



Learning a new language involves not only mental activity but also cultural awareness.

When learning about French culture, you will be able to understand what people celebrate and how they do it.

December is a time for celebration in most Christian countries. Whether we link it to religion or Santa Claus is up to people's own beliefs.

As a French native, I'd say this time of the year is to celebrate with food and family, but living in Australia, I just cannot get the

Christmas feel... Anyone from the Northern hemisphere will probably understand and share this feeling, I guess...

When temperatures rise, our biological clock tells us it is summer time! Time to go to the beach, swim and relax, read and ride... time to visit a new region and to take a break from work... time to mostly eat fruits and veggies, drink a bit of rosé accompanied with rockmelon and prosciutto, time for endless aperitifs with friends, playing pétanque and trying local specialties (and cheeses of course!).

But these activities just don't match with Christmas for me... I didn't grow up with a surfing Santa; Le père Noël wears a warm coat to make his way in the snow...

To me Christmas is a time of cold weather with snow and even skiing for the lucky ones. It is a family centred time to dress fancy (I mean, really fancy!), share food on a large table and eat for endless hours...

What you would typically find on



French Corner

by Aurelie Billot

a French table at Christmas time is:

1. Foie gras on toasts as a 'mise en bouche' (finger food),
2. Oyster and scallops as an entrée or smoked salmon and lemon,
3. Veal with beans, tomatoes and chestnuts (or any other meat with matching veggies) as a main,
4. Salad and cheeses of all sorts to follow, and
5. For dessert, la bûche de Noël (Christmas log cake) which can be

a creamy sponge cake or a 'Bûche glacée' called 'Bûche norvégienne' that you can even set alight...

All this would be accompanied by Champagne and wine appropriate to the meat. Some people may also need 'un digestif' like Cognac.

Since my family were atheists, we have never listened to Christmas carols. I believe Christian families in France go to the church for midnight mass and sing to celebrate Jesus, named 'the divine child' but that was my never experience (like most French people I'd say).

We however spend time together and enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree with lovely ornaments.

When children are young, they find their presents under the Christmas tree on the 25th early in the morning. When they become teenagers, you usually open presents at midnight on Christmas eve.

On warm summer days, I don't feel like eating a hearty French style meal and go for very simple

summer food (maybe smoked salmon to evoke a Christmas feel)... I understand the Aussie need for a 'Christmas in July' to get the winter atmosphere right. However, I find it doesn't really make any sense.

Because we don't celebrate Christmas the French way in Australia, we have made up our own version or we go to France in December for the kids to get what I remember about Christmas...

Allez, Joyeux Noël à tous et à l'année prochaine! (Merry Christmas to you all and see you next year!)

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ASTRO FORECASTS

by Tina Mews

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS?

Aries

This is a great period for going on a vision quest, may it be internal or external! Envisage what you would like to achieve over the next 12 months? Where can you see yourself and what would be worthwhile to engage yourself full-heartedly? Think big and also think of something that benefits the whole of humanity

Taurus

You truly possess the ability to see the beauty and creative potential in others who are close to your heart. As the saying goes: 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder'. You have magical powers which can bring healing and harmony to the world. Focusing on what is beneficial and constructive will make good things grow.

Gemini

This is a great period for expanding yourself and developing your philosophies through the help of others. Hearing other people's point of view and empathising with what is going on in their world will enrich your understanding and can bring a lot of benefits. Think with your heart and feel with your mind.

Cancer

This is a wonderful period for healing and self-care. Have a rest, go on a vacation. Give yourself permission to withdraw into your own imaginative world. This is the time for embracing and nurturing 'the inner child'. The task is to align your daily work and health routines with your intuition and truth.

Leo

This is your time to be creative, dance and have fun. You may be inspired by playing with children, or vice versa. There are many opportunities to express what needs expressing. For example, creating a beautiful home environment will benefit not only you but the entire tribe. Use your organisational skills to create beauty and art as a way of life.

