



SUMMER 2015

DEAR PARENTS,

Welcome to the first edition of the Vineyard Kids Parents' Newsletter.

The kids are excited about the summer and so are we! Do check out all the things happening over the summer months and put the dates in your diary. These events will be great for building community and growing friendships. Feel free to bring your friends!

We're praying that your family have a summer full of fun and relaxation and good times with Jesus!

Can't wait to hang out!

Katie & Sel



JULY

WED 1 ST 10.30AM	STORMONT MEET UP
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MON 6 TH 2.30PM	LOUGHSHORE MEET UP
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WED 15 TH 10.30AM	SEAPARK MEET UP
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THURS 23 RD 6PM	SUMMER BBQ ARDNAVALLY
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AUGUST

SAT 1 ST 2.30PM	MR HULLA BALOO @ ARDNAVALLY
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WED 5 TH 10.30AM	STORMONT MEET UP
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THURS 6 TH 6PM	SUMMER BBQ ARDNAVALLY
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MON 10 TH 2.30PM	CASTLE GARDENS MEET UP
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WED 19 TH 10.30AM	SEAPARK MEET UP
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SAT 29 TH 3PM	ARDS SWIMMING POOL
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bAbba's

People are always commenting that they feel God's presence from the moment they step foot into our baby room. This is because we have a little community of babies and toddlers making firm friends and worshipping Jesus together. This summer there are 2 new babies due to be born and we are so excited to meet them and welcome them and their Mummies to bAbba's. We're excited for worship and prayer this summer as more of our little ones find their voices and their feet!

Nursery – P2's

Nursery-P2's will be using different kids' books to help us think about how with God everything is possible (Matthew 19:26). The Smartest Giant in Town (generosity), Giraffes Can't Dance (being the person we're made to be), the Huge Bag of Worries (God is in control of everything), Keep Love in Your Heart Little One (nothing can separate us from God's love). Throughout August, our topic is Compassion. The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love (Psalm 145:8). Jesus said when we help other people, it's like we have helped him. We're praying that God releases even more compassion in our room as we create opportunities for our kids to respond to Jesus and reach out to others this summer.

Graduation

We have some emotional kids' leaders who have realized that they don't get to keep the same kids forever and that they actually grow up and move on to the next stage.

Our 0-1's move as they turn 2.

In our 2-3's room, those starting nursery in September move to nursery-P2's at the end of August.

This is the same for nursery – P2's; at the end of August, those starting P3 in September will move to P3-P7's.

Our P7's will have already moved to the youth room at the end of June.

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Thanks for reading!*

2's & 3's

This summer the 2's & 3's theme is Miniature Heroes. We will be looking at stories from the Bible where children get to be heroes for God; David fighting Goliath, the little boy who shared his loaves & fishes and Naaman's servant girl. We're thinking how God uses everyone, from the littlest child to the biggest grown up. In the last couple of weeks, we'll be using the story of the Smartest Giant in Town; he gave away his things to people in need. All summer we are praying that God will give us opportunities to be little heroes too, looking out for ways to bless people around us.

P3-P7's

P3-P7's are covering the fruits of the Spirit over the summer (Galatians 5:22). As our kids grow in their relationship with God, we want to consider how they can recognise and ask for the characteristics of God to be at work in their lives. We'll be asking ourselves lots of challenging questions like; What do joy and love look like/ feel like/ sound like? How can we be kind? How can we keep in charge of the way we act? Have you ever had to wait for something? We can't wait for our ministry times when we can ask the Holy Spirit to change us and make us more like God.

