



PARENT UPDATE

February 2017

LINK update

We are currently undertaking a review of our LINK program and ask you to join in by completing a survey which will be distributed by email early next week. Feedback from parents is very useful for our future planning of this program. Is your child attending LINK this year? Please remember that these sessions are exclusively for educators and the children in their care to attend only. There will be opportunities for parents and family to attend a couple of times during the year – these will be advertised.

Family records

On children's registration forms in HubWorks, it is important that correct contact details are held for each parent, any medical conditions or allergies are listed, and the immunisation status of the child is correct. Please contact our office by phone or email if you need assistance logging into HubWorks or to have your log in details resent.

Nominate an Amazing Educator - <http://australianfamily.com.au/earlyeducationandcareawards/nominations>

Nominations for the 2017 Australian Family Early Education and Care Awards are now open. These annual awards publicly celebrate outstanding contributions in the early childhood education and care sector and aim to encourage Australian working in all areas of the early childhood sector to aspire to excellence. Award Categories include; Early Childhood Educator of the Year, Rising Star Award and Early Childhood Service of the Year. Nominations close 10th March.

Jobs for Families Child Care Package

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull announced a reform of childcare subsidies would be a priority for his Government in 2017. The Prime Minister recognised that many families are only just managing financially and that increased support with childcare costs is urgently needed. In the next few days and possibly weeks, the Jobs for Families Package Childcare Package Bill will be put to both houses of parliament to make a decision. The biggest hurdle will be when this Bill goes to the Senate and we will see how various Senators react to it. There is a mix of Senators who oppose, support and are also undecided about this Bill. The difficulty with this Childcare Package Bill and a key reason for the delay is the government have decided to tie the funding of this Childcare Package Bill to making cuts to the Family Tax Benefit (FTB). That is, they will take money from FTB families in order to pay the families childcare subsidy. Click here to view the Prime Ministers media release - <http://www.pm.gov.au/media/2017-02-08/responsible-budget-savings-fund-more-affordable-child-care-australian-families>

Show your support for WFDC and provide a review/testimonial

We are featured on the following websites; adding a supporting review or testimonial will keep our pages current on the web.

Yellow Pages: <http://www.yellowpages.com.au/qld/wynnum/wynnum-family-day-care-education-centre-12997160-listing.html?referredBy=www.yellowpages.com.au&context=businessTypeSearch> click on write a review.

Google: search google for "Wynnum Family Day Care & Education Service", right hand side, click on Write a Review.

Care For Kids: <https://www.careforkids.com.au/child-care/p5z3m/wynnum-family-day-care-education-service-servicing-all-the-south-east-suburbs-4> to review the service or your educator.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Wynnum-Family-Day-Care-Caring-for-the-South-East-Suburbs-171273926248593/?fref=ts>

Relief Educator

WFDC does have a permanent early childhood educator, Piret, exclusively available for relief care. If your educator away or sick and unable to provide care and you require relief care please contact Marie (3393-4311) and she will make arrangements. Please ensure you have requested a fee estimate as each educator has a different fee schedule

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