

NEWSLETTER

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A Message from

Michelle



Hi everyone,

What a wonderful and exciting term we have had here at the Preschool. We have had over 60 new children start here this year and all educators have been working with families to ensure children are have a sense of belonging at Preschool and get to know them all as unique individuals. Our focus for Term 1 has been building connections with children and for them to know they are valued, and that Preschool is a safe place to engage in learning through play. As I write, I can hear the sounds of children playing and chatting to each other and educators, as children have built relationships and a sense of security at our fantastic Preschool.

Thank you to all the families who have brought back their forms about their child and their family photo. We will use these to support the connection between home and the preschool, and please let us know if you have any other questions or information to share about your child or family.

This term we have worked as a team to create meaningful planning and recording of the children's learning. We are using a folder which

is available each day to show our planning and reflection of our children's group and individual learning, and also a Daily Reflective Journal which shows photos, children's voices and work samples of the day. Educators will be using "Learning Stories" in term 2 to support and extend children's learning and create each child's learning portfolio for the year.

This term we have continued our staff learning by 5 educators attending the Uniting Conference in Sydney. This Conference gave educators the chance to look at our practices and think about the "why" of what we are doing in our work with children. As a staff team we have looked at the gifts we wish for children to help guide us in our vision (I have included this in the newsletter).



Natalie Hogan, Michelle Ryan, Racquel Ayerst and Toni Goldsmith at the Uniting Conference in Sydney (Jodie Joyce also attended - not pictured)

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I also attended an early childhood Yarning Circle, which supports me to learn about Indigenous culture and look at ways to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives in our Preschool, as well as create links with our local Indigenous community. Kristy, as our Educational Leader, has also attended a Leadership Day which will assist her to support the Preschool in continuing our professional growth. It is vital that we always look for ways to improve our Preschool and continue our own learning.

Thank you to the support from families for our Management Committee Meeting and Parent Committee Meeting this term. We have plenty of wonderful fundraising events coming up for the year ahead.

The children have been lucky enough to have the "Recycling Show" to support our Preschools' sustainability focus as well as a wonderful visit from Kylie from "Branch Out Kids Yoga" (more details later in newsletter).

We also celebrated "Harmony Week", looking at all the wonderful ways we are different from each other, but also all the things we have in common.

I really appreciate the support from all educators, staff, children, families and the Committee in my first term here.

Michelle Ryan,
Director



FRIDAY, 12/4/19

Last day of Preschool for Term One!
Holidays begin!

MONDAY, 29/4/19

Children start to return to Preschool for Term Two

WEDNESDAY, 8/5/19 at 7pm

Management Committee Meeting
At the Preschool

THURSDAY, 9/5/19 at 7pm

Parent Committee Meeting
Caves Beach Coastal Bar and Grill

TUESDAY, 21/5/19 at 2pm

"Big Bag" Show
Tuesday children only
\$10 per child

MONDAY, 10/6/19

Public Holiday – Preschool closed
No fees charged

FRIDAY, 21/6/19 at 5:30pm

Disco at the Church
More details to follow

MONDAY, 24/6/19 –

FRIDAY, 28/6/19

Photo Week

WEDNESDAY, 26/6/19 at 7pm

Management Committee Meeting
At the Preschool

FRIDAY, 5/7/19

Last day of Preschool for Term Two!

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Fire Evacuation Drill

This week we practiced our emergency evacuations each day. We have been discussing why we have evacuations and getting children used to the sound of the whistle. The children have been meeting outside the building then we walk to the church verandah next door. This enables us to ensure children are familiar with what to do and how to keep safe in an emergency.



EASTER Raffle



Big thanks to all the many families that kindly donated to our massive Easter Raffle, this is very much appreciated. As always, our Easter Raffle proved very popular with the children and we ended up with 21 hampers!! On Tuesday, our two helpers, [Savannah Moore](#) and [Nixon Campbell](#), drew out the names of the 21 lucky winners. Congratulations to all the winners.

Bakers Delight
We're for real.

Don't forget that the Easter Buns will be delivered to the Preschool this Friday just in time for the School Holidays! When the goodies arrive, we will send out a quick email via Hubworks so everyone has plenty of time to pick them up before we close at 4pm. If you have ordered Easter Buns and will not be available Friday to pick them up, please ensure to organise someone else to do it for you as the Preschool will be closed for the holiday period. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

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Birthdays Cakes

We love to celebrate birthdays with the children here at Preschool. If you would like to send cakes to share, please buy the small cupcakes cartons from Woolworths or Coles (we have 39 children each day at Preschool). These make it easy for us to have one for the birthday child and share the rest with the other children.

We Need HELP

Our wonderful committee is still in need of a Treasurer. We currently have NO Treasurer! This position requires no specific skills but someone with an accounting or financial background or their own business would find this position fairly straightforward. We will have someone to show you the ropes while you are learning. This position is only until the end of the year, so please consider if you could spare some time. Please talk to Michelle, Leanne or Karen if you would consider this and need more information.



Do you have any friends or family with children aged 3+ that are thinking of enrolling their child in Preschool next year?

