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Happy Christmas Everyone!

May your Christmas and New Year be blessed with peace, good health and safety!

Enjoy your family time together!

We thank you for your trust, your presence with us, and all of the kind words of accolade many of you give our team!

We thank you for adding to the "fabric" of St Anne's this year and we look forward to continuing our relationship with many of you and your young children in 2017.

Dear Families,

This will be the last Newsletter for this year, and what a lovely way to finish our year with our "Christmas Family Gathering" last Monday evening—MANY families attending, a school band playing and singing, young children dancing and singing class favourites with and for their parents, families chatting, the smell of BBQ wafting through the air, smiles and simple good cheer (...and blessed with 'no storm')!

VERY special thanks to Xavier Catholic College Band and their teachers, Leanne Broadley and Georgia Quinn, and the East Ballina Lions Club BBQ crew and the generosity of John Gallagher on behalf of the 'White boys' with the \$100 voucher for seafood from the Ballina Fisherman's Co-op. *Congratulations to Mac from South Ballina!*

As the year comes to a close I would like to wish a **special farewell** to the families who will not be part of St Anne's ever again, with their youngest child now a Seabirds Preschooler and heading off to school! There a number of families who enrolled children with us in our first year (2010) with their older children and now their youngest is 5 and ready to go to school as well. *(the Kostal family's 3 children have been part of St Anne's since our second day of opening-28/1/10- to the end of 2016!....and a number of our families have had 2 children come through St Anne's).*

You, the families of Skennars Head, Lennox Head and Ballina, have embraced St Anne's, and for that we are

very grateful.

We thank those of you who "sing our praises" to your friends who then enrol, and for believing in our early childhood education and care daily programmes, which are planned by educators who work together to ensure valuable learning experiences and opportunities for the children in our care.

On behalf of all of the St Anne's Staff team and St Francis Xavier Management,
My sincere best wishes to you all!

Narelle Dewhurst. CENTRE DIRECTOR.



Why do we focus on emotional well-being and social competence as we work with your children ??

Cognitive, emotional, and social capabilities are inextricably intertwined throughout the 'life course'.

The brain is a highly integrated organ and its multiple functions operate in a richly co-ordinated fashion.

Emotional well being and social competence provide a strong foundation for emerging cognitive abilities.

Together they are the bricks and mortar of human development.



**St Anne's will CLOSE on
Friday 23 December 6pm and will REOPEN on
Wednesday 4 December 2017
at 7.30am. (Tuesday 3 Jan will be a Staff only day.)**



Staff Changes for 2017

With each year comes changes to everyone's personal and professional lives. Some of those changes include moving on in relation to one's workplace.

For 2017 all of our current staff team will return except for one—Dorothy Poulos has resigned from her position at St Anne's with her last day being Friday 13 January, 2017. Dorothy started teaching with us at St Anne's in May 2011.

Dorothy and I have worked together for MANY years as Early Childhood Teachers, with Dorothy being the teacher of many many young children in Ballina and Lennox Head since the start of her career in 1980.

I / we, wish her well as she finds other activities within the local community to keep her busy!

Narelle Dewhurst.



TRANSITION TO NEW ROOMS

If your child is moving into a new "classroom" for next year, just a reminder that the change will take place from the week commencing Monday 16 January 2017.

All children will return after the New Year to their current room until Friday 13 January.

*Sometimes simple words
say it best.*

*Thankyou for your
kind thoughts and caring words of
condolence.*



Happy
Christmas
to all of our
St Anne's families.
Until we meet
again...
Our kind regard,
From all of us
here at
St Anne's!

Painting by Alex (Seabirds)