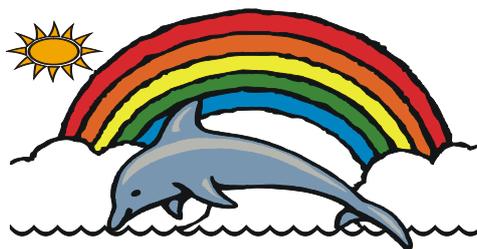


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## March 2021 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is about to end and for our team, it has been one of the busiest starts to the year in memory. However, we are pleased to report that children have settled into pre-school and gaining the benefits of our play-based program.

### **Annual General Meeting**

On 11 March we held our Annual General Meeting to report on 2020 business within the service. Many thanks for the following parents who have accepted their appointment to the following roles:

**President** – Casey Romanos  
**Vice President** – Sam Stasinowsky  
**Treasurer** – Dan Kruze  
**Secretary** - VACANT  
**General members**  
Chris Remedios  
Casey Stewart  
Zoe Porter

### **What is coming up?**

- **Thursday, 1st April – last day of term**
- **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April – pre-school re-opens**
- **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Management Committee Meeting starting at 8pm**

We look forward to working together during 2021. Our next meeting is **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April starting at 8pm** and all parents are welcome to attend.

### **Friendly reminders**

- Please provide a 6 x 4 family photo;
- If wearing gum boots to pre-school, please pack spare shoes as it is unsafe for children to climb in gum boots;
- Please notify pre-school if your child is absent due to illness, holidays or just a day at home (whenever possible).

### **National Quality Framework – Self Assessment & our Quality Improvement Plan**

The Early Childhood Directorate has commenced the Assessment & Rating process for our pre-school. Last week we submitted our service's Self-Assessment Summary which is also our Quality Improvement Plan. Following this submission, we will receive a 2-day visit from an Assessment & Rating Officer and we anticipate that this will occur upon our return to pre-school following the upcoming holiday break. We will keep parents informed as soon as we are advised.

Our Welcome Book, which is issued to all parents upon enrolment states that Berkeley Vale Pre-school Kindergarten is committed to continuous improvement and under the National Quality Framework, all early childhood education and care services are assessed and rated against the following 7 Quality Areas.

- ❖ Quality Area 1 – Educational Program
- ❖ Quality Area 2 – Health and Safety

- ❖ Quality Area 3 – Physical Environment
- ❖ Quality Area 4 – Staffing Arrangements
- ❖ Quality Area 5 – Relationships with Children
- ❖ Quality Area 6 – Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities
- ❖ Quality Area 7 – Leadership and Service Management

The National Regulations require all approved services to have a Quality Improvement Plan.

The aim of a Quality Improvement Plan is to help providers self-assess and document their strengths and performance in delivering quality education and care, as well as recognising and planning future improvements. Berkeley Vale Pre-school maintains and reviews this Quality Improvement Plan annually involving educators, children, families and the community in the self-assessment process.

For further information related to the NSW Department of Education, resources and parenting support you may wish to access the following website:

- [www.mychild.gov.au](http://www.mychild.gov.au)
- [www.careforkids.com.au](http://www.careforkids.com.au)
- [www.acecqa.gov.au](http://www.acecqa.gov.au)
- [www.preschoolsnsw.org.au](http://www.preschoolsnsw.org.au)
- [www.deewr.gov.au](http://www.deewr.gov.au)
- [www.education.nsw.gov.au](http://www.education.nsw.gov.au)

Attached to this newsletter is also further information that may assist in your understanding of the National Quality Standards and how this relates

to quality learning and developmental outcomes for children.

In addition, any parent that would like to receive a copy of our Self-Assessment Summary, please advise the office and we will email you a soft copy.

### **Return to pre-school Term 2**

As children return for Term 2, they will return as follows:

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April** – Monday / Tuesday group – **Week 1**

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Wednesday / Thursday / Friday group – **Week 1**

On behalf of our team, we wish you a safe and relaxing Easter holiday break and look forward to everyone returning for Term 2.

Best wishes and kind regards,

Colleen Templeton and the Berkeley Vale Pre-school Team ☺

## GETTING TO KNOW US

This month we are getting to know Amy Leckie who is our Administration Officer working in the office every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

I have a 6-year-old son, Zach and a 14-year-old Cavoodle, "Savvy". I've only been living on the Coast for 3 years, prior to that I lived in Melbourne

and Canberra. My previous job was a Travel Agent which I did for 19 years.

### What do you do when you are not at preschool?

I go to the gym or Pilates, clean the house, spend time with Zach and our friends.

### What is your favourite meal?

I am a big foodie, so I love most foods. I do love seafood though and I'm a sucker for a good burger and chips.

### Favourite preschool moment?

I love seeing the children coming into pre-school in the mornings. It's always special when they say "good morning" or come into the office for a visit during the day too.

