



BONNY BABES CHILDCARE

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NEWSLETTER



BONNIES BLOG


BONNIE FRASER

Hi Bonny Babes Families,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2021. As we bid farewell to 2020 and the challenges it brought with the COVID-19 pandemic, we welcome 2021 and look forward to what the year will bring. We especially give a warm welcome to all our new families to Bonny babes. I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know you and your family. Please remember, if there is anything that we can do for you or your child, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's educators, that's what we are here for.

I'm sure you will agree that 2020 was a year like no other. As we were navigating our way through uncertain times during the pandemic and taking each day as they came, I want to thank all the wonderful families that stood by Bonny babes. I know it was a challenging year but let's hope that this year will be a better one for everyone.

Henny Penny Hatching Program. Easter is fast approaching and with that comes our 'Henny Penny Hatching' program. This is always a fun and exciting time for the children (and educators) watching the little chick's hatch. Families have the opportunity for a small cost, to take some chickens home to keep, so please let staff know if you would like to take some.



SISTERHOOD – Due to the COVID restrictions at hospitals, we are unable to donate items to the cancer wards at the Gold Coast University Hospital, so we are collecting new and unused baby items and donating them to ‘Baby give back’. Baby give back is a charity that donates the essential items to those families who cannot afford them, so if you are willing to donate towards this worthy cause, please place any items in the dedicated baskets at reception. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Sisterhood.

KINDY HUB

As most of you will all know we have implemented our Kindy Hub program and now all our communication will be on the Kindy hub app. If you are still unsure of how this works, please see your classroom teacher or your Director. This system will allow you to see photos of your child and daily routines immediately. We are always reflecting and looking at ways to improve our processes. Please remember that our classroom emails have been disabled but you are still able to email both the directors and myself. All other communication will need to be via the communicate tab in the app.

As always please feel free to give me a call at any time, My door is always open to you.

Bonnie

DIRECTORS BLOG

COOMERA

MISS MEGAN

Happy New Year Everyone, Hoping you all had a lovely Christmas. 2021 is here and we are so looking forward to it. In the first week of January all of our children moved rooms with different educators, it has been so nice to see all the educators already creating close bonds with the children in their care.

Our rooms and educators this year are -

Infants with Miss Nicky and Miss Hannah

Junior Toddlers with Miss Dan and Miss Brianna

Toddlers with Miss Mel, Miss Steff and Miss Lara

Juniors with Miss Julie, Miss Abby and Miss Cassie

Kindy room with Miss Angie, Miss Angela and Miss Nelly

Pre Prep room with Miss Shayni, Miss Amy and Miss Tamara

And of course our fantastic float team who consist of Miss Fiona, Miss Meryn, Miss Cass , Miss Paula , and Miss Sonia.

We now have all of our extra curricular activities back in the centre such as Tennis, Soccer and Ready Steady Go, if you would like your child to take part in any of these please see reception.

Miss Rochelle has decided to finish up at Bonny Babes, we wish her lots of luck in her new venture, and we would like to welcome Miss Nicky to the Assistant Director Role.

Thank you for all your support, we are looking forward to a great year, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to see me in the office.

Megan



DIRECTORS BLOG

HOPE ISLAND

MISS BRIONEY & MISS INDIE

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our existing ones. The New Year is here and the children have all transitioned into their 2021 classrooms really well. Our school children have headed off to school and the daily curriculum for Term 1 is underway.

Educators have been busy working on their intentional teaching goals for your children and they have completed training sessions on our new Kindy Hub program. By now most families have downloaded our Kindy Hub app and have been receiving the updates. Please see reception or your child's teacher if you are having any technical difficulties with the program. This is an exciting change for us! Families are able to communicate directly with their child's classroom through the communication tab and photos can be uploaded through the Family Stories section. We love to see what exciting things the children have experienced with their families.

Our centre has been buzzing with tradie activity as we undergo a "20 year building facelift". Bonny Babes has just celebrated it's 20 year birthday and we are looking forward to the commencement of this work in the centre. Keep your eyes peeled for the changes. We are so blessed to still have long-term staff members as part of our team.

In staffing news, Miss Katie finished up at Bonny Babes last week to move to Airlie Beach. This is exciting for her and we wish her all the best for her new adventure. We have welcomed Miss Rebecca to the Hope Island team as our new apprentice. She is looking forward to her career in Child Care and loves working with children. We know that she is going to be an amazing assistant.

There are still a few vacancies in some rooms at the moment. Please see one of us in the office to secure another day if you require. We tend to fill up quickly in February and March. We are looking forward to an amazing year with your child at Bonny Babes.

