



# PARENT UPDATE

December 2016

*We wish all families a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Farewell to those families who are moving on to schooling and/or different services next year, and a very warm welcome to the new families who have just joined our service.*

## What does the National Quality Framework mean for your child?

As mentioned in our October Parent Update, Wynnum FDC has been assessed and rated against the NQF this year and received the overall rating of Exceeding. This is the second time we have been through the assessment and rating process (and to have received the Exceeding rating) under the current legislation which was introduced in 2012. Services are assessed and rated against seven quality areas including educational program and practice, children's health and safety, physical environment, staffing arrangements, relationships with children, collaborative partnerships with families and communities, and leadership and service management. To know more about how these areas contribute to your child's care and education, visit the [ACECQA website](#). To view the Quality Area Ratings for Wynnum FDC click [here](#).

## Transitioning to school with food allergies

A new, free educational video is available to help parents of children with food allergies make the transition from pre-school or childcare to school. Created by Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia and Western Sydney University the video educates parents on how to effectively communicate with schools about their child's food allergy and what is required of them. Go to the [Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia](#) website to view the video.

## Suburban Christmas Lights Route Map

Choose the map for the suburbs of choice for your Brisbane Christmas Lights Tour this year. Download and print so you can take the pain out of figuring out which order to see them in. [Download your guide here](#)

## Nature Play Queensland "Getting our kids outdoors"

These lists have been expertly developed for Nature Play QLD by pediatricians and health specialists. While some might seem like double-ups, each are perfectly matched to developmental milestones such as parallel play or showing emotional responses to others, so make sure you try them all! [Click here](#)

## CCI Levy

Have you paid your \$10 annual levy? This money goes to Community Childcare Inc. (our licensing body). Without the volunteer management committee, CCI and therefore Wynnum FDC would not be able to continue operating. All families, educators, and staff members need to pay the annual levy to remain members of CCI and to allow us to remain viable. If you need your invoice to be re-sent, please contact our office. Thank to those who have already paid.

## LINK Program Review

WFDC is very proud of our LINK program, it is a first for FDC and offers the children experiences in a variety of locations within the community, that they may not otherwise have an opportunity to participate in.

In February 2017, we will engage an outside consultant to undertake a review of LINK, to provide feedback from families and educators. The aim of the review is to have an in-depth look at what has worked, what needs attention and how we can extend of the activities and learning for the children.

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