



PARENT UPDATE

July 2016

Please update your child/ren's enrolment form

Parents of children with health care needs, allergies or diagnosed medical conditions are asked to update your child's medical management plan, risk minimisation information and medication information via your enrolment form. If you require assistance to log in to your HubWorks account, please phone our office on 3393 4311.

Celebrating NAIDOC week

Wynnum FDC held a cultural connection session with Sharron which was well attended and a successful morning. Sharron taught songs and dance focusing on Indigenous culture, the land and native animals. We have booked another 3 sessions for this year to assist educators to embed inclusion in the curriculum.

2016 Excellence in Family Day Care Awards

We encourage families to nominate their educator or service in Family Day Care Australia's 2016 Excellence in Family Day Care Awards. You can go to the nomination form on the website www.familydaycareawards.com.au and write about what makes your educator or approved service such an integral and special contributor to the lives of families and children in their care. Nominations are open until the 31 July.

Policy & Procedure Review

This review has almost been completed and we anticipate some changes to the manual, in particular regarding the management of medical conditions. When the new manual is completed it will be uploaded to our website and families will be advised.

Assessment and Rating

In August, Wynnum FDC will undergo assessment against the seven quality areas of the National Quality Standard and will be given an overall rating based on these results. The seven areas are: Educational program and practice; Children's health and safety; Physical environment; Staffing arrangements; Relationships with children; Collaborative partnerships with families and communities; Leadership and service management. The process will include authorised officers visiting the WFDC office as well as a number of randomly selected educators. For more information on this process visit ACECQA.

Early learning means the vital stages of children's development from birth to age five, including brain development, cognitive skills, motor skills, social and emotional wellbeing—all of the skills needed for lifelong learning. Early learning occurs in formal settings (early childhood education and care) with educators but also at home and in relationships with family members and caregivers. "The Early Learning, Everyone Benefits" campaign recognises that the main vehicle for children's learning is play. Read more [here](#)

Transition to school – from the [Department of Education and Training](#)

A positive start to school will help your child develop a lifelong love of learning. A successful transition to school is more than a great first day. It is your child feeling welcome, safe and confident in their new school environment. This journey begins well before your child starts school and only ends when they feel a sense of belonging. Schools, early childhood education and care services and families all have a part to play in helping children successfully transition to school. The DET provides fact sheets and other resources to support families in this transition.