Brioney & Indie 😊Nominated Supervisor - Hope Island

OXENFORD

MISS TRACEY & MISS NICOLLE

Welcome to 2021, here at Oxenford, we are well under way for the new year of 2021. We have been really busy creating environments where your children will feel secure and feel a part of their learning environments and becoming aware of their surroundings in every room.

Our Educator's have been working towards creating these areas within their classrooms for their children, so they can establish and create a sense of belonging through spaces that will facilitate social and emotional participation.



We are excited for this year to build our relationships and partnerships with all our families so we can all work together for developing all the children within our care for a successful year.

We have all our extra curricular activities back in the centre, which we know the children love being active and this helps promoting healthy minds and healthy bodies. Our sports programs which you can enrol in are swimming, Tiny Tennis, United Funk dance, Billy's Buddies and we all love Soccer with Simon.

We have been transitioning to Kindy Hub -please download the app. All staff have finished their training and we will be commencing programming shortly.

We will be having Henny Penny coming on the 22nd March for the children. This is such an exciting experience for both children and teachers. This will be in the reception area, for the children to view.

We would like to thank our families for continuing your support through these uncertain times. We are looking forward to sharing more memorable moments with all our families.

From the team at Oxenford - Tracey & Nicolle.

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.

SWIMMING

Gullivers offer direct debit and weekly payments - Please contact Lara or Michelle at Gullivers on 5561 7733 if you would like to your child to attend. See our facebook pages for a link to enrol online. (pre prep & kindy children only)

Hope Island: Wednesdays

Coomera: Wednesdays

Oxenford: Mondays

FUNKY FEET DANCING 3-5YRS

Hope Island: Mondays & Thursdays

Coomera: Subject to interest and enrolments

Oxenford: Tuesdays

TENNIS 3-5YRS

Hope Island: Monday & Thursdays

Coomera: See reception

Oxenford: Wednesdays

SIBA SOCCER 3-5YRS

Hope Island: Tuesdays

Coomera: Thursdays

Oxenford: Wednesdays

BILLIES BUDDIES 2-5YRS

Oxenford: 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 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 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.

BONNY BABES SISTERHOOD

Bonny Babes Sisterhood will be collecting donations for Baby Give Back over the next month or two due to covid restrictions at the GCUH oncology ward.

If you would like to contribute to this cause, you can donate any new items into the baskets provided at reception in all three of our centres.

We will be collecting new items such as -

- Nappies & Wipes
- Baby Towels
- Bibs
- Clothing
- Change Mats
- Formula
- Toiletries
- Toys less than 45cm big
- Sterilisers
- Books

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

- ISLA
AGE 4
COOMERA

Baby GIVE
BACK



PRE PREP SHIRTS

Our Prep shirts are available in Red or Navy and come in sizes 2, 4, 6 & 8. Only \$11 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.
\$59 Per Session (before CCS)

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

FUN THINGS FOR TODDLERS

Are you looking for some ideas of things to do with your toddlers? Check out the website www.funthingsfortoddlers.com for some great reviews of local activities and locations that are perfect for toddlers!

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



Miss Carol is back to teach Tennis!



Our little swimmers went back to lessons after the Christmas break.

Our Kindy children made pancakes and as a random act of kindness they shared them around for all of our educators to try!



Hope Island

Coomera



Our kindy room made a belonging tree out of the children's handprints

Miss Carol is back and doing weekly lessons with our children.

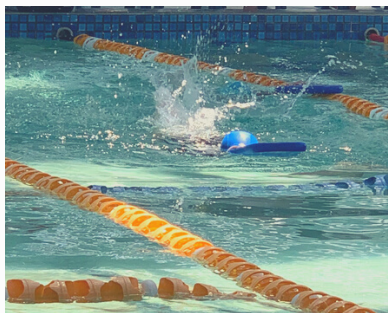


The children decorated Love hearts to celebrate Valentine's Day, which we displayed in reception

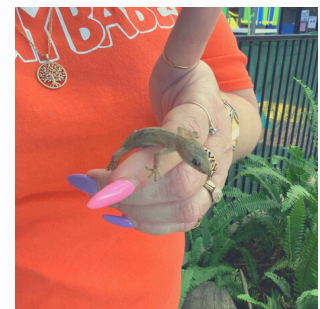


We celebrated pancake day and all enjoyed our yummy snack!

Our swimming lessons started up again at Gullivers after the Christmas break!



Oxenford



Miss Karen showed the children a gecko she found in the yard