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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 as you celebrate the birth of Jesus!  
 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 2020.*

Dear Families,  
 Well things are starting to wind down— St Anne's Christmas celebrations are done, school celebrations are done, children's end-of-year Learning and Development summaries have been distributed, and I hear conversations in the hallway of plans for Christmas Day and the holiday break.

It is at this stage of the year that I look back over the last 12 months and think about the successes, the challenges, the laughs, the tears, the happy things we have celebrated with you and your children, and the not so happy things that we have shared with some of you and your children.

We have built warm relationships with you and for some of you it is time for us to bid you farewell as you move onto new pathways—goodbyes are hard and a bit sad, yet they also open the door for what will come next.

To those of you who will not be back to St Anne's next year, on behalf of the Staff team, I wish you and your family well and thankyou sincerely for being part of St Anne's.

To those of you who will be back with us in 2020, we continue to thank you sincerely for being part of St Anne's and look forward to our year with you next year and being part of your child's continued growth, development and learning.

We are so blessed at St Anne's: a beautiful location, a wonderful setting for learning, a committed staff team, terrific children and supportive families (I just listened to a 4yr old walk down the hall on her way to have her 4 year old immunisation....as she left she was being "a grasshopper" down the hall!....) How fortunate are we to be able to share in children's lives as our work!

We THANKYOU all for this year and wish you ALL a Christmas full of blessings of peace (amidst the Christmas mayhem), satisfaction and contentedness with what we have in this wonderful community of ours.

*Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else. The purpose of life is not to be happy. Life is full of many emotions. The purpose of life is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.*

*Yours as we educate and care for children together,  
 NarellePDewhurst. CENTRE DIRECTOR*



**St Anne...**

The grandmother of Jesus...  
 The mother of Mary.



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***SINCERE THANKS...***

**To ALL**

who added to the success of our  
*End-of-Year  
 Family Christmas Gathering.*

- ★ St Anne's children
- ★ St Anne's families
- ★ Xavier Catholic College Band
- ★ East Ballina Lions Club BBQ Team
- ★ Polly Esta Facepainter
- ★ North Coast Party Hire
- ★ Kerbside Coffee
- ★ St Anne's Staff



St Anne's will CLOSE at  
 6pm on Friday 20 December,  
 and  
 RE-OPEN  
 7:30am Friday 3 January 2020  
 (Thurs 2 January is a Staff only day).

## STAFF TEAM 2020 (as from Monday 13 January, 2020)



### CENTRE DIRECTOR

Narelle Dewhurst (Mon to Fri) - *Early Childhood Teacher*

### PEBBLES ROOM

Sharon Melenhorst (M-F) *Room Co-Ordinator* — *Early Childhood Teacher—Assistant Director*

Shae Williams (M-W)

Helen Callan (T/W/Th/F)

Amee Wright (M/Th/F)

### PIPIES ROOM

Lucy Jackson (M-Th) *Room Co-ordinator*

Jess Quinnell (M-F)

Jessie Xu (M-F)

\*Suzanne Moane (Fridays) +(and M/T Nursery Support)

\*Kim Major (W/Th Nursery Support)

\*Leessa Tsikleas (Fridays—Nursery Support)

Stephanie Wilkinson—Maternity Leave until May

### SHELLS ROOM

Kaylene Nuttall (M/T+ Th/F) *Room Co-ordinator—Studying for Early Childhood Teacher qualification*

Jodie Cowan (M-Th) *Acting Room Co-Ordinator Wednesdays*

Nicole Currie (M/T/W)

Marnie Crowther (M/T)

Sam Manley (W-F)

Hannah Rushby (W-F)

\*Triona Shannon (M/T Room support)

\*Caitlin Mergan (Fridays + W/Th Room Support)

\*Linda Quinn-Jarvis (Friday Room Support)

Brooke Woods—Maternity Leave from 14 Feb

### ROCKPOOLS ROOM

Annaleise Smith (M/T/F)-*Early Childhood Teacher*

Kate Clements (Th/F)-*Early Childhood Teacher*

Robyne Earl (M-F)

\*Linda Quinn-Jarvis (M/T Room Support)

\*Carol Barlow (W/Th/F Room Support)

### SEABIRDS ROOM

Fiona McFadden (M-Th)-*Early Childhood Teacher*

Taryn McKenna (M-F) - *Studying for Early Childhood Teacher qualification*

\*Tanisha Faulks (Fridays + M-Th Room support)

\*Ella Penhey (Fridays Room Support) - *Studying for Early Childhood Teacher qualification*

### SUPPORT EDUCATOR (Educator Release for Planning and Programming)

Leessa Tsikleas (W/Th)

### KITCHEN

Mark Latter-Centre “*chef*” (M-F) (PT: 7am-2pm)

### OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Sharni Donnelly (M-F) Office open 8am-4pm

# DATES TO REMEMBER



**Thursday 28 November**-for **Seabirds Families**  
*Seabirds Celebration and Farewell ✓*



**Monday 2 December**-for **EVERYONE!** ✓  
*St Anne's Christmas Family Gathering (5:30-7pm)*



**Friday 20 December**  
*St Anne's closes at 6pm for Christmas break.*



**Thursday 2 January 2020**  
*Staff only day at St Anne's.*



**Friday 3 January 2020**  
*Children return to St Anne's into their 2019 rooms and classes with their 2019 Educators.*



**Friday 10 January 2020**  
*Last day of attendance for Seabirds children who returned after Christmas.*



**Monday 13 January 2020**  
*ALL children move into their new rooms for 2020 with their new Educator teams.*



**Monday 27 January 2020—St Anne's 10th Birthday!**