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*Celebrating 10 years of Early Childhood Education
since 27th January 2010.*

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Dear Families,
July 26th marks the Feast Day of St Anne and St Joachim (the parents of Mary, who is the mother of Jesus). Each year we celebrate this special day as St Anne's Long Day Care Centre was named after St Anne in September 2009 by the then Parish Priest, Father Michael Nilon.

This year we had a plan to celebrate St Anne's 10th Birthday together with our Feast of St Anne celebration. Unfortunately due to the need to be very careful in relation to large groups of people and COVID-19 social distancing, this plan did not come to fruition. We did decide however to have an 'in-house' celebration for the Feast Day of St Anne on Monday 27th.

The Seabirds children practiced the hymn ♪"Sing to the Mountains"♪ (the chorus!) and then performed it for each class of children in the foyer, followed by a bit of a sing along with each class.

We also usually have a HUGE cake in the foyer to share with everyone however we decided this year, best practice in relation to health and hygiene was to have individual cupcakes for the children to enjoy as a special treat!

Please take a look at the attached News-*Honouring St Anne*, created by the Seabirds Educators on Monday.

Perhaps in 2021 we'll be able to reschedule our 10th Birthday celebration!

Yours as we educate and care for children together,
Narelle PDewhurst.
CENTRE DIRECTOR

Tuesday 4 August is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day.

This day was first established in 1988 and was historically used to communally celebrate the birthdays of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were taken from their families at a young age without knowing their birthdays (The Stolen Generation).

This year's theme,

We are the Elders of tomorrow, hear our voice, highlights the importance of knowledge and wisdom passing from one generation to the next: children's voices of today becoming the Elders of tomorrow.



Listening to Children's Voices

At St Anne's, we aim to ensure children's voices are heard through conversation, collaboration and consultation.

The standards and elements of **National Quality Area 5: Relationships with Children** supports and guides us at St Anne's as we aim for learning to take place and to be co-constructed, as children interact with Educators and other children, and as they work together in partnership.

Well and long have we known from Early Childhood theories, research and practice that children are active constructors of meaning with voices to be heard and capacity to express their views with wisdom and insight.

*Ref: Children's Voices –A principled framework
SA Gvt and University of SA 2013.*



Free Eyesight Screening by NSW Health
will occur at St Anne's for children who are
4 and 5 yrs old on
Tuesday 11 and Thursday 13 August.

'Batala Australia' - 'Batala Byron Bay'



Priscila Rios, one of our Shells Room Educators, has a deep interest in music!

Priscila is also the Director of *Batala Byron Bay Australia* who co-ordinates the teaching of

playing Samba Reggae, a music genre from Bahia Brazil.

Samba Reggae brings together percussion, drums and dance with a high vibrant uplifting rhythm that provides energy and the urge to dance!

Batala Byron Bay was created in 2016 and is part of a global arts project made up of over 40 bands around the world.

Priscila is very excited to have just received a \$5,000 grant from Create NSW 2020-21 Small Project Grants, Round of the Arts and Cultural Funding Program.

This funding will help the group deliver projects or undertake professional development opportunities to the vibrant arts and cultural landscape in NSW.

Well done Priscila and we look forward to you continuing to share your musical talents and skill with us here at St Anne's!



MATERNITY LEAVE

Nicole Currie, one of our Shells Educators, will commence Leave as from Monday 24 August.

Nicole's last day with us will be Tuesday 18th August.



I'm sure you will join with us as we wish her farewell for now and all the very best!

RE-ENROLMENT FOR 2021

Thankyou to those families who have sent back forms with requests for days of enrolment for their child/ren for next year.

If you still have not sent that form back please do so as soon as possible. These forms were due back on Tuesday 21 July.

Organising classes for 2021 will commence next week with letters going out to everyone by mid-August.

Families who have children on our Waiting list will be contacted by late September when places for those who are currently enrolled are finalised.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Wednesday 23 December—last day for 2020
- Tuesday 5 January 2021—first day back in 2021
- Friday 8 January 2021—last day for Seabirds children
- Monday 11 January 2021—children move into new rooms. New children commence.