

BONNY BABES CHILDCARE

# TERM ONE 2023



NEWSLETTER



## BONNIES BLOG

**BONNIE FRASER**

Welcome to 2023!!

Every year seems to go by so quickly! It has been so lovely seeing all the excited little faces going off on their new adventure 'big school'. We would love to have photo of your child if they have started school this year, we proudly display these on our office door , The other children love to see these and they aspire to also have their photo on my door.

Welcome to all our new families. We totally understand that starting Kindy can be daunting for children but just as daunting for you as parents and extended family. Please be assured we will do everything we can to assist you and your child to feel comfortable. We are always available for you to chat to us with any concerns or questions.

This year we are focusing on our indigenous culture and intending to embed it in our programs. We have also had Healthy Harold visit in February. Healthy Harold will be back to visit us in July and November other sessions will be throughout the year.

We have Uncle Allan who is a traditional custodian and elder of the Yugambeh Language group. These visits are a learning/ sharing experience where Uncle Allan sits on the ground with the children and engages both children, educators and any family members that wish/ask to sit with me. These visits will be twice a term starting on the 23rd February at Hope Island and on the 28th February at Coomera. We are so excited to be able to have Uncle Allan join with us in embedding our indigenous culture. There is an open invitation to join us in these sessions.

This year all children were given a Bonny Babes hat, we would ask you to please ensure that you bring this hat to Kindy each day you attend. Please ensure that it is named. It is really important that children learn to be sun safe, we also ask you to apply sunscreen before you attend, and we will apply a second coverage throughout the day.

To all our Pre Prep families, the government is making pre prep cheaper in a variety of ways. Families that receive Family Tax Benefit could see a reduction of \$500.00 per year in addition to their childcare subsidy. Families eligible for Kindy plus will save \$1409.50 per year. Bonny Babes will need families to provide evidence of eligibility before we can apply these subsidies, so please make sure to contact Venetia or reception at your centre to provide this information. Make sure to visit the website to check your families eligibility and find out how much you can save-[www.qld.gov.au/kindysavings](http://www.qld.gov.au/kindysavings)

*Miss Bonnie*

## **EDUCATIONAL LEADER**

### **MISS INDIE**

Hi Families,

I hope you have had a great start to 2023!

For those who don't know me my name is Indie, I am the Educational Leader for Bonny Babes. I Guide our wonderful educators in their professional journeys to continue to build on their knowledge as they foster your children's learning while here at Bonny Babes.

We have been working hard this year to reflect on our educational program and practice, to ensure our educators are planning programs that are one of a kind and enriched with learning opportunities.



As you may have already noticed, our classrooms have been speaking to you about your child's goals for this year and I highly encourage you to engage with your educators to create these goals.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss our learning programs, please feel free to reach out to me at [india@bonnybabeschildcare.com.au](mailto:india@bonnybabeschildcare.com.au).

*Miss Indie*



## **DIRECTORS BLOG**

### **HOPE ISLAND**

**MISS BRIONEY & MISS NICOLLE**

Hi Families,

It is our first newsletter of 2023. Welcome to the new families who have joined us at Hope Island this year and welcome back to our existing families. This is always a busy time with children transitioning into new classrooms and forming connections with educators. We are hoping by now that everyone is starting to feel a sense of 'belonging' in our centre and their new rooms. We value strong relationships at Bonny Babes and aim to work in partnership with families.

There is lot's happening in the centre between now and the end of Term. Our extra -curricular programs are running and more information can be found in reception if you would like to sign your child up for any. Generally, they are offered for 2.5 years and over. The Henny Penny Hatching program will also be visiting in March and the children will experience baby chicks and the hatching cycle, just in time for Easter!

*Miss Brioney & Miss Nicolle*

# DIRECTORS BLOG

## COOMERA

### MISS MEL & MISS STEFF

Can you believe its February already? A big welcome to all our families both new and returning for the New Year.

It's wonderful to see so many preps from last year coming in to visit or sending us photos of them in their "big" school uniform, we know you'll do amazing things.

We've had a wonderful settled beginning to the year. Most of the children have taken to their new rooms and routines really well. All rooms have been busy getting to know the children, their likes, interests, and the rooms are now started looking very creative. We've seen their interest in colours, cultures, traditions, and sensory exploration be the base for their learning.

Our Preps thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Life Education's healthy Harold today, they learnt about healthy food choices, teeth brushing and being active each day.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns at any time, please come and see us. We are here to help.

*Miss Mel & Miss Steff*

## CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please let us know if any of your details have changed - have you moved house or changed your phone number or email? You can collect a change of details form at reception or email your changes through to Venetia on [venetia@bonnybabeschildcare.com.au](mailto:venetia@bonnybabeschildcare.com.au)





## 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: Mondays

**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

**"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.**

Gold Coast Oral Health Services  
**you make me smile**

Book your child's **FREE\*** dental check:  
**1300 300 850**

\* Eligibility criteria applies for non-school aged children and students 16 years or under.

For more information scan the QR code or visit:  
[www.goldcoast.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health](http://www.goldcoast.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health)

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# QLD GOVERNMENT 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>

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...



Miss Kristy has been working hard with the children on our "Belonging Tree"

# Hope Island

We all recieved our Bonny Babes Hats



We Met Healthy Harold



Our team are continually developing ways in which we analyse, evaluate and reflect on programming and planning



# Coomera



We had a little visitor in our Pre Prep One classroom



Our 'Schoolies' went off to big school

Miss Paige had her baby girl 'Merci'



Our Pre Prep Children loved meeting Healthy Harold