



## **TERM FOUR 2022**

**NEWSLETTER** 



#### **BONNIES BLOG**

#### **BONNIE FRASER**

To all of our wonderful families.

We are nearing the end of 2022!! We have had a great year with lots of fun things happening through both of our centres. The children really enjoyed their Christmas concerts and it was such a joy to hear them practicing each day. My Grandson loved to show me how he is holding the baby Jesus. It is one of Bonny Babes goals that we create memories for all children and Christmas activities are one of our favourites. I enjoyed seeing you all at the concerts and the pre prep graduations. We were so thankful that there were no restrictions on the number of visitors allowed this year so we loved seeing all of the children's extended family and friends coming along too.

As we finish up 2022, we start to look at 2023 and see there are many changes ahead for early childhood. The new kindy funding is coming into play and for some of you this will mean that kindy will be cheaper. Please read the information later in the newsletter to determine how much you may be able to save. The government is also raising the amount of childcare subsidy so please keep an eye out for that information we will pass it on as we receive it.

I hope you have been able to see our new playgrounds at both Hope Island and Coomera they look amazing. Thanks to Aarons playgrounds.

An update on our teachers. Miss Paula at Hope Island has now had her beautiful little girl and has called her Luna, Miss Paula will be returning to Bonny Babes May/June 2023. Unfortunately, our beautiful Miss Sarah will now be teaching at a school, so although we will miss her a huge congratulations to her for finishing her bachelor's degree. Mr Caleb is also moving on to do IT at a school and I know we will all miss him as well.

Miss Shelbie has joined our pre prep team, Miss Shelbie has been working at our Coomera centre and has now also completed her Bachelor of Education in early childhood congratulations Miss Shelbie. Miss Kyla who has been on maternity leave will be returning to also take up a position in our Pre-Preps.

Miss Miah has had her beautiful baby girl and hopefully will return next year. Congratulations to all our teachers who have had babies this year.

Some of our educators have now completed their Diplomas so we congratulate them as well. Miss Bec D, Miss Emily and Miss Najmeh.

Bonny Babes hopes you all have an amazing Christmas and New year.

# Miss Bonnie

# Our Christmas Closure Dates

Bonny Babes will be closed on the following public holidays -

Monday 26th December Tuesday 27th December Monday 2nd January



We wish all of our families a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

# DIRECTORS BLOG HOPE ISLAND

MISS BRIONEY & MISS NICOLLE

Hi Families,



The children have been so excited about our improvements to the Pre-Prep playground. This has been a hot topic of conversation, with some of the Pre-Prep children saying that they want to stay another year just to keep playing in this space. The water features will get a real workout this summer and we are sure that it will be a favourite.

Our concert week was so busy, but what an amazing time for everyone to celebrate Christmas for another year. We love having extended family and friends visit the centre and share in the fun of the end of year festivities. We were blessed with slightly cooler weather this year and a beautiful breeze in the dome, which made the concerts a lot more pleasant.

We have thoroughly enjoyed working with all the children and their families at Hope Island throughout 2022. For some of you, this is your last year at Bonny Babes and we hope that you come back and visit us again one day soon. For our returning families, we are so fortunate to have another year together in 2023. Wishing you all a very Merry and safe Christmas.

Miss Brioney & Miss Nicolle

### DIRECTORS BLOG COOMERA

MISS MEL & MISS STEFF

Hello Families

What a busy couple of months we have had here at Bonny Babes Coomera! We loved watching all of the children perform at their Christmas Concerts - what a special time of year this is.

We wish all of our Graduating pre prep children good luck for next year as they go off to big school! We will miss you here at Bonny Babes and you are welcome to come and visit us anytime - we would love to see you again and hear all about how big school is going.

We are so excited for the children to head off into their new classrooms in 2023. We have as great team of educators in 2023 and are sure it wont take the children long to settle in.

We also want to wish our Miss Paige the best of luck as she is due to have her baby girl soon and will be off on Maternity leave in the next couple of weeks.

Please remember that you are always welcome to pop in and see us if you need to chat about your children or anything that is going on with you or your family. We would love to try and help you or offer any advice we can.





## **QLD GOVERMENT KINDY FUNDING**

The Queensland Government is making Kindy cheaper in 2023 - Children enrolled in our our Pre Prep room may be eligible for this funding!

You can calculate how much your family will save here - http://www.qld.gov.au/kindysavings

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#### **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 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

#### TENNIS 3-5YRS

Hope Island: Monday & Friday Coomera: See reception

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

#### 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 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.

"I love playing with the animals and the trucks in my classroom"

- MILAYA AGE 3 HOPE ISLAND

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.

#### **4 YEAR OLD HEALTHY CHILD CHECKS**

Don't forget to have your child seen by your GP or Child Health Clinic for their 4 year old healthy child check. You can have this check done anytime between 3.5yrs - 5yrs old. You will need to take along your child's personal health record book (their red book) to be filled in.

At this visit the Doctor or Nurse will make sure your child is on track for health and well being. It will include things like:

- height and weight
- eyesight hearing
- immunisation
- oral health
- toileting
- allergies

If you receive family Tax Benefit part A and do not have the healthy child check completed, your FTB part A for that child may be reduced.





#### **BONNY BABES HATS**

Bonny Babes will be providing one of our new hats for each child in the new year. Please ensure your child's hat is clearly named and comes to Bonny Babes with them each day.

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.
\$69 Per Session (before CCS)

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



#### **BONNY BABES FACEBOOK PAGES**



Have you liked our Facebook pages? Each of our 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!

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



We celebrated **Grandparents Day** 

Miss Emily completed her Diploma in children's services



We celebrated our Pre Prep Graduation



## **Hope Island**

Our Miss Paula brought her baby girl 'Luna' in to meet us!



We celebrated

## Coomera



Our Pre Preps had their graduation photos



We held a baby shower for **Miss Paige** 





Our Pre Prep Children Graduated and are off to big school next year