

PARENT UPDATE

May 2017

Wynnum Family Day Care change to parent levies

In order to maintain the services and programs we offer at WFDC, we must increase the parent hourly levy. There will be no increases to any other service fees, levies or charges. Our parent hourly levy has not increased in the past 2 years. It has been calculated to be increased by 25 cents which means the parent hourly levy will increase from .95c to \$1.20 per hour. This levy still sees us charging at the lower end of the scale. This increase will commence on Monday 3 July 2017 and will be reflected on your invoice from your educator.

Trivia Night

Thank you to families who have contributed a gift donation towards our annual trivia night on Saturday 10th June. This is our only form of fundraising each year. The gift donations form part of our multi prize raffle draw which is drawn throughout the night. We are still accepting prize donations if you would like to contribute. There are also still tables available. If you would like an invitation emailed to you, please contact us and we will send it via Eventbrite.

New Mandatory Reporting Requirements (Mason's Law)

Staff and educators have undertaken updated training about child protection and the new mandatory reporting requirements that come into effect on 01 July. As of this date, all early childhood 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. For more information click here:

<https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/childsafety/protecting-children/about-child-protection/mandatory-notifiers-and-reporting>

Under Eights Week – Children are playing Country to Coast – Inspiring learning in the early years through play

Under Eights Week is a state wide event that has been operating in a week in May for over sixty years. See their Facebook page for information and to find fun events

https://www.facebook.com/ECA-QLD-Under-Eights-Week-388874897876290/?ref=page_internal

Requirement to Sign In and Out

Just a reminder that there is a legal requirement to sign in and out each day that you attend child care. All absent days must also be initialed. When an attendance session is not signed it means that it non-compliant and not eligible to receive any child care fee reductions.

National Simultaneous Storytime 2017

National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. The Wynnum Library will be participating and you can attend on Wednesday 24 May at 11am. <https://www.alia.org.au/nss>

Rotary Club of Wynnum and Manly Family Fun Day

Rotary Fighting Family Violence through Community Action

Sunday 28 May, 10.00am to 2.00pm, Bandstand Park, Wynnum Esplanade

Free activities on the day include: Jumping Castle, Baby Farm Animals, Face Painting, Balloon Twister, Local Fire Engine, Live Music (from local schools), Fun Games eg tug-of-war, egg and spoon, and sack races). Free food includes; Sausage Sizzle, Fairy Floss, Coffee, tea and cordials, Drinks and Fresh Fruit. - See more at:

<http://www.rotaryclubofwynnumandmanly.asn.au/?events=family-fun-day#sthash.3M2ugReF.dpuf>

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