

# Bonnybabes Newsletter



Hello to all our wonderful families,

Can you believe we are already halfway through the year? Where has the time gone?

Recently, I attended a seminar regarding families getting help for children without a diagnosis through NDIS. Uniting Care is the Early Childhood Partner for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in the Robina service area, which includes the Gold Coast and Hinterland.

Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) can offer a range of supports for families with a child aged 0-6 years who has either a disability or a developmental delay. The types of supports offered will be different for every child and their family according to their individual needs.

The aim of ECEI is to provide parents and families with the knowledge, skills, and support to optimise their child's development and ability to participate in family, early childhood education and care settings, and in broader community life.

Like I mentioned earlier, children do not need a diagnosis to utilize this service. Carer's and parents can complete the three part form themselves and contact the service directly and they will be directed to the relevant service available to them.

Remember, children will all develop at their own pace, but if you feel there is something you are not sure about, you can always ask our educators, or alternatively, I have attached a very broad milestones check list that you can refer to. Again, this is only a rough guide for you to use and its always worth seeking advice if you are unsure.

Please make the time to read through the information attached and do not hesitate to speak to your Centre director or your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

*If you trust play, you will not have to control your child's development as much. Play will raise the child in ways you can never imagine."* ~ Vince Gowmon

Warm Regards

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## Coomera

Well can you believe we are almost in the middle of the year; this year is flying by. The Coomera Centre has been busy this term by celebrating our beautiful mothers with craft and pamper mornings, thank you to all our mums and special friends who could attend each room had a wonderful morning. We have celebrated under 8's week with everyone getting in the spirit of dressing up and having fun. Reconciliation week was also celebrated, where we acknowledged National Sorry Day.

We have been so lucky to have 2 of our playgrounds renovated, the children are having a wonderful time exploring these.

Coomera photo week starts Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June, please make sure you have your photo envelopes handed back in if you would like a photo.

In the next few weeks, we will be celebrating Naidoc week, and our transition weeks, all educators have been busy conducting midyear interviews with parents at drop off or pick up, to discuss further goals or the prospect of children transiting to the next room, please remember if you ever need to chat to our educators, we can always book a further appointment at a convenient time for you and our educators.

We would also like to welcome Miss Paige and Miss Haylie to our Coomera team, you will see these two lovely ladies around the centre in varying rooms.

We have all been having a great and busy time and is so lovely to see all our smiling little faces each day.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to grab me

## Hope Island

Hello from Hope Island. It has been a busy few months with all of the renovations that have taken place throughout the centre. The children have enjoyed watching the tradies working away and we have used this interest to extend upon in our learning with the children. It has been lovely for the centre to have a facelift after operating for 20 years.

Bonny Babes prides itself on long-term staff and Hope Island is fortunate to still have foundation educators. We are sad to inform families that Larissa and Nat are both relocating and therefore, have found employment closer to home. We would like to wish both educators all the best for their future. We are excited to have welcomed Mollie and Elise into the Hope Island team.

Kindy Hub has been a real asset to our daily communication with families and I have seen many of you becoming more confident at accessing your child's information through the online platform. As we approach mid-year, educators will be having conversations with families in relation to children's progress and learning goals. We love having the opportunity to share your child's accomplishments with you and it is a good time to establish further goals for the remainder of the year.



## Oxenford

Last month we had a visit at Bonny Babes Oxenford, from the dentist. The children did such an amazing job of listening and showed a great interest in what was happening with their friends mouths as well. Dental health is an important part of early childhood and development and we will be continuing to engage the children in activities around teeth and brushing throughout the year.

We would like to welcome Miss Hannertie, Miss Krystal, Miss Emma and Miss Sonal to the team. These new educators have shown us a great amount of eagerness and professionalism so far in their time here. They have already become part of the family and you will no doubt see them around when you come to drop off or collect your child.

We have also implemented a educator absent form in the foyer to let you know if your child's regular educator is absent for the day.

As we move into the cooler months of Winter, we will still have swimming happening as well as all the other sports. If you would like your child to attend, please see all the information in the foyer.

Its also the time to keep rugged up and warm as the mornings and nights get cooler. Bringing spare clothing and a jumper as well as closed in shoes will help your child feel snugly and warm whilst they play with their friends.

The children have grown and developed so much in the first half of the year and we would appreciate your input into their individual goals as we move forward into the second half of the year.

Spending some time with educators to establish what you would like you children to achieve in the second half of the year, is an important part of our planning process and we would love all parents to be involved. Kindy hub is an amazing tool when you need to communicate with your child's educators. Besides getting photo's and portfolio's during the year, you can also use the communicate tool to let us know about family trips, goals, and absences.

We have photo's coming up on the 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. Your child's educators have envelopes for all the children so just check their bags. We cant wait to see all those smiley toothy grins when Miss Karen, the photographer, calls out "Cheese!"

## ONE PLACE

Have you heard of oneplace [www.oneplace.org.au](http://www.oneplace.org.au)? Maybe you haven't stopped by the directory recently? Next time you visit oneplace you will see some changes.

There are now more than 58,000 community support services from right across Queensland listed in oneplace. The breadth of services available is vast - from parenting support, domestic and family violence services, mental health and counselling through to housing, financial and food assistance. This means that Queensland families can get the right service at the right time in their local area.

We are adding a quick exit button so the user can close the site quickly should they be in a situation where they don't want someone knowing what they have searched. The quick exit button will be on the top right corner of the page no matter where you are on the site. When used, the button will immediately take the user to a neutral web page.

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