Dear Parents,

We have all settled back into Yeerongpilly for another very busy term. We extend a warm welcome to all new families and trust your time spent at Yeerongpilly is enjoyable.

From the beginning of Term 3, I will be taking 6 months Long Service Leave and during my absence Sheridan Howell will be Acting Head of Special Education Services. Sheridan has undertaken this position on a number of occasions and her experience and professionalism well equip her for this role. I am working closely with Yeronga State School principal Debbie Spanner and Sheridan to ensure a smooth transition. I look forward to maintaining contact with the staff and families of Yeerongpilly during my absence.

Building Opening
On Thursday 19 June, the Hon. John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, will be in attendance to officially open our wonderful new premises. Invitations detailing the event will be forwarded to families and staff of Yeerongpilly and HICTI shortly.

Raising Kids That Cope - The Resilience Doughnut
HICTI is pleased to be able to offer free workshops for parents and carers associated with the Yeerongpilly and Taigum ECDP’s. Three of our therapists - Speech Pathologists, Dr Nic Mahler and Wendy Martin and Occupational Therapist Fiona Hansen, will be running these fun and interactive workshops which focus on building resilience in both children and adults.

We are offering three different session times to cater for the range of ages and to provide parents with a choice of time and day. Please let us know which of the dates below suit you best to attend a workshop. Although workshops will be focused on particular age groups, there is flexibility for you to attend the workshop that suits you best.

Yeerongpilly workshop dates:
Friday 6 June 9:15-10:45am (parents of group program children)
Tuesday 10 June 7:00-8:30pm (parents of babies/toddlers)
Friday 13 June 10:00-11:30am (parents of babies/toddlers)

Please note there will be NO Baby Playgroup on June 13 because the workshop will be running.
HICTI would like to express its sincere gratitude to the Australian Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, whose grant of $10,000 enabled the therapists to attend training interstate and set up and run these valuable workshops.

Community News -
Toowong Childcare Centre
The childcare centre at Toowong thanks everyone for their interest and would like it to be known that there are no further places available at this stage in their programs.

Acacia Ridge Early Years Centre & Kindergarten
This centre offers free activities for families with children up to the age of 8 years and their services include play groups, toy library and specific programs to support children's development and learning that are operated by The Benevolent Society - an independent, non-religious, non-profit-organisation that is funded by the Qld Government. Phone 3320 8400 for information.

Group News
With our wonderful sunny Autumn weather, please be mindful that your children continue to need a sun hat (named) each day that they attend. Spare clothes including jumpers should always be available as well - we continue to enjoy painting and sand and water play at school throughout these mild days.

Parent Information Session - The Role of Parents in Therapy
This session was presented by Nic Mahler and was well attended by our playgroup parents. Parents had the opportunity to learn more about the aims of early intervention, establishing strong parent-professional partnerships and some practical tips for getting the most out of therapy.

Thank you to Nic and HICTI for providing parents with this very informative and important information session.

School Levy
The school levy is voluntary but much appreciated. As you would be aware, schools run on very limited budgets and the levy money helps to pay for such things as paint, glue, flour for play dough and cardboard. Experimenting with paint, dough, cooking and creating art and craft items helps our children to consolidate knowledge, make new connections with prior experience and is integral to any preschool program. It's also lots of fun!

The levy per term remains the same as last year:
- $10 – Individual session + playgroup
- $20 – Group program (Thursday & Friday)
- $20 – Families with 2 children accessing both programs
- $10 – CODA families accessing baby or toddler playgroup

Please see your child’s teacher for a payment envelope or collect one from the front desk.
Playgroup dates for Term 2

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Parent Information Sessions for Term 2
Thursday 29th Transition to Prep - Presented by our Guidance Officer Judy Grounds.

Thanking you for your ongoing support.
Colleen and all the staff at Yeerongpilly
Yeerongpilly ECDP General Purpose Fees

Name: ..........................................................

Please tick below.

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