Virgo

You truly appreciate a harmonious, productive and well-functioning home. This is where you are looking for meaning and direction at the moment. Reflect on your philosophy of living: what is most important to you, what gives you purpose and provides you with vital energy? Being more empathic and less critical towards those close to you will greatly help in this process.

December

In the yearly cycle around the zodiac we have reached the optimistic and freedom-loving sign of Sagittarius. Centaurs need room to move and find it difficult spending extended periods of time indoors or in confined places. Sagittarians are the archetypal seekers of truth and it is essential for their spiritual well-being to have a goal they feel enthusiastic about.

At times they can be their own worst enemies by having placed too high expectations – combined with too little staying power – upon themselves and others. This results in getting miserable when things do not work out as imagined. Jupiter, the ruling planet of Sagittarius, just started a new 12-year cycle, preparing the ground for new adventures and far-reaching goals. On the downside, this combination of energies can lead to over-extension and grandiosity. Therefore, a bit of Saturn seriousness and realism added to the mix will help with grounding some of the goals while expanding the boundaries of what is possible to achieve.

The New Moon on December 7 takes place one day after Mercury turns direct, marking the end of a long phase of planetary retrogrades. In many ways we could sum up the cosmic influences of the last six months as a time of blocked dynamics. Fortunately, Jupiter entered its own sign, Sagittarius last month (November 9), providing us with an influx of fresh dynamics and new optimism.

The New Moon in Sagittarius squares a Mars/Neptune conjunction in imaginative Pisces and is widely conjunct Jupiter. This is a moment in time when new intentions based on a broader perspective can be formed and sent out into the universe. Which dreams are we here to follow? What gives us meaning and purpose?

On a collective level, a more inclusive, wise and compassionate vision is needed to take us onto the next step of our global experience. Astrologically speaking, we are entering the closing square and turning point of the Jupiter/Neptune cycle (exact Jan 14, June 17, Sept 22). Old belief systems have to be dissolved and

dismantled in order to ultimately open up new avenues of vision more resonant with evolving needs. Interestingly, several planetary cycles will conclude in 2020, which correlates with a process of releasing the old, reseeding ideas and exploring new directions and possibilities. Make 2019 the year of your personal vision quest!

Chiron, archetype of the wounded healer, moves direct again on December 10, after a 5-month retrograde period. Chiron forms a trine aspect with Mercury in Scorpio during Dec 4- 10, enhancing our sensitivity and ability to listen to the problems of others. 2018 ends with a Mars/Chiron conjunction in the late degrees of Pisces, indicating that our lesson is to focus more on the needs of the world, empathise with and fight for those who need our strength, support and understanding.

The Full Moon on December 23 takes place just one day after the Summer solstice on the Southern Hemisphere (Dec 22). Sun and Moon are on zero degree Capricorn/Cancer marking the longest day and shortest night in their yearly cycle. Of course this is exactly the opposite in the Northern Hemisphere! Christmas is ultimately a pagan celebration meant for the Northern Hemisphere where 3 days after the shortest day and longest night (December 25), the light is reborn and a new cycle begins after a time of darkness and retreat of the cosmic forces.

Well, here in the Southern Hemisphere, we have entered our party season and life is spent a lot in the outdoors. The Full Moon in Cancer puts a strong emphasis on family and community, caring and sharing, good food and celebrating with those close to our hearts. This is a cosmic invitation for having a rest from all the normal duties and routines and instead create space and time for nurturing ourselves and others: play and 'be merry'!

Navigation by the Stars: Personal and/or relationship astrology; life cycles and your year ahead: plans, directions, concerns for 2019.

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Libra

During the current period you can easily increase your communication networks and share your philosophy of living. Explore your ideas by giving them form. What is your grand vision for the next year? Work your magic by making your intentions clear and strong. This is potentially a very fertile moment in time.

