



January Newsletter
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Bec's Comments

Dear Families

In Term 3 I informed my line manager that I would be resigning from my position to take on a part-time teaching role, to better support my children as leadership as you can imagine has been extremely hard over the past 3 years with the impact of COVID. The position was advertised but unfortunately no one was recruited and I was asked by Department for Education to stay on in 2023, which I have agreed to and I hope to be able to take the centre from strength to strength.

As most of you are aware this has been an extremely hard year with lots of staff illness which has resulted in me working with the children more than was ideal. So as a result I haven't been able to get newsletters out as regularly as I would of liked to but it also meant that we could continue to operate the centre when there has been a high number of centres nationally regularly closing because of staff shortages. In light of this next year I will be having no teaching workload so I can better manage the day to day administration of the centre and plan for the future of the centre.

Thanks Bec

Staff News

- Lucinda will commence 4 weeks Long Service Leave as Term 1 2023 with Gabby covering her leave.
- Riccilee Meldrum and Tash Bailey have both finished up with the centre to start new chapters in their lives. We wish them all the best.
- Kelly will be moving into the Over 2's commencing January 9th to fill the position left by Riccilee. This is a great opportunity to bring Kelly's wealth of experience to the older children.
- Congratulations to Harriet who has won the 1 year contract position in the Under 2's. Harriet currently works in the room quite a number of days per week so the children know her well which will result in a smooth transition between Kelly and Harriet

Observation Day feedback

In Term 3 we had an observation day conducted by our Acting Education Director Brenton Hudson and Early Childhood Leader Karen Hogan to ensure that the site was on track with our Quality Improvement Plan and cycle of continuous reflection and improvement. We received some great feedback and will provide us with our next steps:

The professional learning opportunities that you lead staff through to support the PQIP goal & their NQF knowledge is impressive.

The commitment of educators to document their learning through a journal is exceeding practice. The journal is a useful tool for all educators' professional records as well as a support for PDP discussions.

The progress against your PQIP success criteria is well documented. Collaborative reflection is clearly evident. The termly review that you lead staff through to check the alignment of your practice against your philosophy is powerful evidence and a concrete reference that you can refer to when reviewing your philosophy at the beginning of 2023.