



# PARENT UPDATE

15 December 2009

## **Christmas Closure**

The scheme office will be closed from 2pm on Thursday 24 December, reopening Monday 4 January 2010. Contact the office ASAP if you require any assistance in planning your child care needs for the Christmas and New Year period. Cathy Bavage, Manager will be on call during the office closure on 0418 739 024 and non-urgent messages to the coordination unit office can be emailed [wfdc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wfdc@bigpond.net.au) or left on the phone message-bank 3393 4311.

## **Using relief care**

If you have some relief/alternate care arranged at any time please make contact promptly with the Carer if you need to discuss or cancel the booking. Out of courtesy to the relief Carer, please do not be tempted to simply not show up, or to change your mind at the last minute.

## **Playsession**

Our playgroup sessions begin again on Thursday 28 January 2010. Please see the attached program for further details about what your child can experience with your Carer.

A reminder to all families, infectious diseases can spread quickly amongst children. You are required to keep your child out of care to minimise the risk of illnesses such as croup, conjunctivitis, head lice and hand foot and mouth. Thorough hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, disposal of tissues etc is promoted amongst Carers and children at our Playsession to effectively manage this issue. Carers will be notified of any case of infectious illness at playgroup and Carers will in turn advise Families.

## **Child restraint legislation changes**

As of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010 all children up to 7 years of age will need to be secured in an Australian Safety Standard approved child restraint such as a child seat or booster seat, according to their age and size. A child may stop using a child restraint once they turn seven or if their eye level is above the back of the booster seat. The scheme will supply all child restraints as required prior to the implementation date.

## **The National Early Years Learning Framework**

As of January 2014 Carers will be required to undertake Certificate III in early Childhood Studies. We currently have 84% of our Carers either qualified, completed or enrolled in early childhood related studies.

## **Office Staffing 2010**

To keep up with our significant business growth, coordination unit staff will increase their hours. New coordinator Niki will start on Monday 11 January, working 4 days per week, Marie will work fulltime until March, and then return to 4 days per week, Lisa increasing by 3 hours to 31 hours.

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