Scorpio

This is a great time for grounding any new growth and manifesting opportunities. You could experience an increased sense of well-being because things run smoothly on the material realm. Don't forget to also invest in your spiritual and creative self as the deep reservoir of vitality and strength. Be sensitive towards the needs of others.

Sagittarius

This is an excellent time for opening new doors and setting a new trend. Your personal influence has been increasing and others may approach you for guidance. Avoid overstretching yourself when projecting into the future. Find a balance between thriving to satisfy your personal wishes and desires and accommodating the greater needs of the world.

Capricorn

You have arrived at a moment in time where it is important to seek meaning and purpose from deep within. Re-charge your batteries, it is your special phase of reflection, healing and rest. Focus on completing any unfinished projects rather than starting something new. This is a preparation time for a new phase in your life

Aquarius

You instinctively know that good connections and contacts can turn potentials into real opportunities. Therefore, you like to widen and diversify your circle of friends. At the moment you are in a period that supports a flourishing social life and mutually beneficial friendships. You feel more fulfilled if you focus on groups with a humanitarian objective.

Pisces

Career and public life are highlighted during this time. What direction in life do you like to follow? What is your special place in the world? Solidify your goals and build on your reputation. Others are noticing your potential. In any case, have your boundaries in place and practise self-discipline. Do not over-reach yourself but keep your feet firmly on the ground.

Returning home



by Marilyn Devlin

"The lost parts that were scattered by shock and trauma were able to come home again." – *The Body Keeps the Score* by Bessel van der Kolk

Reading those words, I felt them resonate deep in my body. It's been such a HUGE year. And I'm feeling sooo tired. Feels a bit like I've been on a battlefield.

Thinking of what I could write... my closing words for 2018. We've all been on such a deep journey, whether conscious of it or not.

Major shifts have occurred... as if we've been operated on. Removing those diseased and dying parts. Our body still holding the shadow, the departing memory of these. We feel strange, disconnected, adrift, unanchored. What happened? The ground has shifted beneath us.

Astrologers prepare us with their words... the coming two years will see many adjustments. We know it's needed. It's what we've been actioning for. But change is not comfortable. We've become familiar with what is – what has been.

Our body, mind and spirit have adapted to this even though we've complained heatedly about it. We've become familiar with being 'at war'. Our nervous system has adjusted to the world around us. Well, now the plug's been pulled. Who knows what the consequences of that will be. We feel it all. Whether aware of it or not. Our body, our nervous system picks up any resonance vibrating around us.

We can try to dull it out, vacate for a while... switch off the lights and hide. Jump off the spinning ferris-wheel. But our internal receptors always know what's going on.

I willingly went down the rabbit hole – this year's been extra deep and explorative. A knowing inside me recognised this path was a powerful source of healing... a central focus of mine.

There's been so much

movement inside me, so much adjusting and realigning. I sense this is happening in our collective space as well. We really are part of the one whole. We think we're separate – yet in reality we're not.

Amidst all the chaos required before the birthing of the new, what do we need? What do we need to feel safe? To feel loved? To feel cared for? To feel heard... to be seen? To feel a part of everything.

I'm not one to wish time away – or not want to be here. But there's been times when the heaviness has weighed me down. The lack of wholeness, love and unity... tempt me to want to vacate.

What we've been working for, shouting for, actioning for... is in process. And yes, it's a process. The natural cycle of things – birth, death and rebirth. There has to be a death before the rebirth. On the inside and the outside.

Generally, we're not comfortable with death and dying... our culture hasn't gifted us a wholesome way to navigate this. Before the new world we all want... something has to die. And that can get messy.

I feel this happening inside me. Old ways, old me... ways of operating, thinking, feeling. Neural pathways set in stone. Compulsive action not my own... carried with me over the years. It's a bit like doing a cleanse, a detox... we can often feel worse before feeling better. It appears we're in for some major unsettling changes over these next two years. It's in process and it can't be stopped... at least the power and force of evolution directing it all.

