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The Centre will be
CLOSED on Monday 13 June for the
'Queen's Birthday Public Holiday'.

Dear Families,

It was with great delight that a story from the Nursery children and educators and their observation of the Xavier Catholic College Multi-purpose hall building, was featured on the front page of the High School's recent Newsletter. What a great demonstration of respect for education no matter what age and level! Yvonne Head, Acting Principal, rang to talk to me about the 'documentation' or learning story, that I had sent her on behalf of the author (Jeannie Kuwert from the Pippies Room), acknowledging HER delight upon realising the impact it has had on her school's neighbours!

I have included a copy of the front page story for you all to read.

Further, I acknowledged with Yvonne, the Centre's learning programs' strong reflection of the National Curriculum for Early Childhood Services *the Early Years Learning Framework-Belonging, Being and Becoming*, and how we consider the value of children developing a sense of belonging as we acknowledge that children belong first to their family, to a cultural group, a neighbourhood AND to a wider community.

That 'wider community' for very young children encompasses perhaps just as far as they can see at any moment in time, as they start to make sense of their world around them (outside their family) - and for now, when at St Anne's, they can see the buses bringing school children to Holy Family, Xavier College's backyard, AND, a very huge building! When at St Anne's that seems to be their tangible wider community.

Yours as we care for and educate children together,
Narelle Dewhurst.

Centre Director.

Lauren Brown-Maguire and Maternity leave

We are very pleased to report that Lauren and the growth of her twins is all very much on track and all are doing well. Her specialist however, is recommending a less active daily role to ensure the continued healthy safe growth of the babies.

Consequently, Lauren will not be continuing her teaching role in the Seabirds Room on a daily basis. She will however, on some days, be present in the Centre engaging in writing the Preschool children's Developmental summaries and conducting Parent Meetings before she is due to start her Maternity Leave on Friday 29 July.

In the meantime, the Seabirds children are in the competent care of Anna, Carol, Alysia on some days, and relief Early Childhood Teachers Tommasina Chester and Dorothy Poulos. I will be progressing interviews for a 'permanent' replacement during Lauren's Maternity Leave as soon as possible.

The Parent Meetings which we will give you more information about shortly, will give the parents of children in the Seabirds Room an opportunity to meet with Lauren to discuss their child's progressive development and the implications of that on their transition to Kindergarten next year for those going to school.

When your child is old enough to transition to the next age group room this is what will happen:

It will be discussed with you before being confirmed.

You will receive a copy of the Transition Policy.

When confirmed, you will receive a letter with the 'start date' for your child in their new room confirmed with photos of your child's new educators.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Friday 3 June

was the Anniversary of the Lennox Head Tornado.

Congratulations to all of our families who live within the Lennox Head community for facing such adversity with such positivity and faith, believing that, by supporting each other, your community, and for some of you, your homes and lives, could be rebuilt!

Special thoughts were present for you all last Friday.

red nose day

Friday 24 June

If interested we will have a box of products for sale at Reception prior to this day.

SIDS and Kids NSW

cares for families across the State who have experienced the death of their baby or young child for any reason during pregnancy, birth, infancy and childhood. This includes miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal death, sudden infant death (SIDS), and the death of a child up to 6 years of age. They also offer 24hr bereavement support, counselling, group support and community education.

Red Nose Day has been their biggest fundraising and awareness building day each year for the past 24 years.

Funds from the products sold is sent back to SIDS and kids NSW.

NORCO Community Cash Caps Program

This initiative has been in operation for the past six years with NORCO donating 10c for every milk bottle 'cash cap' as collected by schools and community groups.

Unfortunately this program has come to an end. The company however is developing a new community focused initiative which will be announced in the coming months.

THANKYOU to everyone who helped us at St Anne's collect the milk caps that raised for us \$486 since starting our involvement in August last year.

This money helped buy our Centre a set of big books with matching CD's and puppets for our teachers to use with the children for large group language experiences.

RECYCLE MORE WITH THE NEW GARDEN AND ORGANICS WASTE SERVICE Ballina Shire Council

All urban properties will be delivered a new garden and organics bin in June.

Starting July 4, all garden trimmings, lawn clippings, and food scraps will go in the new bins with a lime green lid collected WEEKLY (NO plastic bags).

Your recycling service will remain fortnightly and mixed waste will change to fortnightly.

For more information go to

www.ballina.nsw.gov.au

Or call

66 86 1287

Please read the attached information sheet on Disposable nappies and other sanitary items as published by Ballina Shire Council.

BPA

Bisphenol A and Food Packaging and containers

For current information please go to the Food Standards Australia website.

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Monday 11 July at

Lismore City Hall

Call 1300 066 772 for further details

Or go to

CartoonNetwork.com.au/Ben10Live