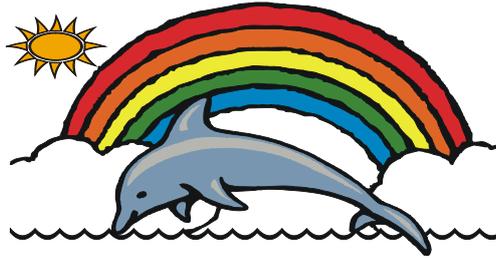


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May 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and families,

As you are aware, I have resigned from my role at Berkeley Vale Pre-school. It has been a great privilege to be the Nominated Supervisor and Teacher of Berkeley Vale Pre-school for the past 16 years. I have had the pleasure of working alongside a team of diverse, talented, and committed early childhood educators who truly value the work that we do with children and families each day.

It is with great pride of the reputation that our service holds within the community, as one that delivers a high-quality pre-school program that this team and I have delivered to countless families over the years. This work is what I truly cherish, value and am so passionate about.

I certainly have mixed emotions, and this has not been an easy decision, and something that I have contemplated for a few years now. However, it is now the time for me to pursue additional career options as I transition back to teaching within the school sector, and hopefully return to completing my Psychology degree which I commenced last year.

I have been so fortunate to have my own two precious gems attend this service with me over the years, as I would not have wanted them to attend anywhere else. Thank you so much for the kind words of appreciation that I have

What is Coming Up?

- **Monday, 10th June – Public holiday – pre-school closed**
- **Tuesday, 15th June – Management Committee Meeting – 8pm**

received from parents. However, do remember that I leave you all in very capable hands of this wonderful team of educators and I am confident that an experienced Nominated Supervisor will be recruited to guide and continue the important work that we do at Berkeley Vale Pre-school.

Assessment & Rating Visit

The team have taken a huge sigh of relief that this process is now behind us for a few years. Overall, this has been a positive process and we look forward to receiving our Draft Report within the next four weeks. We then will have 10 days to provide further evidence, if we believe this is required before the Final Rating and Report is issued. We will certainly keep our parents well informed of this outcome.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to those parents that have completed our recent parent survey. I have yet to collate your feedback however will do this and share your collective views in our June newsletter. This information will also be shared and examined by our Management Committee too. If you would still like to complete this survey, they can be collected from the office. Thank you for your input as your ideas and views help formulate our continued commitment to meeting the needs of our families and community.

Parenting Resource Links

www.healthylunchbox.com.au

This website features an interactive healthy lunchbox builder where kids can get involved in planning the lunchbox and choosing foods they will eat and enjoy.

<https://wehavekids.com/education/Preschoolers-Learn-Best-Through-Play>

<https://www.facebook.com/100002349248185/posts/2111918112229810?sfns=mo>

Useful information for helping children develop skills for crossing the mid-line.

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 Dervla Kay who works in the Dolphin Room, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Friday.

Tell us a little about yourself... I started working here at Berkeley Vale Pre-school and I can honestly say I love coming to work each day! I am from a small town in the west of Ireland, but after a chance meeting with my husband on a beach in Thailand many years ago, I have ended up in this beautiful part of

the world and am now a proud "Coastie". I have been living in Australia for almost 10 years. My lovely husband, Dean is born and bred in Berkeley Vale and we have three children, Maeve, Tiernan and Muireann.

What do you do when you are not at pre-school? I get up early every day to walk our dog Marley ... she is very much part of the family and comes everywhere with us. On the weekends, we enjoy doing family things like bush walks, beach trips etc. My husband and son have brainwashed me into supporting the Parramatta Eels so now that the footy season has begun, the next few months will revolve around footy.

What is your favourite meal? My favourite meal would have to be risotto with a nice glass of white wine.

Favourite pre-school moment? My favourite pre-school moment would be when I was a pre-school mum here at Berkeley Vale Pre-school four years ago. Each time, I collected my son from pre-school, one of his little buddies always came over to chat to me and stared at me in awe every time I spoke. I was a little chuffed with myself, thinking I must have been a supercool mum. This notion was short-lived when his mum approached me one day to let me know that her son was in awe of me because his best friend at pre-school had a mum that was a "real life pirate" (not the first time I have heard that my Irish accent is pirate-like).

