



# PARENT UPDATE

March 2017

## Trivia Night Event

Preparations have begun for our annual trivia night to be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Funds raised on the night will be used to continue the delivery of our programs. Each year we ask parents, educators and local businesses to make a donation towards the multi draw raffle on the night of the event. If you would like to donate a prize to the value of \$40 please let us know. You can leave it with your educator or drop it off at our office. Contact Natasha at the office if you would like to be added to the invitation list. The bookings are made via Eventbrite, the cost of a table (for 6 persons) is \$75 plus booking fee.

## Child Care Benefit

As we approach the school holidays, can you please ensure your income estimates and family details remain current at the Department of Human Services (phone 13-61-50). If your child has started Prep this year, have you contacted the DHS to let them know? (The department will not automatically make this change.) School age children have a different entitlement for CCB from under school age children.

## oneplace.org.au (click <http://www.wynnumfdc.org/community-hub/> for more info)

oneplace is an easily accessible directory of community support services to help Queensland families to get to the right service at the right time. From parenting groups and classes to domestic and family violence support services, oneplace is the go-to resource for children, families, community members and professionals looking to find local support in Queensland. There are more than 46,000 records listed in oneplace and this is growing every day. When you're looking for local support services, visit oneplace, where you'll find up-to-date and comprehensive listings.

## Recommended Minimum Exclusion Periods

WFDC acknowledges 'Staying Healthy in Child Care' guidelines, where illness resulting in diarrhea means a child is required to stay home from childcare until it has been 24 hours from their last loose bowel motion.

## When your Educator is Absent and not Working

While the office hours are 8am to 4.30 Mon to Fri, we do have an 'on call' out of hours mobile number that allows us to organise relief care in the evening or weekends. Please discuss with your educator that you would like relief care organised in the event your educator is not working.

## Family Contributions for LINK

Thank you families for completing LINK survey, we received an extremely high response. We will receive the report of the review to the LINK program by the end of the month. We use independent reviews to assist in the strategic planning within our Service. A summary of the report is available on request, please email [wfdc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wfdc@bigpond.net.au) for a copy.

## Mandatory Reporting by Early Childhood Education & Care Professionals

From 1 July 2017, early childhood education and care (ECEC) professionals will be mandated by law to report child safety concerns to the department, where there is a reasonable suspicion that the child has suffered, is suffering, or is at unacceptable risk of suffering, significant harm caused by physical or sexual abuse, and there is not a parent willing and able to protect the child from harm. ECEC professionals include staff from family day care, kindergarten, long day care and after-school hours care. WFDC is undertaking the workshops by NAPCAN (National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) to deliver training and information sessions for the our service.

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