



PARENT UPDATE

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Support your child's transition to prep

Over the next few months, early childhood education and care (ECEC) services, families and schools are supporting young learners for the transition to school next year. By working together, they can help all children enjoy a positive start to school and develop a lifelong love of learning. This term, every Queensland state school will receive a pack of transition resources to help them engage with new children and families. Families can ask for these resources at school orientation events, or when speaking with the school principal about starting Prep. [Click here for simple tips or to download the chatterbox activity](#)

LINK Program

It has been encouraging to hear so much positive feedback from parents and the community about our LINK program, which has now been running for over two years. When we decided to close down playgroup sessions and develop a new program that would cater for a higher percentage of children and educators, and offer more specialised learning opportunities, it was difficult to anticipate what the outcome would be. We hear anecdotes all the time about the amazing learning and development that are occurring through LINK, and the skills that are contributing to children's school readiness. Please feel free to phone the office or talk to your educator if you have any questions or feedback about LINK. See more information here on our website: <http://www.wynnumfdc.org/link-program/>

Children's Christmas Party – Friday 25th November All families have been emailed the Children's Christmas Party invitation. Please contact the office if you would like us to re-send it to you. There is no need to RSVP – just turn up! We are looking forward to the biggest event on our yearly calendar and the chance to connect face to face with our wonderful families, children and educators. You can also find information on our facebook event: [Wynnum FDC Children's Christmas Party](#). While you're there, 'like' our [facebook](#) page for regular updates.

Sun Safety Educators within Wynnum Family Day Care and Education Service implement the Sun Protection policy to protect themselves and the children in care from the harmful rays of the sun. WFDC educators model and promote sun protection measures, and children learn about sun safety and are encouraged to wear broad-brimmed hats and suitable protective clothing in outdoor environments. Please discuss with your educator expectations for appropriate clothing and sun protection products within the FDC setting.

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.

Simplifying childhood may protect against mental health issues

'Modern day children are exposed to a constant flood of information which they can't process or rationalise. They're growing up faster as we put them into adult roles and increase our expectations of them. So, they look for other aspects of their life they can control. When children are overwhelmed they lose the precious down time they need to explore, play and release tension. Too many choices erodes happiness, robbing kids of the gift of boredom which encourages creativity and self-directed learning. And most importantly "too much" steals precious time.' [Read More](#)

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