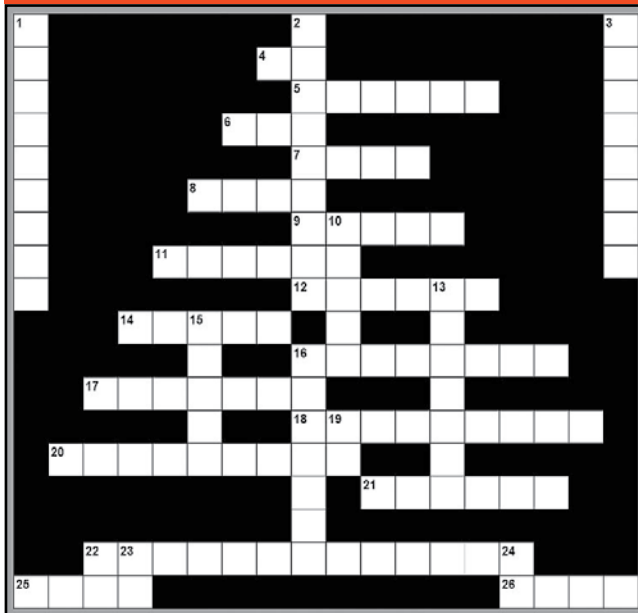
Everything strives toward wholeness and completion. Life moves toward Truth, Light and Love. It's what is. Our job, our role is to align with the Truth, Light and Love within our Self.

A very dear friend, mentor and guide, Prem Rawat said, "You are the one you've been waiting for."

Much love and bountiful blessings for an awesomely expansive gloriously heart-filled 2019... aligning with your own true wonderful Self.

Nimbin Crossword

2018-12
by 5ynic



Across

4. (x3) belly laugh
5. Harnessed to huskies
6. Song of praise
7. Reined, to pull 5 across aloft
8. Norse trickster God
9. Foxy 7 across?
11. Precipitated skiing?
12. Through a glass _____
14. Eros
16. See 5 across.
17. Ninth 7 across
18. They harboured Joseph, Mary and Jesus after their flight from Herod
20. Between prow and stern
21. Main (25 across) dish
22. (7,6) warming caused by burning fossils
25. _____ log
26. Bestow authority on?

Singlet.

Down

1. (And 3 down) (2,7,2,6) Canonised inventor of the nativity scene
2. Plunged?
3. See 1 down.
10. US State, known for potatoes
13. Fire starter – less weighty
15. Credit to! Stage furniture?
16. Santa's abode (3,4)
19. Downhill skiing event – with wide turns between gates (init.)
22. One tenth of a litre (init.)
23. The (French)
24. Tesla or similar car (init.)

Solution: Page 22

Nimbin Trivia Time

by Eclectus

Questions

1. What came first, the match or the lighter?
2. Which bowler took 16 wickets on test debut?
3. David Bowie's Space Oddity was released on single (a quaint 7" vinyl disc played at 45rpm for all you trivia loving Spotifiers) five days before the launch of Apollo 11. Who played keyboards?
4. Where is Cutters Camp campground?
5. Who recently told school kids not to take time off school to protest the bleak future they face if climate change is not properly dealt with?

Answers

1. The lighter was invented three years before the friction match. The first Wakenan who, it seems, just can't say no to Yes. He was paid the princely sum of £9. Nobody played keyboards on Apollo 11. Astronaut Chris Hadfield did, however, record Space Oddity while orbiting Earth on the International Space Station after news of Bowie's death.
2. Bob Massie on his debut for Australia in 1972. He took 8/84 and 8/53 for a match performance of 16/137. His career was not a long one. He retired from international cricket in 1973 after a
3. The prolific and
4. At the intersection of Cutters Camp Road, Cadell Road and Mebbin Forest Road in Mebbin National Park and Bray's Creek.
5. Prime Minister Scott Morrison who announced a couple of days earlier that his government was taking time off parliament

