



BONNY BABES CHILDCARE

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NEWSLETTER



BONNIES BLOG

BONNIE FRASER

Dear families

Every morning I come to kindy and see the bright faces and smiles of the children as they come in to Bonny Babes! amidst all the confusion we live in at the moment it is so lovely to see that children are living the dream. This is all credit to you as families, well done to all of you. As you all know we are still having some restrictions in QLD, one of those is to wear our masks. Again, thank you for adhering to this. At this stage we are still planning our Christmas concerts so keep an eye out for the dates and times that the Directors will put out in the near future.

On the next page is some interesting information about 'Picture Talks' - it is a great example of a way to start your children on their 'learn to read' journey. One of the most important aspects of education is giving children strong foundations before the beginning of formal school. One of the most important messages I can give, is to work on children's social and emotional wellbeing, as this allows children's brains to be in an optimal position to learn. I would love you to have a go at trying this 'picture talk' I am sure you will love it as much as we all do.

Bonnie

PICTURE TALKS

Learning to read is seen by many parents as an essential component in early education. The pressure is often on early years educators to be seen to be teaching children to read and for many that just means phonics instruction. Learning to read is a complex process but one of the most important elements in this process is often overlooked and that is the good old picture discussion. Once upon a time everyone in an early childhood education course had to be the proud owner of a picture collection. Times have changed and we no longer require this in our tool kit. This does not however mean that picture discussions are not a vital component for children who are learning to read. In fact, we can use digital photography and our smart boards to really have some great picture discussions.

We learn to read by understanding what is on the page. This means the use of context. Context is provided by pictures and by knowledge of the world and knowledge gained by life experiences. (We have far better context and knowledge about the beach after we have visited the beach.) Pictures are an important part of learning how to read. Pictures help children to connect to the story and to the world. So next time you are planning a language session think about how you can use a picture to promote vocabulary development, critical thinking skills and problem-solving skills using a picture and your questioning skills.

Remember -

A picture tells a thousand words

What's going on in this picture?

What can you see?

Can you predict what might happen next?

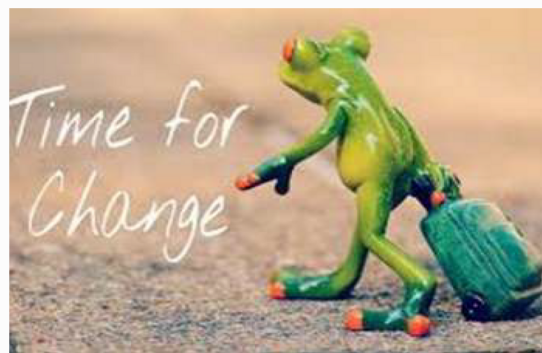
Where is this frog?

Where could he be going?

What do you think is in his case?

Why has he/she packed a case?

Can you tell me a story about this picture?



DIRECTORS BLOG

COOMERA

MISS MEGAN

What a busy term we have had, the Coomera centre has been busy this term celebrating our dads, everyone was busy making gifts and spoiling their dads or special friends. We had a week of dressing up and enjoying book week and loved exploring and experimenting in science week.

Thank you to all of our families who helped to celebrate our wonderful educators for Educators Day they were all spoilt and had a wonderful day. We are very lucky to welcome some new educators to our Bonny Babes Coomera team, welcome to Miss Najmeh, Miss Michele and Miss Shelbie. Miss Mel is back and will be joining our Infants room Team.

DIRECTORS BLOG

We have decided to stop swimming in Term 4 and will reassess this extracurricular activity in the new year. We are in the process of working out next years rolls we are sending out letters for you to fill out if you would like to change days for your child's care.

Next Term we will be busy preparing for Christmas and our Pre-Prep Graduation, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask myself or Nicky out the front.

Thanks

Megan Turner

HOPE ISLAND

MISS BRIONEY & MISS INDIE

A big "hello" to our Hope Island families. We hope that all the Fathers, Grandfathers and special friends had a lovely Father's Day. The children all enjoyed making their cards and gifts to take home. It was also a busy month with our book week dress-up, Pet Show, Optometrist visit and white balloon day. We love our special celebrations at Bonny Babes! Next Monday is our "Pirate Dress-Up day" for children with cancer.

Can you believe that it is September? Our Educators are about to finish their Term 3 daily planning and they will be running their weekly program for 2 weeks. This will be sent out to families on a Friday, for the 2 weeks of school holidays (20th September to 4th October). Classrooms run a fun holiday program during this time and it gives educators a chance to plan for Term 4.

We will be constructing class rolls for 2022 in October. If you would like to make any changes to your child's bookings for next year, please see reception. We will do our best to accommodate all requests and changes will be effective from 4th January, 2022. This is the date that all children will transition to their new classrooms for the New Year.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Brioney and India



OXENFORD

MISS TRACEY & MISS NICOLLE

Wow! How fast is this year going? We have had lots of challenges and ups and downs in our world but standing strong together has helped us to keep normal routines and help our children feel safe and loved. Thank you for all the support and the appreciation that the educators received on educators day with the beautiful cards, letters, pictures, and food. It was a great way to show our educators that they do a great job.

As we head into spring and the days are getting warmer, we would appreciate you sending your child with sunscreen already applied and a hat for when they play outside.

Happy Father's Day to all Bonny Babes Oxenford Fathers, Grandfathers, and special Friends. We hope all our dads loved their specially made Father's Day presents. Its was wonderful to see all the time and effort that was put into the individual pieces and the creativity behind each child's special project.

