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Dear Families,

It's beginning to FEEL a lot like Christmas.....



.....community Christmas Carols, family and friends' parties, busy shopping centres, decorations, children chatting about Santa, and a general buzz that something is about to happen!

No matter how you celebrate or spend the Christmas weekend, we cannot deny that the reason for ALL of this, started with the birth of Jesus Christ.



As I looked over the Newsletter I wrote toward the end of 2015 I found the words I wrote.....I have no new words for you this year and so say again....

No matter how you celebrate Christmas, no matter the traditions you have created within your own families, please take care, have fun, delight in your children's delight, and greet the New Year with gratefulness for what we have, where we live, and the peace that we are afforded.

Yours as we care for and educate children together.

Narelle Dewhurst. CENTRE DIRECTOR

GIFTS FOR STAFF

I hope not to sound forward about this or even presumptuous, however I have had some questions from parents asking do we have a policy or procedure in relation to "giving Christmas gifts to staff". The short answer is—we don't. The longer answer is....please don't feel as though gifts are necessary. In some rooms there are a lot of educators—we don't want to add expense to your Christmas. If it IS on your Christmas list however perhaps a gift to the Centre or the room—a plant, a book, a pot...?? Just a thought!and of course....up to you who you buy for and what. *Narelle*

FAREWELL TO ANGE KIRWAN

It is with sadness that we farewell Ange Kirwan— our Rockpools Room's Monday/Tuesday Early Childhood Teacher. Ange has been part of our St Anne's team since August 2013. Ange and her family will be moving to Hong Kong early in 2018.



Whilst we will miss her engaging smile, her kind respectful approach to young children, her positive supportive approach to her colleagues, her commitment to St Anne's children and families in every aspect of education and care, and her "family stories" of being a mother of 4, we wish Ange all the very best as she, and her family, take up the opportunity to experience living with another culture.

All the very best and take care of you and your lovely family Ange!

THANKYOU...

The response to the Seabirds Teachers suggestion to children and families to donate a small gift to be given to "others in the community" has been VERY well received. The teachers had been discussing with the children the upcoming "Festive Season" and what it means for us and others. Part of this discussion was about "those that don't have the same opportunities as us". This week the children are wrapping the gifts in preparation for giving them to one of our Community Groups.

Your generosity has been overwhelming, and your conversations with your children, in relation to this "experience" have been heartwarming.

We realise it is very hard for a child to give up a gift that they have purchased with you (that they LOVE) just prior to Christmas.

This process has occurred with lots of positive supportive words from the children's teachers to help the children's understanding of the wonderful act of kindness and giving they are participating in.



**St Anne's will be closed from
Friday 22 December 2017 at 6pm
and will RE-OPEN
Wednesday 3 January 2018 at 7.30am**



St Anne's Family Christmas Gathering

Monday 11 December, 2017

If your child is at St Anne's on this day we would really appreciate it if you could collect your child by 5pm.

ALL family members and friends are invited to join us
HERE at St Anne's
to enjoy music, singing, and dancing with your children to
celebrate the end of the year and the
pending Christmas season!

The children might like to wear something with a Christmas "flavour"!

From 5.30pm: ✪Xavier Catholic College band will play for us!

✪The East Ballina Lions Club members will have their BBQ cooking for you to buy a snack or an early dinner from that time.

✪Emma the Face Painter will be here

From 6pm: Some favourite song-action items by your children in their Room Groups.

To help with catering we ask that you complete the slip below and **return it by Friday 1 December.**

Bring your own blanket or chair to sit on. We will be gathering on the grass area outside. We will close off the carpark for safety!

↓Are you coming? Please let us know....fill in and return!↓

Please return by Friday 1 December.

RSVP...



ST ANNE'S LONG DAY CARE CENTRE



Christmas Family Gathering to be held at St Anne's Monday 11 December, 2017

Please help the East Ballina Lions Club with catering plans by completing this form.

They will be in attendance with their BBQ. You are welcome to buy from them or bring your own snacks.

How many from your family will be attending? Adults _____ Children _____

How many sausage sandwiches (\$2.50 ea) do you think you might buy? _____

How many steak sandwiches (\$5 ea) do you think you might buy? _____

Do you think you might like to buy drinks from the BBQ crew? How many?

Poppa juice (\$1ea)..... Cans of soft drink (\$2 ea).....

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS!!