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8.00am	8.45am	12.00pm	12.35pm *
12.00pm	12.35pm *	2.35pm	3.10pm
2.35pm	3.10pm	5.30pm	6.00pm
3.20pm	4.15pm		
5.30pm	6.00pm		
Leaving	Arriving	Leaving	Arriving
Nimbin – Main St. (Park)	Lismore Transit Centre	Nimbin – Main St. (Park)	Lismore Transit Centre
7.52am	8.50am	9.00am	9.35am
9.00am	9.35am	12.45pm	1.15pm *
12.45pm	4.10pm	3.25pm	4.10pm
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Coffee Camp – such a great school

by Kirrily Owen

As our last child is about to graduate from Coffee Camp, it is a good time to reflect on what has made it such a great school for us.

What stands out above all else is the wonderful spirit of acceptance and welcome. Right from Kindy orientation, we were made to feel part of the school by the teachers and staff.

We loved the way the bigger kids are encouraged to look out for the little ones, and how the expectation of caring for each other is translated into action. What great values for the children to develop!

We were concerned about the mixed age classes before we saw how perfect they are for nurturing different learning patterns and levels.

They also foster a cohesiveness that continues onto the playground with the many games of tips, cricket and football made up of all ages playing together.

The reward card system allows the kids to learn through gentle positive reinforcement to act considerately, to do their best and to support each other's achievements.

One of my fondest memories is of



Coffee Camp students proud of positive recognition

attending assemblies and seeing how the kids enthusiastically clap for their classmates when they receive a good deed card or medal. The support they have for each other is heart-warming.

Not to mention seeing your own child, when it is their turn receiving the medal, being so proud they won't take it off at bedtime!

Serving the kids home-cooked meals at the weekly tuck shop is another highlight as a parent at Coffee Camp. Getting to know the kids and other

parents helps build the community spirit.

We leave Coffee Camp with a bittersweet mix of excitement for the future but definitely a sadness in saying goodbye to a school that has nurtured our children as they grew from nervous Kindy kids to being ready to take on the bigger world of high school.

Thank you all the wonderful teachers and support staff for making our family's memories of primary school so great!

Island paradise delights

by Amanda Spain

Tunttable Falls Community School once again held their much anticipated school camp at Mingerribah (Stradbroke Island) this past month.

Like a well-oiled machine the school community moved on to the island and created their own unique experience to herald in the warmer summer months and create cherished memories for our students.

This year's school camp helped consolidate and develop personal relationships and a strong sense of self.

It tied in nicely with the school's environmental ethos; whilst families came together to cook for



one another and share a harmonious space for the youngsters to enjoy a slice of island paradise.

The school community was treated to perfect weather to swim and snorkel in pristine ocean and lagoon settings, and to walk and bike-ride

along long stretches of beaches.

A highlight for kindergarten student Sebastian Spain was: "swimming in the water and all of a sudden a dark image swam below and then I saw it was a dolphin!"

"Also, trekking along the beach from Adder Rock campground to Point Lookout to get an ice-cream was great."

This annual camp wins students over every year and has been such a drawcard for the school for decades now.

Pre-schooler graduation

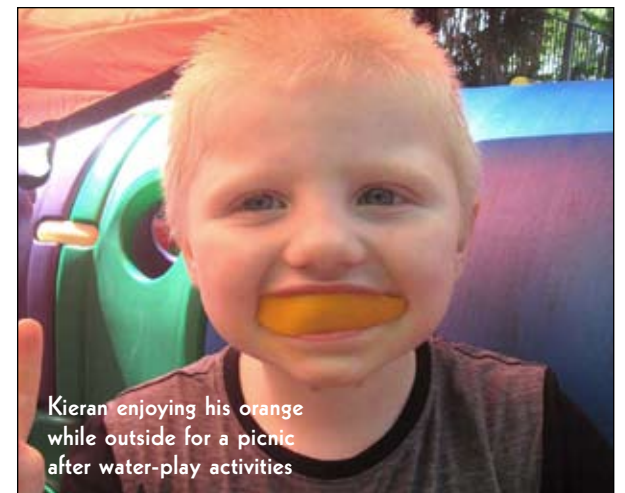
by Carina, Annalyce, May, Isabella & Charlotte

Another busy month gone by. Not long 'til Christmas now, so we have been busy with our crafty hands creating Christmas decorations.

