

Richmond Hill Community Preschool

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016

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KEY DATES

**LAST DAY OF TERM:
THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER
(1PM FINISH)**

**END OF YEAR CONCERT:
THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER
AT APPROX 12NOON-1PM**

FIRST DAY OF 2017, TERM 1: TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY

**INCREASE IN PRESCHOOL HOURS
PLEASE NOTE FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF TERM 1, 2017
OUR PRESCHOOL WILL OPERATE FROM 8AM-3.30PM.**

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DID YOU KNOW...

our Preschool utilises our Facebook page to issue reminders, publish photos of the day and general communication? Please like our page and share our posts. 'Richmond Hill Preschool'

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Cooper Family that assisted with the organization and delivery of the softfall and sand for the playground.

A big thank you to the support of the Paisley family with their recent application to OUR KIDS for resources for our Preschool. Also for sourcing and printing some new t-shirts!

A big thank you to all families that assisted at the annual working bee, our Preschool looks GREAT!

GROWING MUSCLES

As children grow and get closer to school age they need lots of practise to develop their muscles. You can help your children with this development by encouraging climbing, running, hopping and jumping.

For the finer hand muscles using pegs on an ice cream container, using a spray water bottle, lego/duplo, scissor cutting practise assists these muscles to get strong. For the muscles needed for speech and articulation eating whole apples and carrots can help these muscles to develop.

OUR PROGRAM IN TERM 4
The overview of the Term's program is on display at the sign on area. Our spontaneous learning activities are added to the whiteboard to show how we have explored and extended the children's learning. We appreciate family involvement and encourage the children to bring in objects they have found from their environment, this week we learnt about frogs!

Intentional Teaching
Numerals: Counting by rote, name and selects numerals, numeral memory
Opposites: analogies (summer is hot, winter is.....) build the foundation blocks to establish reading
Sequencing: helps build literacy and scientific inquiry skills
Vocabulary Building: learning new words for body parts, eg. Eyebrows, eyelashes, nostrils.
Similies: Early understanding of similes aids creativity as children are able to classify and describe objects by their common features.
Taste or hear: Children focus on individual senses and are encouraged to compare and contrast how we use those senses.
Rhyming: This helps children to detect the phonetic constituents of words.

Comprehension: Reading books and recalling events in order. Children also increase their memory skills when they answer questions about the book they have just listened to.

Parents are always welcome to discuss their child's education and care at any time with the Supervisor.

COMMITTEE ANNOUCEMENTS FEES

At the last meeting, it was minuted that a fee structure could not be decided until the enrolments for 2017 were finalised. The committee decided to rebate parents once the funding was calculated for 2017. To date fees have not changed. We have reviewed and updated the following policies: Child Protection Complaints and Feedback And added a new Policy titled 'Risk Management'

END OF YEAR CONCERT

Our last day of Term, Thursday 15th December at

12noon sharp will be the End of Year Concert. The children will be presenting a special Australian bush story and singing songs. We ask all families to please bring a plate for a shared lunch after the concert. The day will finish at 1pm so staff can clean and pack away equipment for safe storage over the holidays. This will be the last day for children for 2016.

CLOTHING
With the warmer weather approaching we engage in more water play experiences so please remember to send your child with a full change of spare clothing (labelled). Don't forget our Sun policy which recommends a WIDE brimmed hat and sleeves that cover shoulders. Preschool have cancer council approved hats for sale \$20 each. Please no baseball caps or singlet sleeves.

LEAVING SCHOOL IN 2016
Best wishes to those children who are excitedly going off to Primary School in 2017: Aaliyah, Anneliese, Armani, Ava, Bailey, Benny, Bonnie, Djidji, Ethan, Hope, Lewis, Logan, Olivia, Piper, Shannon and Victor.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL
For those children making the transition to school in 2016 the Educators begin to talk about 'Getting ready' for Primary School. To help with the transition you can help by:

- Giving simple verbal instructions 'Go to the kitchen and get my blue pen from beside the phone please'
- Playing a game that requires turn taking and abide by the rules
- Sing songs together with rhyming words eg one two buckle my shoe
- Recognising shapes and colours in the house
- Bring a number of objects on request eg 4 spoons, 5 cups
- Practise using scissors and drawing a person
- Complete a complex jigsaw puzzle together 20 pieces
- Vocabulary Building - Explaining moderately complex words (unique, absurd, expand)
- Playing games that help with 'Working Memory' eg When I went shopping

SONG

WORDS MAKE THE WORLD GO ROUND

The children are learning this song and will enjoy singing it to you. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOSKMaD86rI>

L is a letter, LOVE is a word
Paint a picture, of the world
And the world is a planet
And we're all hanging out in space
Words can solve the puzzle of this complicated place.

