

# PreSchool Newsletter



## Welcome to our new Educators ~ Miss Bianca and Miss Sheree



By now you will have seen both Miss Bianca and Miss Sheree at preschool. They are both studying as trainees to complete their Certificate 3 in Children's Services. Please feel free to say hello to them and help us make them feel part of our Gumnut Family. We wish both girls the best in their studies and hope they enjoy their time with us

## Our act of Kindness

At this very moment someone very close to Miss Sharon and Miss Mik is on a ship called HMAS Newcastle, and her name is Katrina. Katrina is a marine technician aboard the HMAS Newcastle and is also a member of the boarding party for when they need to board hostile vessels. Katrina and her crew mates are on an operation called Operation Manitou, Rotation 65, where they are patrolling the Middle East Region. Their deployment has them away from home for the next 6 months. HMAS Newcastle is the last of the FFG Class to go to the Gulf for this deployment; making it extra special. To help them through this time of being away, we thought it would be nice for the children to send them letters and drawings etc in a care package to bring a smile to their day. If you would like to be part of this

## Welcome....

....to our third newsletter of a super fun and action packed 2017.

also, please let us know and we will let you know when the next care package will be on its way to the HMAS Newcastle.

## Miss Sharon and Miss Mik away .....

During the weeks of 7th to 11th August Miss Sharon and Miss Mik will be going on a family holiday to the snow.. While Miss Sharon is away, your child's Educators will be Miss Kylie, Mis Kirstin, Miss Bianca and Miss Sheree and our Certified Supervisors will be Miss Kylie and Miss Kirstin. However, if you are needing to contact Sharon for any reason throughout the week, you can still do so during business hours either calling on 0438828467 or email at [medowiegumnut@bigpond.com](mailto:medowiegumnut@bigpond.com) - and Sharon will get back to you as soon as she can.

## Hours of Operation

Please note that our hours of operation are 8am to 4pm. We currently have several families who consistently arrive at, or after 4pm and then spend time going over what their child has done across the day, or wanting to have a chat to Educators about their child. Our licence permits us to have children on the premises and in our care from 8am to 4pm only. Please make sure you arrive to collect your child, spend time with them and discuss their day with educators PRIOR to 4pm as our educators all have somewhere to be straight after work; to collect their own child from care, meetings, and training etc.



The cold winter is here! So this means the runny noses & colds are here too.  
If your child is sick please keep them home. Children recover best from rest.

## No Access Via Our Drive Way or Car Park .....

Recently we have had a lot of parents/carers parking in our drive way as they drop off or collect their child from preschool. This area is a car park for our Staff, Maintenance Vehicles and Emergency Vehicles ONLY.

## Preschool Gates

When entering and leaving our preschool, please check that the gate is latched closed and doesn't bounce open. Please also help us look after our gates by making sure that older children do not climb onto the gates or fences to open them. This does break the gate and the hinges thus making it difficult for the gates to automatically close once you have been through them.

**Please also be aware that children and families are required to use our side gate only. The front car park and the front gate are for Staff, Maintenance and Emergency access only. The reason being that children are not easily seen to a car that may be entering or leaving our car park.**

## Important Dates

- \* Fire Brigade Visit ~ Friday 4th August at 10:30am
- \* Miss Sharon & Miss Mik at the snow - 7th to 11th August
- \* Vision Screening - for children going to school in 2018 - 9:30am on Friday 11th August
- \* Pacific Smiles - Dentist Visit - 11:45am on Tuesday 29th August
- \* Pacific Smiles - Dentist Visit - 11:45am on Thursday 31st August
- \* Preschool Photos - 4th to 8th September

## A Message from Miss Sharon; our Education Leader...

How can I help my child be ready to learn?

Seven very important ingredients for learning are:

1. Lots of love. Providing your child with lots of love and responding warmly to their cues leads to a secure attachment.
2. Talking and listening. Your child learns when you talk with them. Singing, rhyming and reading also build their skills. Respond to them and listen when they speak and they will learn how to communicate with you and others.
3. Play, play, and more play. Different types of play help your child grow and develop. Spend time playing with your child. That is what they like best.



4. Daily physical activity through active play. Provide opportunities for lots of physical, active play to help your child develop skills and strong muscles and bones.
5. Good nutrition. Good nutrition gives your child the building blocks to grow, have enough energy to learn, and stay healthy.
6. Daily routines. It helps your child if they have routines for getting up, eating, going to bed, active play, and quiet play. It makes your child feel secure and avoids difficult behaviour. Don't forget to include special events such as birthday parties, outings, or cultural celebrations.
7. Regular health and development check-ups Your child learns better when they feel well and can hear and see well. Any health problem your child may have, should be addressed early, so that they can do well at preschool/ school.

