.

Fee Increases from 28th May

All parents have been issued with correspondence from Thomas McConaghey in relation to our upcoming fee increase. This will come into effect from Monday, 28th May and will require an adjustment to children's bond to align with their respective new fortnightly fee. We thank parents for your understanding and patience in relation to this fee increase. Emma has 100 families that require new fee templates to be created, whilst we are navigating a new fee processing migration system. If you have personal queries, please do not hesitate to speak to Emma or myself.

Staff News

I wish to inform families that Alison Dimarco, who works in the Dolphin Room with our Thursday / Friday children and families, will be finishing her time at our service on Friday, 18th May. Alison has chosen to pursue other employment opportunities, and we thank Alison for her 5 years of service at our pre-school. Please join us in wishing Alison every success in her future endeavours.

Vickie Perry has accepted the temporary role within the Dolphin room as Alison departs, and we look forward to Vickie joining the team.

Coast Shelter

We are currently collecting non-perishable food items for Coast Shelter. Please make a donation, within the white basket located near our front entrance and we will deliver to Coast Shelter in the coming weeks. Many thanks for your support.

Save the date – Bunnings BBQ

We will be hosting a Bunnings BBQ on **Sunday, 8th July**. Please add this to your diary and calendar and we will soon issue a roster looking for any parent volunteers to donate an hour or two of their time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's newsletter and kind regards,

Colleen Templeton and the Berkeley Vale Pre-school team

GETTING TO KNOW US

This month we are getting to know Lea Johnson who works in the Dolphin, Monday to Friday.

Tell us a little about yourself...

I have been married for almost 20 years to my husband, Adam, who often reminds me "you get less for murder". We are planning another overseas trip to Hawaii in September to renew our wedding vows.

What do you do when you are not at pre-school?

I love to be outdoors walking my dogs, swimming at the beach or playing Ukulele or drums with the Central Coast Ukulele club.

What's your favourite meal?

Anything I don't have to cook or clean up, but you can't beat a home-made pizza...

Favourite pre-school moment?

Is when a child shares a cuddle or a special story with me ... and when Friday afternoon arrives at the end of the week... yeah!