So how do you spell love, L O V E
How do you spell life, L I F E
We sing them of we speak them
Words will change the world that's why they're so intriguing.

Words tell a story so settle in
Words ask questions like what happens in the end
And a book is like a movie but it's playing in your head
You don't have to be alone cause words will be your friend

So how do you spell love, L O V E
How do you spell life, L I F E
We sing them of we speak them
Words will change the world that's why they're so intriguing.

Words make the world go round x4

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR CARE FOR YOUR CHILD IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

BEXHILL BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND VACATION CARE AT BEXHILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
HOURS OF OPERATION
6:30AM - 9AM & 3PM - 6:30PM (SCHOOL TERM)
VACATION CARE - 8PM - 6PM
CONTACT KATHY DEGIER - EMAIL KATHRYNDEGIER2011@BIGPOND.COM
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Bexhill Outside School Hours Care is a home-away-from-home for your child - a place to have fun, be active and explore their potential. Our child-focused, stimulating activities reflect kids' interests; nutritious snacks provided to fuel for learning and playing with friends, qualified staff ensure safe, nurturing, values-driven care. Bexhill OSHC is licensed to have children who are starting school from the age of 4 to 13, so if your child is starting school in 2017 they can attend Bexhill OSHC Vacation care from the start of the December school holidays 2016. Our Educators pride themselves on the high level of supervision that is provided at our services and child protection is our highest priority. Our services are subsidised by the Federal Government, through the Child Care benefit and Child Care Rebate schemes, through the Northern Rivers Family Day Care office. More information on programing and policies can be viewed on the Northern Rivers Family Day Care website - <http://nracs.org.au>.

WHAT IS FOSTER CARE?

Foster care involves providing a safe and nurturing home for a specified and agreed amount of time for people between 0 and 18 years-old who can't live with their biological parents.

There are basically five types of foster caring:

- respite - when carers require a break, usually for short periods (e.g. weekends) and schedule in advance.
- emergency - when there are concerns for a young person's immediate safety. Provided at short notice, often after hours and on weekends.
- short term - when the goal is on reuniting the young person with their birth or extended family. Can last up to six months.
- long term - when the young person is not expected to return to their biological family.
- relative/kinship care - when the young person lives with a relative or someone they already know.

It's up to you how much time your family can give to fostering. You might be available for a few nights, weeks or years. Whatever type of care works for you, your help will always be valued.

Why do children need fostering?

Right now, there are more than 20,000 birth in NSW who cannot live with their birth families. The reasons for that include physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse, neglect, drug or alcohol use, depression or family breakdown. All of these children have experienced the difficult loss and often painful separation from their birth family. CASPA is looking for committed people who can offer a safe and stable home to children

in need of foster care in the Northern NSW.

If you have had experience with foster care, have worked with children or young people in a professional capacity, or even if you have no previous experience but feel you have the qualities needed, you could be just the person we are looking for.

You do not have to be married, have children or own the house you live. However, you should be emotionally resilient, enjoy team work and provide foster children with their own bedroom. This is an essential criteria.

Who makes good foster carers?

There's no such thing as the 'perfect' carer. However, patience, energy and a sense of humour can go a long way towards helping a foster child.

It's important to be a team player, knowing you will need to share the care of a foster child with other people, including caseworkers, teachers, medical professionals and the birth parents.

The difference between CASPA and many other organisations is our level and quality of support.

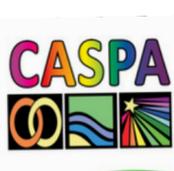
We offer:

- Ongoing training
- 24/7 support
- Monthly meetings with a designated support worker
- Foster Carers Support Group
- Allowances up to AU\$39,000.00 a year per child
- External clinical guidance

For more information about how you can join our caring community you can either contact Roberta Hall or Donna Duncombe from the Foster Carer Support - (02) 6627 3725, 6627 3703, fostercare@caspa.asn.au



WELCOME TO FOSTER CARE

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Richmond Hill Community Preschool appreciates our Community Partners for their ongoing support.