Our Pre-schoolers are heading off to school next year. They have had a lot of fun with orientation as they got to explore their new school and make new friends.

In the last month we have got a new big wooden cubby house in our playground, we have all loved to use this space in many ways like a dancing room, a place to unwind and look at books or just to have a picnic.

Please feel free to call the Nimbin Early Learning Centre on 6689-0142. We are open Monday to Friday 8.30-5pm.



Kieran enjoying his orange while outside for a picnic after water-play activities



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Musical talents at Bahzooley



On Thursday 15th November, it was time once again for Nimbin Central School's annual showcase that is the Bahzooley.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 took to the stage to entertain the crowd with two and a half hours of music, food, dance, comedy and drama.

The Bahzooley is a school fundraiser with proceeds from the door supporting the Creative and Performing Arts Department.

The community enjoyed delicious meals whilst being treated to an eclectic array of musical delights ranging from The Beatles and The Animals through to Billie Eilish and MGMT.

Impressive choral and acapella performances were plentiful, as well as amusing drama routines from senior students and jokes galore from primary students. The audience was taken on a journey to *Where The Wild Things Are* and embarked on a spellbinding Pink Floyd experience.

The broader community showed great support for the young performers in

what was a hugely successful evening that highlighted the talent and hard work of the students of Nimbin Central School.

Year 6 To 7 Taster Day at Nimbin Central School

On Tuesdays, 20th and 27th November, Year 6 students from Nimbin Central, Barkers Vale, Tunttable Falls and Coffee Camp Public Schools, came together for their first

experience of high school.

A fantastic day was had by all, with students participating in a variety of engaging activities. Students got to make scones (very yummy BTW), check out the ag plot, work towards getting their bunsen burner license in science, start their 'growth mindset tree' in visual arts, discover the wonders of the D&T department, participate in PE and generally and more importantly, get to know each other.

The official state-wide Year 7 orientation day is scheduled for Friday 4th December.

These days are an invaluable opportunity for prospective students for 2019 to see, hear, smell and feel the true experience of high school.



Cycles and circles at Cawongla

Over the past month, the silkworms and moths who have been a huge presence at the preschool have reached the end (or is it the beginning?) of their current cycle.

Most of the moths have died, and hundreds of eggs laid. "Oh, I don't want that to happen," Alia said. "I like them."

Every year at preschool, from late July to late October, we get to witness first-hand the miracle of metamorphosis and all that goes along with it – being responsible for caring for a pet, sharing our knowledge and expressing our curiosity, feasting on mulberries, and wondering what death is all about.

The silkworm-based

conversations and interactions over these months are really quite extraordinary.

The slow, deep learning that takes place allows children to come to their own scientific understandings and interpretations and gives them time to express themselves, both verbally and artistically.

Here are a few snippets: William: "Wow, I think there's a thousand." Andi: "I think the silkworms are curled up inside the eggs, and the wings are curled up inside the worms." "How do silkworms survive when they don't drink water?" Andi asked. "I know," Charlie said. "They eat leaves and get water from the leaves."

Sage: "I'm calling this one Billy. This one Pilly Lilly and this one Willy Willy. Look, I can see the silk!"

Tom helped make cocoon hotels. "I think they'll like the window. They'll be able to see the Mum and Dad." James: "The caterpillars have gone!"

Harry: "It might push like a rhino (to get out of the cocoon)."

Alia: "If you put your hand above the moth (when it flutters its wings), it's nice and cool."

Oliver: "The ones that aren't moving when we hold their wings, that's because they're dead."

River: "I think being dead means going back to nature."



