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## Batemans Bay Preschool celebrates 50 years

**Batemans Bay Preschool celebrates five decades of operation this year and is marking the milestone anniversary with a special 50th birthday celebration at the Preschool in Batemans Bay on Friday 30 May from 4:00pm.**

The event will bring together past and present members of the community to acknowledge the centre's rich history and commitment to supporting children's wellbeing, learning and development through high-quality education and care.

Over 50 years the Batemans Bay Preschool has supported generations of children. The preschool was the brainchild of local resident of Batemans Bay, Margaret Backhouse, who formed the Batemans Bay Pre-school Committee and lobbied and fundraised for five long years.

The new Batemans Bay Preschool Kindergarten finally opened its doors to local children in May 1975 at 1 Herarde Street. It was managed entirely by the community-run Committee and by families who attended. It was the first community-based not-for-profit preschool in Batemans Bay.

Batemans Bay Preschool joined the SDN family in 1999 when SDN Children's Services took over its management. In 2005, the preschool moved into a new purpose-built building on Melaleuca Crescent, where it remains today.

This year, SDN marks 120 years of fostering children's well-being, learning, and development in inclusive settings. The birthday event will honour 50 years of service while also celebrating our organisation's rich 120-year history.

"We look forward to bringing everyone together to celebrate this special milestone in our community, and we cannot wait to share activities and cake with those who can attend," says Centre Director Rebecca Lester.

SDN Batemans Bay Preschool provides quality early childhood education for 30 children aged 3-5 per day, with a focus on ensuring children are prepared for school.



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You can read more about SDN Batemans Bay Preschool [history here](#)

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More information

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*Please note that high-res photos of the centre are available on request.*

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