Right now, we are taking waitlist applications for children aged 3-6. For your convenience,

I have attached a waitlist form at the back of this newsletter which can be printed off, completed and dropped back in. There is a \$20 administration fee to go on our waitlist.

Feel free to tell your friends about our Centre. They can always make a time to come in for a visit or just give us a call if they have any questions - 49713258. Thank you!

Branch Out Kids Yoga

CONNECT - PLAY - MOVE

Yoga classes specifically designed for children, teenagers and families



Taught locally by qualified school teacher and certified Rainbow Kids yoga instructor Kylie Newman

For class details and more information

Ph: 0415 312 273 www.branchoutkidsyoga.com.au

A big thank you to Kylie Newman for coming along this week and instructing the children in specifically designed yoga just for Preschoolers. The children were given tools for relaxation, breathing and strength building, and they enjoyed it immensely!

Branch Out Kids Yoga offers classes designed for Preschoolers, kids and teens.

The yoga for 3 to 6 year old's is a fast-paced and energetic class to match the energy of Preschoolers! This class uses lots of fun props and poses to capture the child's imagination and keep their attention. Yoga is brought to life using games, stories, songs and relaxation.

Classes are held on a Sunday afternoon at the Caves Beach Surf Club. Upcoming classes and more information can be found at: www.branchoutkidsyoga.com.au or by phoning 0415 312 273. Keep an eye out for a separate email to families with some upcoming school holiday classes being run by Branch Out Kids Yoga.



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Entertainment Books

Do you want to save some money? Did you know that the Entertainment Book can not only save you money on dinners and takeaways, but also everyday expenses like groceries (Woolworths and Hello Fresh), meat, fruit/veges, wines and clothes?

Are you looking for something to do in the holidays with the children? There are great discounts on league games, surf school, laser tag, the Wetlands, music programs, cinemas, Flipout, Timezone, tenpin bowling, Treetops, Oakvale Farm, the Reptile Park, Hunter Valley Gardens and Hunter Valley Zoo. If you're heading to Sydney save on Taronga Zoo, Sealife, Wildlife Sydney, and Luna Park.

We have a book for you to look at in the Preschool foyer but digital membership is great because it's always with you on your phone.

The Entertainment Book will save you money and also raise money for the Preschool. Please see the office if you need more information or click on the link below to purchase.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/341x69>



Flu Influenza Vaccine

Free seasonal influenza vaccine is funded for the following groups at higher risk of complications from influenza:

- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over

- all children aged 6 months to less than 5 years of age (including Aboriginal and medically at risk)
- all individuals aged 5 years and over with medical risk conditions, namely:
 - cardiac disease, including cyanotic congenital heart disease, coronary artery disease and congestive heart failure
 - chronic respiratory conditions, including suppurative lung disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and severe asthma
 - other chronic illnesses requiring regular medical follow up or hospitalisation in the previous year, including diabetes mellitus, chronic metabolic diseases, chronic renal failure, and haemoglobinopathies
 - chronic neurological conditions that impact on respiratory function, including multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries, and seizure disorders
 - impaired immunity, including HIV, malignancy and chronic steroid use
 - children aged 6 months to 10 years on long term aspirin therapy.all people aged 65 years and over
- pregnant women (influenza vaccine can be given at any stage of pregnancy)
- people aged 65 years and over (vaccine that is specifically designed to produce a higher immune response is available for this group).

More information can be found at:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/flu.aspx#free>

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Our Caves Beach Educators Discussed a Big Picture Question...

If at a child's birth you could ask a fairy godmother to endow the children with the most useful gift, what should that gift be?

Sense of Wonder
Empathy
Easy-Going
Good values
Curious
Open Minded
Resourceful
Mentored
Courage
Still (to be)
Unique
Feel Safe
Innocent
Calm
Loved and Cared For
Supported
Unhurried
Be Yourself
Confident
To be who they want to be
Be Respected

FEEL LOVED

We will use these to guide our vision for our Preschool. This is what we want as Educators for the children here. Perhaps you could think about what gift you would give to your child?



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WAITING LIST APPLICATION

Child's Surname:

First Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone: Mobile:

Date of Birth: Nationality:

Male Female

Priority of access will be given to 4 year olds?

Indigenous families?

Children from Non-English speaking backgrounds?

Do you or your child have any health problems or disabilities?

Any other special circumstances?

Please name any other child/ren you have previously enrolled at our preschool

How did you hear about our Preschool?

Website:

Referral:

You are a previous family that attended here:

Other:

Does your child attend another early childhood service? Yes / No

If yes how many days do they attend?

We offer a reduced fee to families who have a Health Card.
 Please indicate if you qualify for this service: Yes / No

What year would you like your child to start preschool?

How many days do you require?

Please circle preferred days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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In What Areas May We Best Help Your Child?

Preparation for school	
Socialisation	
Speech	
Behaviour	
Any other areas please specify	

*** A \$20.00 non-refundable admin fee is payable on completion of this form.**
 By completing this form and paying the \$20.00 admin fee, your child's name goes onto our waiting list.

Please print your full name:

Signature: Date:

*Thank you for providing this important information.
 We will endeavour to contact you as soon as a suitable position becomes available at our Centre*