Children on a forest walk
Photo: Darcy Grant

She loves her preschool

by Apple-Blossom Gillard

My daughter has been attending Tunttable Falls Early Childcare Centre for the past two and a half years.

She loves her preschool and would highly recommend it to anyone. She's going to dearly miss her 'preschool family' when she moves up to big school in the coming year, and has been making sure that we can still drop by and say hello even though she will be a big kid.

The Centre has nurtured and supported her in so many ways. One of my favourite things about the Preschool is the way the staff truly take the time and effort to get to know each child as the individuals they are (and their families too).

They always put extra energy into supporting each child with their unique needs and passions as they change and grow, often telling me with genuine interest little things that have sparked my child's imagination, or some challenge she is working

on, or an obstacle she has overcome in her own way.

Both the staff and the preschool surrounds (with a bike track, mud pit, sandpit with water trough, tree fort and outdoor circus frame, as well as a permaculture garden and a rainforest creek nearby) promote and encourage exploration, confidence and a sense of adventure.

There are regular programs in circus, dance, music, art, sculpture and sewing throughout the year, as well as environmental education through gardening, creek exploration, bushwalks, and Aboriginal language and storytelling with local elders.

There is even an ongoing relationship between the Centre and the Nimbin Aged Care Unit where the children visit and share their creative skills with the residents, teaching them songs, dance moves and painting techniques. It's really beautiful to see children feeling so strong and confident in their capabilities.

One of my other favourite

things is how hugely supportive and encouraging the staff are when it comes to helping the children nurture friendships and to find their voices in social situations. I am always deeply thankful when I witness the way they foster loving friendships between the children. Always listening. Helping them to work out their differences through negotiation and gentleness, creating the space and encouraging the children to help each other, to take care of each other. To be teachers and to learn from each other. To share their passions, joys and sadness, and to be accepted by one another.

These social and emotional skills are ones I hope will last my child's lifetime, enabling her to always feel supported and deeply connected to her friends, to her wider community and to her environment, wherever she chooses to be.

Thank you Tunttable Falls Early Childcare Centre for all your extra care and devotion.

New director for preschool

The Nimbin Community Preschool Committee is delighted to introduce our new director, Katie Pennant (pictured).

Katie joined our team in 2016 as a part-time teacher alongside our teaching director Diane. With Diane recently leaving the school, we are very happy to have Katie move into a full-time teaching director role. Katie has been an early childhood teacher for 25 years, teaching in Queensland and Victoria before settling in Lismore, where she was director at the Friends Childcare centre for 11 years.

She is currently undertaking the Bush School training through Nature Play QLD in conjunction with UK Forest Schools, and from 2019 will be a Level 3 Forest Leader, the highest level in the UK-accredited program which is soon to be accredited in Australia. Katie is looking forward to incorporating the philosophy of Forest School into the Nimbin Preschool Curriculum, 'It's about re-localising kids in their environment, building their awareness of the local native trees and flowers, allowing them to explore the elements through experiences with water, fire, air and earth'. Gardening has long been an important part of the preschool, with children using the produce they grow to cook shared meals. We look forward to the kids' experiences in nature extending through the Forest School program.

Along with Katie, we also welcome her trained educational support dog, Gidget. Gidget has been a wonderful addition to the preschool animal family, which includes chickens, a family of guinea pigs, and a great variety of native bees who take advantage of the bee hotels the children build for them. Gidget



offers children opportunities to connect with dogs, learn about being with dogs safely and respectfully, and of course play.

When asked what excites her about her future at Nimbin Preschool, she replied, 'I look forward to getting to know the community through the children. Getting the kids to show me their town, their places, their families. Building connections with families, community groups and organisations. Really empowering these kids to be active participants in their community'.

Nimbin Preschool has vacancies available for 2019. We are open 5 days, 8.30am-4pm, in the A&I grounds, Cecil St. Call 6689-1203, email: nimbinpreschool.director@gmail.com or drop in any time to chat to Katie about enrolment and take a peek at our beautiful preschool. Have a happy holiday season!