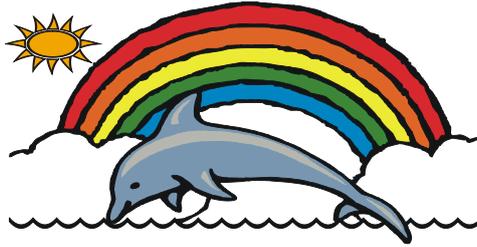


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February 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents and families,

Welcome back to pre-school following our recent holiday break. A special welcome is extended to all new families, as well as those families who are returning to our pre-school. Our team are well rested and looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Our beautiful country, including NSW has faced unprecedented weather conditions since October last year. This subsequently resulted in catastrophic bush fires and significantly impacted our air quality. Please be advised that our service will monitor the Air Quality Index (AQI) on a regular basis, and a decision to play outdoors will be based on the following:

AQI Poor – Children sensitive to poor air quality will have access to indoor supervision during outdoor play.

AQI Very Poor – Prolonged outdoor play will be avoided– children outdoors for brief periods.

AQI Hazardous – Children will remain indoors.

Staff News – Bec Knebel

Bec has not returned to work at this stage as her daughter has a severely broken leg, which only occurred at the end of the holidays. Bec is anticipating that she may be in the position to return to work Week 3.

New Trainee – Imogen Gentle

We would like to welcome Imogen Gentle to the Berkeley Vale Pre-school team. Imogen completed her HSC last year at The Entrance

What's Coming Up?

- **Management Committee Meeting – Thursday, 20th February at 7:15pm**

High School and will be working within both pre-school rooms each day. Please join us in welcoming Imogen as a valued member of our team.

Colleen & Emma's Office Days

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	Colleen	Colleen	Colleen	
Emma		Emma		Emma

Rainbow Room educators

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Lea	Lea	Lea	Lea	Lea
Sonja	Sonja	Sonja	Emma	Emma
Lyn	Lyn	Lyn	Lyn	Lyn
Sarah	Sarah	Sarah Imogen (alternate weeks)	Imogen	Imogen

Dolphin Room educators

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Kristy	Kristy	Lisa	Lisa	Lisa
Colleen	Karen	Karen	Karen	Karen
Bec	Bec	Bec	Kristy	Kristy
Imogen	Imogen	Imogen	Imogen	Imogen
Trish	Trish	Trish / Vickie (alternate weeks)	Vickie	Vickie

Friendly Reminders

Please remember to:

- pack morning tea and lunch in separate containers;
- pack a water bottle each day;
- pack a hat;
- pack a spoon for yoghurt / custard (these items are kept for lunch);
- label all belongings

Thank you for your co-operation and assistance.

Sun-Safe Practices

Pre-school is operating on our summer program, so we will start our day outdoors. It is vital that all children come to pre-school with an appropriate sun hat, that being a broadbrim or Legionnaire style hat. Let me be very clear that a cap does not meet our Sun Protection or Hat policy. Please see a member of our team if you need further clarification.

Pre-school T-shirts for sale

We have a range of pre-school t-shirts that are available for purchase at a cost of \$17 each. Please see Emma or Colleen in the office for assistance.

Donations

We are seeking donations of tissue boxes. We thank you in advance for your donation and support.

Speech Pathology Service

Berkeley Vale Pre-school offers a speech pathology service, with Sally Hogden who is

employed by R.E.A.C.H Speech. Sally visits our service on a fortnightly basis, alternate Mondays and Thursdays. If you would like your child to be seen by Sally, please see a member of the team or Emma in the office to obtain the application form. If you have any concerns relating to your child's speech or language development, it is important to address them prior to starting school.

Parent Pockets

We have removed our Parent Communication pockets and wish to advise that all catalogues, written communication, newsletters and fee receipts will be placed in your children's bag or lockers. If you have provided your email address, fee receipts and newsletters will be sent via email.

NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Our next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 20th February, commencing at 7:15pm in the Rainbow Room. All parents are very welcome to attend and if you think you might like to become involved in our Management Committee, this would be a great meeting to attend.

Best wishes and kind regards,

Colleen Templeton and the Berkeley Vale
Pre-school team