

# News Letter



December 2020

With input from the children, families and staff we are proud to announce that our new Mission Statement, from 2021 is...

we connect  
we imagine  
we create  
we grow  
together we are Kellyville Preschool



This issue:

1. Introduction. **Goodbye and thank you.**
2. **End of year events**



1. Introduction.

What a year it has been! Our lives have been impacted in so many ways, as individuals, families, communities and on a global level. COVID-19 has certainly required us to rethink our lives and how we live.



When we all came together at the beginning of 2020, we had no idea how our world was about to change and yet here we are, connected to each other in a way we could not predict, having worked together through the challenges that have come to us to still provide a wonderful preschool year for the children.

With resilience and flexibility, compassion and understanding they have very capably navigated this year and grown in ways we could not have predicted while accepting the changes that COVID-19 brought into their lives, to adapt to the new rules and guidelines we needed to follow to keep them safe, healthy and secure during their time at preschool. They would often comment, "we know, it's the coronavirus!!" and then get on with meeting our request.

It is time now to celebrate the children, the contributions they have made, the shared experiences that motivated and inspired us plus the learning that has occurred. We can only wonder and imagine what adventures lie ahead for them now as we honour and respect their talents, unique personalities, hopes and dreams while remembering what we have shared.



The staff (including our loyal casuals) have worked tirelessly to ensure each day was the best it could be for the children while still considering their own and their family's wellbeing. I thank them with enormous gratitude for giving so persistently and caringly during often very trying times, to provide consistency and security for the children and you, so you could feel confident with leaving your children in our care each day.

Thank you also to our Management Committee for steering us successfully through Jobkeeper while working with the staff to ensure service delivery was maintained at the highest quality. And to Parent Club, we applaud your enthusiasm in making sure we still had activities where and how possible, to brighten our special event days for the children while also introducing picture plates to our families to create as a keepsake. Our Kellyville Preschool community has continued to work together for the children, inspiring and motivating each other to embrace the potential in each day, even when this was difficult. Thank you for bringing your children to us and for being part of our lives, so we could have the privilege of contributing to these extremely important and significant early years of your children's lives.

We trust that you and your family and friends have been able to stay safe, well and healthy during this year ready for whatever comes your way in 2021. To those returning, we can look forward to another year of sharing your company and delighting in your children's growth and development. To those families leaving us, we will miss your presence: your place in our service history will always be there and very much treasured.

We wish you the safest and merriest of Christmases, plus time to relax, rest and have fun before embracing the new year with energy and enthusiasm for whatever the future brings.

Goodbye for now  
Stay safe, well and happy



*From Rhonda, Adriana, Tracey, Robyn, Rebecca, Hazel, Cheryl, Ina, Daniela, Tanja, Maria and Melinda.*

## 2. End of year events

We thank you once again for supporting the decisions we have been required to make to ensure the end of year events are fun and meaningful for the children while maintaining COVID-19 guidelines. Spreading events over several weeks has enabled the children to have a variety of fun experiences to bring this year to a close in positive and uplifting ways. All the children participated in the party days, singing, being in an audience and joining in our special morning teas. Photos from our party days will be included in the children's Memory Books for them to keep and share with you.

The children have had a surprise visit from **Magic Craig** who brought his magical Christmas show to us for an afternoon of hilarity and belly laughter, as someone the children have loved and connected with throughout the year from his initial visit to us in term 1 to his online presentations.



We have had coloured hairspray and tattoos while also planning for our last week to be fun-filled - opening the doors between the two rooms and providing activities such as bubble blowing, possibly making their own fruit ice blocks, disco dancing, water play fun, various craft choices and playdough for the first time in a long time. We certainly want to end the year on a high note!!



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Your donations have filled the baskets multiple times for the [Parramatta Mission Christmas Appeal](#). We will deliver the items this week. Thank you for your support.

On Tuesday December 8, we held interviews to employ a [Diploma qualified educator](#) for the Thursday/Friday group in 2021. We are pleased to advise that [Rita Sahlieh](#) will be joining our team, (Rita currently being a casual worker for us) with Maria Leonard now working on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday and Cheryl Capizzi Thursday/Friday. Rhonda will be working 3 days a week with everyone else staying in the same positions as this year.

[Our last day for 2020 will be Thursday December 17 with the preschool re-opening for 2021 on Wednesday January 27.](#)

Please check your child's return start date as it may not be the first day back for your group.



*Merry Christmas everyone  
Stay safe and enjoy the holidays.*

