Welcome to Burra ELC 2015

This year we welcome 16 Preschool children and their families to our Preschool program!!

We are looking forward to a productive and collaborative year. We are excited that the same children stay all year with us as it means we can plan for the whole year, focus on the same children and their families for the whole year and we can transition the same children into their next adventure all together.

We welcome back Elise Thomas who will be teaching full time and Katherine Stoddart will continue 1 day per fortnight. Shona Mayne will continue her work experience with us.

In addition to welcoming Preschool children and families we are sooooo..excited to be finally offering an additional long day care (Rural care) service to our community. We are very fortunate to be able to offer this to families who may be studying; want to return work; need some respite or have appointments to get to.

Each day we can offer 4 places for children from 6 weeks to 5 years of age and once you have a permanent booking it is yours to keep, unless of course a family with a higher priority needs care. All this information is available to you from the centre so come on in and ask Sarah for an appointment. We are also excited to mention that the service comes under the Centrelink benefit and rebate scheme, meaning you will pay only a fraction of the cost for full time care with qualified staff.

Currently we are pleased to announce that Felicity Mudge is our Rural Care early childhood worker. We would also like to extend a massive thank you to Karen McNeill who was with us for 3 weeks in the role of ECW. Karen has since won a position as team leader in the over 2’s room at Clare Valley Children’s Centre. Karen was instrumental in helping us set up for our new venture into childcare as her experience was vast. We wish her all the luck in success in her new role.

We are currently in the process of restaffing for our Rural Care service. We will let you know who will be taking on this position as soon as we know. In the meantime we welcome Anna Friebel to assist with our staffing.

BITS & BOBS:

😊 Just a reminder that Preschool does not begin until 9am. You are welcome to come into the building sign your child in and help them unpack their bag. Of course if you have something urgent to ask please come in and see a staff member. This is the staff’s time to prepare for the day, and discuss any important aspects of the day ahead.

😊 Being on time every day is so important for your children. It enables your child to do all their required tasks without rushing and feeling pressured. It will also make your day so much smoother.

😊 If possible please dress your children in sensible clothing, including shoes they can get on and off easily and are good for running, jumping, walking and climbing. Also clothes that suit the weather; ie. dresses with sleeves to protect from the sun and layers in the cooler months.

😊 If your child suffers from any medical condition you need to inform us so we can have the appropriate strategies in place. We must ensure all children are safe and we need you to ensure you keep us informed of any changes to children’s needs eg. allergies or asthma.

😊 Keep us in the loop if any of your details change – not much good if we need to call you and we don’t have the correct numbers or emails!! We will send out update forms during the year.

😊 On your enrolment forms you would have indicated people or persons with permission to collect your child from the centre. We need to ensure that ONLY those people on your form collect your child, unless of course you inform us otherwise.
Any money that you need to bring to Preschool (contributions or scholastic orders) can be placed in the red post box near the office door.

Can you please remember our centre follows the ‘Right Bite’ strategy for healthy eating. Please ensure you send your children as many healthy options as possible. We also need to remind you that we have a NO NUT policy, including Nutella & Peanut butter.

You may have noticed an envelope in your trays for payment of a Preschool hat and sunscreen. Payment for the two items is a one off payment of $15. We are hoping this will encourage children to leave their hats at kindy and we will help them reapply sunscreen during the day. If you do not need a hat or sunscreen just circle the item/s that you have received and please make your payment ASAP.

If you would like to join our Facebook page we have two. One is for Burra ELC families only and the other is public. You will need to read and sign our Social Media Guidelines set out by DECD (Department of Education and Child Development) and “like us” online at Burra Early Learning Centre. Please see a staff member for a consent form.

Just a quick request – has anyone got any unused or unwanted baby or toddler goods including; clothes, cot sheets etc? If so can you please have a chat to Felicity to see what we are still in need of, that would be great.

If anyone has excess plastic bags, we really need them for wet/soiled clothing – cheers.

On a final note:
As part of our program at Preschool we talk about how we ALL BELONG. Some of us belong to sports clubs, dance classes, swimming programs, Milo cricket and to our families. We also BELONG to Burra ELC!! Can you please provide a photo of your family for our BELONGING wall! This includes Preschool, Rural Care, staff & Playgroup children and families.

We hope you are all settling in well, please come and chat or give us a call if you need to chat about anything - we don't bite!!

Thanks for reading.
Sarah, Elise, Katherine, Felicity & Shona

AGM (Annual General Meeting)

When: Tuesday 10th March (week 7) @ 6:30pm
Where: The Royal Exchange
Who: ALL WELCOME!
Please see attached form