During the school holidays in September, the daily program will become a weekly one with a focus on fun. There will be lots of interest-based play and plenty of mixed age play with the older children sharing time with our younger friends. As our team close off the term, they will use this time to reflect and evaluate the program in line with each child's goals.

Nicolle and Tracey



BONNY BABES FACEBOOK PAGES

Have you liked our Facebook pages? Each of our three centres has its own Facebook page and we love to share information on the latest in child development, whats on in the local area and our weekly menus are shared each Monday morning.

We often use Facebook to remind parents of a special dress up day coming up or if they need to bring something along to kindy that day, we know it can be hard to remember everything that we have on here at Bonny Babes.

Facebook is also a great tool for us to share what is happening in our centres each week. We love to share about staff training and if we have any shows or special visitors to our centre, we share that too!





EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are so excited to have our extra curricular sports at Bonny Babes. Children who are engaging in physical activity are increasing their skills in walking, running, balance, climbing, kicking & catching, they are also working on their social play with turn taking, listening to the coach and following simple step directions. This is all helping their development and they are having so much fun.

SIBA SOCCER 3-5YRS

This program is for 3-5yr olds and are held at all three Bonny Babes Childcare Centres. The duration of these sessions is around 30 minutes. We believe these programs assist with a child's fundamental learning in a safe, fun and structured environment. This program focuses on social and personal learning (trust in peers, turn taking, collaboration, friendships), mathematical learning (comparing, colours, counting, length, estimation), active learning (problem solving, following instructions, concentration and persistence, reasoning and making decisions) language, communication, healthy and physical learning (body co-ordination, balance and strength, flexibility and perception). Following each weeks sessions, we provide an interactive colouring in sheet for each participating child in relation to that particular weekly activity.

Hope Island: Tuesdays
Coomera: Thursdays
Oxenford: Wednesdays

BILLIES BUDDIES 2-5YRS

Oxenford: Mondays

TENNIS 3-5YRS

Hope Island: Monday & Thursdays
Coomera: See reception
Oxenford: Wednesdays

FUNKY FEET DANCING 3-5YRS

Hope Island: Mondays & Thursdays
Coomera: Subject to interest and enrolments
Oxenford: Tuesdays

If you would like your child to take part in any of these extra-curricular activities please fill out the forms in reception and we can ensure that your child is added.

ADMIN TEAM

MISS ELAINE, MISS VENETIA AND MISS TRACEY

Centrelink

As a Centre we do our best to inform families of any changes to their CCS approved percentage and hours of care as soon as the change occurs. Please be aware that these decisions are made solely by Centrelink based on your personal circumstances.

As a Centre we are responsible for submitting the correct hours of attendance including arrival and departure times. Centrelink are responsible for the payment of the Child Care Subsidy.

If you do believe at any time that your assessment for CCS is incorrect then please call Centrelink on 13 61 50 to have this investigated. You can also log into your MYGOV account to check and update your details at any time.

Admin Hub Contact Number - 5580 5544

Admin Hub Hours

Monday	8.30am - 4.30pm
Tuesday	8.30am - 4pm
Wednesday	8.30am - 4.30pm
Thursday	8.30am - 4pm
Friday	8.30am - 4.30pm

Lunch is typically between 1pm and 2pm with the phones unattended at this time.

Your weekly fees are processed on Wednesday morning. Please contact Admin before 10am Wednesday if you have any questions in regards to your account prior to the payments being uploaded.

**"I love playing
with my friends out
in the garden"**

- ISLA
AGE 4
COOMERA

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS DAY

Early Childhood Educators' Day recognises and celebrates the work of Australia's educators in early learning services for their wonderful contribution to the wellbeing and healthy development of the young children in their care. It's a chance to say thank you to our early childhood educators on a very personal level and to show them how much we appreciate what they do each day.

This year we had a lovely morning tea put on by Bonny Babes but also with parent donations of special treats for our educators. We even had a smash cake! It was very much appreciated by all of our educators and we had a fabulous day!





PRE PREP SHIRTS

Our Prep shirts are available in Red or Navy and come in sizes 2, 4, 6 & 8. Only \$12 each. Limited stock available now, or you can order one with the form at reception

Don't forget Bonny Babes Coomera are also offering 4 hour sessions for children aged 3 years and over.

Great for parents who are only allocated limited CCS hours or children who are new to childcare.
\$64 Per Session (before CCS)

Give Miss Megan Or Miss Nikki at reception a call to find out more! (07) 55199722..



4 HOUR SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE

CCS APPLICABLE

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8AM TO 12PM BONNY BABES COOMERA
16 YAUN STREET COOMERA

FOUR HOUR DROP OFF SESSION FOR CHILDREN OVER THREE.
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8AM-12PM - \$64 PER SESSION
CHILD CARE SUBSIDY APPLICABLE

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What we have been up to at Bonny Babes...



The GCCC pet safety show visited us



Miss Liv turned 40! & we had our Book Week dress up day

Our Juniors room learnt about different countries of the world. Mr Thanh taught us about Vietnam and showed us his Ao Dai.



Hope Island

Coomera

We had kit kats and chit chats for R U OK day



We celebrated Educators day!



We all dressed up in our Pyjamas for PJ day



We celebrated Book Week with a special dress up day

We had fun learning about science during science week



We spent time with our Pre Prep class pet lizard Haku

Oxenford