



PARENT UPDATE

August 2016

Family Day Care Australia Excellence in Family Day Care Awards

Thank you very much to all the parents who nominated educators in this year's awards. The number of nominations has increased this year. Your thoughtful gesture is very much appreciated. WFDC has also been nominated in the service category. Regional educator award winners will be announced on September 6th with state winners announced October 24th and the national award winners will be unveiled at the Gala Awards Dinner on November 26th at the Excellence in FDC Awards Gala Dinner.

CCI (Community Childcare Incorporated) Membership and AGM Date Claimer

Due to the status of our Incorporated Body, all families, educators and staff are required to be members of CCI. This cost is \$10 a year, and you will receive your annual invoice shortly. This money goes directly to CCI. Click on this link to read about the [role of the CCI](#). The CCI Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 29th September – your invitation will be forwarded shortly.

How family day care prepares children for school

Family day care services are ideal environments for children to develop the qualities needed to succeed in all areas of life, including school. Family day care does not need to turn into a 'school environment' to prepare children for school. Supporting children's school readiness is about assisting them to develop their skills in areas such as literacy, numeracy and self-care when they are ready for this, and at their own pace, as well as social skills, emotional literacy, physical development, and resilience. By supporting all areas of children's development and focusing on building strong, responsive relationships with them, child care professionals can provide children with the skills and confidence to continue along a path of life-long learning.

Public Holidays and Absences

Please remember that absences need to be signed to ensure that CCB and CCR are paid. Also any public holiday absences will be included in your 42 initial absences for CCB purposes. [Fact Sheet 9, Absences from Childcare](#)

Policy & Procedure Review

This review has been completed and the revised service Policy & Procedure Manual and Parent Resource Handbook are available from our service website. <http://www.wynnumfdc.org/links/>

Assessment and Rating

This fortnight, 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 process will include the authorised officer visiting the WFDC office as well as a number of randomly selected educators. For more information on this process visit [ACECQA](#).

Child Care Invoices

Educators use the HubWorks program to record child care attendance and report the usage each week. They also use HubWorks to record parent payments and email weekly childcare invoices. Please note the 'from' field of the email address has changed to communications@hubworks.com.au. Please check your junk/spam folder for potentially missed emails and also set communications@hubworks.com.au as a 'safe' email address.

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