

PARENT UPDATE

October 2016

Assessment and Rating Update

Wynnum FDC has once again received the overall rating of "Exceeding National Quality Standard". Thank you to all educators and families for your support during our assessment and rating period. For more information about the rating system visit the <u>ACECQA website</u>.

Childcare needs for 2017

Please discuss with your educator about your childcare needs for 2017 – whether they will change or stay the same. If you need assistance with extra care that your educator cannot accommodate, please call Marie in the office on 3393 4311.

Events – as listed on our facebook page Wynnum Family Day Care "Caring for the South East Suburbs"

Wynnum Seafood Festival, Sat 22nd October, Edith Street, Wynnum 11am-6pm

WFDC will have a stand featuring Ocean Life Education, an interactive hands on experience where children can touch and feel live marine creatures. We will also have face painting. Drop by and say hello.

Children's Week, Wed 26 October, Lota Park

WFDC is celebrating <u>Children's Week</u> by opening our LINK program to all families on Wednesday 26th October. Please join us at Lota Park on The Esplanade (opposite Bart's) for half-hour sessions of yoga and sports. Yoga with Tracey: 10am; 10.30am (possible 11am session depending on numbers). Pocket Rockets with Neil: 10.30am (2-3 year olds); 11am (3-4 year olds); 11.30am (4+ year olds). Fresh fruit will be provided. Please RSVP to 33934311.

Family Fun Day Heroes and Villains, Capalaba Library, Sat 29th October, 10-11am

Dress up in your favourite Hero or Villain costume and enjoy the fun family morning of games, stories and craft. This event promotes the importance of oral language in children's early years of development.

WFDC Children's Christmas Party, Friday 25 November

Invitations have been emailed to all families for our annual Children's Christmas Party. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Payment of government child care subsidies:

<u>Child Care Benefit (CCB):</u> To receive CCB you must be using an approved child care service. CCB depends on income, hours used, the reason for care and the number of children you have in care.

<u>Child Care Rebate (CCR)</u>: To receive CCR you must be registered for CCB; pass the work, training or study test; and use approved care. There is no income test for CCR. WFDC is an approved service. Further information and fact sheets can be found at this link: http://mychild.gov.au/pages/CCFactSheets.aspx. If you are not receiving a weekly CCB fee reduction or CCR payment, it may be that WFDC does not have your correct information or your registration is incomplete. Please have a copy of your approval letter entitled "Assessment Notice of CCB for approved care" and call the office if you wish to update these details.

Kids Alive

With the summer months fast approaching, water safety is an important issue. Information about Lawrie Lawrence's 'Kids Alive Do The Five' program is available here, and includes free water safety lessons. There is a range of children's picture books available to extend on water safety conversations with your children.

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