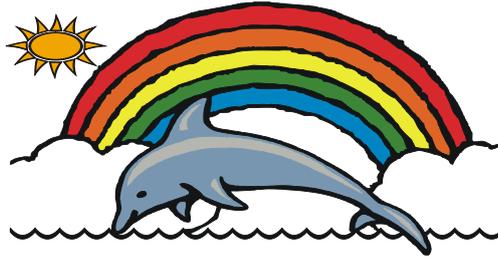


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June 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents and families,

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the year already!! We trust everyone enjoyed some of the beautiful weather over the June long weekend. 😊

We would like to acknowledge the significance of the early years in a child's learning and development. Our team of educators are proud advocates of inclusive education. We are in a strong position to foster social and emotional competence and provide safe and supportive opportunities for all children to learn, practice and master new skills and behaviours. For some children, this social learning occurs naturally, while others may experience difficulties, requiring more focused teaching and support. A key element in this approach is the collaborative partnership between the family, the service and other professionals.

We truly value the relationships we have with the children and families within our diverse pre-school community, as it takes a community to raise a child!

## What's Coming Up?

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July – last day of term**

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July – pre-school re-opens**

**Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July – Management Committee Meeting – 7:15pm**

## Staff News

At the end of Term 2, Sarah Barrie, one of our educators in the Dolphin Room, will complete her Diploma in Children's Services traineeship. Sarah has completed her course work at an exemplary standard and we are so proud of her achievements. Unfortunately, Sarah's Diploma qualification also means that her employment at our pre-school is about to change. Sarah is taking a well-earned break to travel around Europe. Upon her return to Australia, Sarah will work every Thursday and Friday in the Dolphin room in a support role

capacity for the remainder of this year. Please join us in congratulating Sarah as she completes her final assignments and project work before the end of term.

Our Management Committee are also in the process of recruiting a suitable new Trainee. The recruitment process is underway, and we will inform parents of this appointment before the end of term.

### **Crazy Hair Fundraising**

During the last week of May, we all enjoyed wearing Crazy Hair and wigs to raise valuable funds for Cystic Fibrosis research. Thank you to everyone who joined us in raising \$163.30 for this very worthwhile cause.

### **Emergency Contacts Numbers**

Please ensure that your mobile phone numbers are up to date and switched on when your child is left at pre-school. We have had many recent occasions when we have attempted to telephone parents and they have not been contactable. If you need to update your contact details, please see Emma or Colleen in the office. Many thanks for your co-operating in this regard.

### **Management Committee**

Our Management Committee continues to welcome any new parents that would like to become involved. Current vacant positions include:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer and
- Fundraising Officers

We are particularly interested in having a Treasurer to join the Committee. This role assists with the financial management of our service. The treasurer can fulfil this role at drop of and pick up times and can also work from the comfort of your home to approve

payments and oversee accounts remotely. The treasurer will work closely with Emma and Colleen in the office, and we would be happy to share further information if you are interested.

### **Berkeley Vale Public School – KNX – Transition to School Program**

By now most parents enrolling their children to Berkeley Vale Public School will have received their enrolment packages. As part of this enrolment process, parents are asked to select their KNX Transition to School day. If your child is enrolled at pre-school on a **Tuesday** or a **Thursday**, and you elect to choose those days for KNX, a team of educators will collect these groups of children from the public school and walk them back to pre-school. A further permission note will be sent home from pre-school in Term 3, and we do not need to know this information at this time.

Parents must nominate their chosen day and return their enrolment forms to the school, as we do not collect and manage this process. Any further questions, please speak to any member of staff or Colleen in the office.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and attached is a beautiful verse that relates to the value and importance of early childhood education.

Kind regards,

Colleen Templeton and the Berkeley Vale Pre-school team

### **GETTING TO KNOW US**

This month we are getting to know Lyn Piefke who works in the Rainbow Room every Monday to Friday.

### Tell us a little about yourself...

I was born and raised in Wyong and was married at 18 years. I have 3 wonderful sons who are grown up now, and I have 3 gorgeous grandchildren. I live life today as you never know what tomorrow may bring!

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

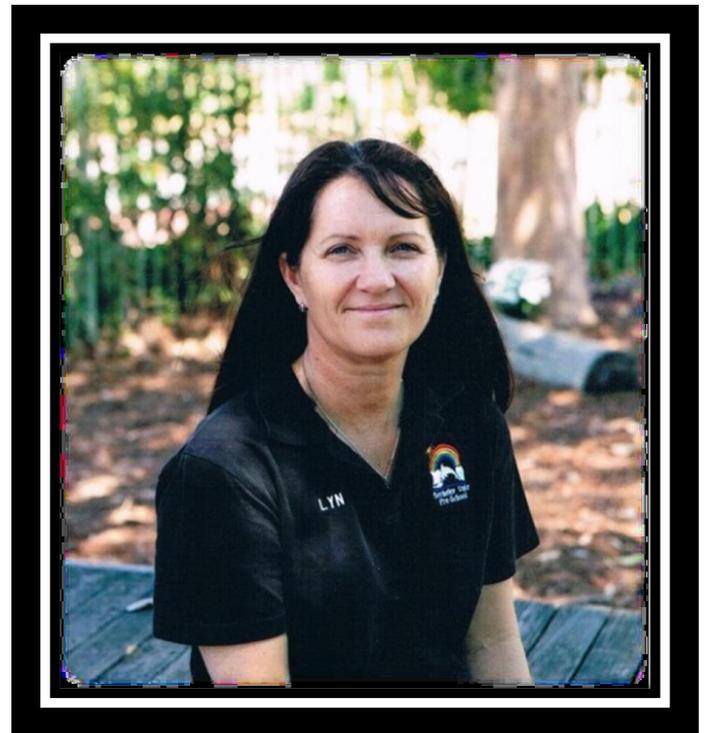
Relax ... my days are spent doing things with or for my family.

### What's your favourite meal?

Baked dinner or any meal cooked by someone else.

### Favourite pre-school moment?

My 3 sons attended our pre-school many years ago and their concerts were my highlight. Now I get to see the same joy in the parents' faces, as I did.





**I Am 5**



**I AM A RISK TAKER  
AND MESS MAKER**

I am a confident doer of exciting things,  
I'm not built for desk sitting,  
**my BRAIN CRAVES action.**



I'm not as grown up  
as some people think.



**I still need to play,**  
move and explore.



**Don't Rush My  
Childhood!**



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