

Newsletter for December 2016



The end of the year is coming very quickly and as always the educators get a little sad as we see our Kookaburras fly onto school and The Lorikeets flying up to the 3 day group. It is wonderful to see the progress and maturation of the children into capable and engaged learners.

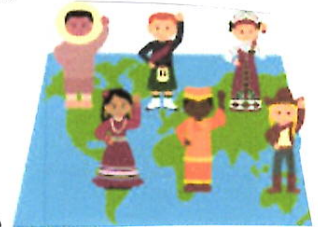
There have been big achievements this year in the preschool with our first ever assessment by ACEQA (our regulatory body) bringing an **exceeding rating** and some changes in the staffing and committee of our lovely centre.



Change is often a sign of progress and momentum forwards and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for "lending" me your children to help educate for the year and congratulate Jacquie who will take over as Director as at 27th January 2017.

The preschool will move positively forward with Jacquie, able assisted by her co-educator Renee and of course supported in the administration role by Rizqaa. I'd like to thank them all for their dedication to the preschool this year.

Jacquie and the Committee are now involved in recruiting another educator which will be announced shortly.



For families returning next year, you will see some improvements to our centre for the benefit of the children's educational programme and to the aesthetics of the building and playground.

Thank you to parents who have contributed their time, made donations and helped on fund raising occasions, this gives such a feeling of community spirit to the preschool.



The Government has made some changes to the structure of their funding, starting mid next year and I am pleased to say that it shows stronger support and recognition for the role our "community" preschools play in early childhood education as distinct from the private sector.

The future of Dover Heights Community Preschool looks strong because of this change to funding and the fact that we have full enrolments for next year and a waiting list beyond.



Thanks must go to the parents who have advocated for the quality of our preschool through Facebook, letting the community out there know we exist!



The highlights of our programme this year have been :
our incursions,
Jam on Toast (Jamie Madsen) who is a music educator and who left us with some wonderful songs and rhythms to dance to.
The visit from Aunty Wendy's Mob (as always)

