



# NEWSLETTER

October 2017

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### OCTOBER 2017

- 19<sup>TH</sup> - BOLLYKIDS (\$8)
- 20<sup>TH</sup> - ENROLMENT CONFIRMATION LETTERS SENT OUT
- 13<sup>TH</sup> - END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

### NOVEMBER 2017

- 22<sup>ND</sup> - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY (TBC)
- 29<sup>TH</sup> - SANTA OF THE NEVER NEVER (\$8)
- 29<sup>TH</sup> - CHILDREN'S GRADUATION AT BERESFIELD BOWLING CLUB

### DECEMBER 2017

- 8<sup>TH</sup> - FEES DUE
- 21<sup>ST</sup> - CHILDREN'S LAST DAY FOR 2018

### JANUARY 2018

- 17<sup>TH</sup> - CHILDREN'S FIRST DAY BACK

We are now on the downhill run to the end of the year with Christmas fast approaching.

Time is going so fast that we've just realised that it's Jacqui's sixth week at the centre. If you haven't already, don't forget to pop your head in the office window and introduce yourself.

#### Enrolments

Enrolments for 2018 are filling fast in some of our rooms. If you have not filled out your enrolment forms and handed in, please do so as soon as possible. Confirmation letters will start going out this week.

#### Christmas Party

We have had to change the date of our children's Christmas party this year as it clashes with so many things, including the inaugural Super cars being held in Newcastle.

We will be trialling a Wednesday night this year. Please note that the BBQ will definitely be happening this year. Keep an eye out in your pocket for more information.

#### Santa Needed

Our regular Santa has gone into retirement and we are after a new Santa for our children's xmas party. It would be about 1 hour of your time and you would need to complete a volunteer working with children check. If you are interested, please see the office.

#### Staffing

Our 3-5 floater Kruti was successful in obtaining a full time position at the centre so we are currently in the process of filling that vacancy.

#### Facebook

Our new Facebook page is now up and running. Please like our page:  
[www.facebook.com/beresfieldchildcare](http://www.facebook.com/beresfieldchildcare)

#### End of Year Statements

End of year statements will come out a little earlier than planned. This will have a breakdown of payments needed to have your fees paid up by 8<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Spare Clothes

With the weather warming up we will be spending more time outside. Please remember to pack your child a spare set of clothes as we will be engaging in more water and messy play.

Also, please make sure you are packing cooler clothing or layering your children's clothes so they can take layers off if they get too hot.

#### Graduation

Graduation will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Beresfield Bowling Club. Look out for your personal invitation in your pocket soon. This will also include permission slips and order forms for our annual graduation booklet.

## News from the Ducklings

The Ducklings have been doing lots of gardening. The children have been enjoying trying the strawberries that we have been growing and collecting leaves to do arts and crafts.

The children have enjoyed water play in the mud pit and in the sand pit. Please remember to bring spare clothes for water play.

Feel free to let us know about any changes with your children and we will start to transition the older Ducklings to the Koalas for preparation for next year.

## News from the Koalas

Our children are having transition visits to the Penguins room in preparation for next year.

We need to have all of our children toilet trained to move onto the next phase of their learning in the Penguins room.

We are beginning to think about Christmas craft as it is only 11 weeks until Santa comes. If anybody has any craft ideas we would love to hear them. Also any donations of Christmas materials would be very much appreciated.

As the weather is now getting warmer we will have water play, so please pack extra clothes. Don't forget your child's hat and please apply sunscreen when you arrive in the morning.

## News from the Penguins

Lots of the Penguins children have been going to the zoo and bringing back stories of all of the animals they have seen. We would love it if families could email some zoo photos to us.

Our garden is going amazing too. The children have loved helping it grow by watering and weeding it and are enjoying discovering the different bugs in the garden.

We have also really enjoyed doing some science experiments and are looking forward to some cooking next week.

Children have discovered an interest in name and letter recognition.

With warmer weather please remember to pack drink bottles, hats and a spare change of clothes for wet/messy play.

## News from the Lambs

We have been enjoying our new cubby house addition to our room.

We have been exploring stories about big school and are having discussions about what will happen at big school.

We have had a strong focus on our environment and caring for it. The Lambs have been exploring lady bugs and creating habitats for them. We have been picking and placing some fresh grown produce in the foyer for families to take home that we have grown from our very own garden.

As the end of the year is nearing we are going to be focusing on having lots of fun and creating memorable moments with the children before they start their adventures off to big school. This will entail less focus on school readiness and more mud play, water play, cooking, etc.

**Donations needed:** coloured/white paper; buttons; ribbons; Christmas paper, Christmas craft items, sequins, beads, old Christmas cards.