



PARENT UPDATE

June 2017

Trivia Night The final WFDC Trivia Night was held last Saturday. Our thanks go to Jenny Phillips for 20 years of organising the trivia night; many good times were had over the decades leaving lots of fond memories. Children, families and educators within our service have benefited greatly from the funds raised over the years.

Staff News Our educational leader Niki Kenny will return to working in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will be managing Planning and Documentation, working with educators to continually improve practices in this area. The aim of Quality Area 1 of the National Quality Standard is to ensure that the educational program and practice is stimulating and engaging, and enhances children's learning and development. Read about Quality Area 1 [here](#).

Reminder: Service hourly levy fee increase In order to maintain the services and programs offered by WFDC, we must increase the parent hourly levy. There will be no increases to any other service fees, levies or charges. Our hourly levy has not increased in the past 2 years. It has been calculated to be increased by 25 cents which means it will change from 0.95c 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.

Payment of Child Care Rebate (CCR) If you would like to change the payment option held for you by the DHS you will need to call before 30th June. A new payment option cannot be applied until the start of the next financial year, and remains in place for the entire 2017-2018 financial year, unless exceptional circumstances apply. Phone DHS on 13-61-50 to update your preference. There are four ways to receive your CCR: Direct to your CCB approved child care service (Wynnum FDC) paid weekly; or direct to your bank account paid fortnightly, quarterly or annually.

LINK Program Parents of children in care with WFDC are invited to a special one off LINK session this coming Wednesday 21st June at the Wynnum Library at 9.30am. This session will form part of Council's Little Stars Reading Program (see below). There will be a sign at the front door of the library directing you where to go when you arrive.

[Brisbane City Council Gold Star and Little Stars Reading Program](#) Children are invited to take part in reading programs at Council libraries. The 2017 Gold Star Reading Club program for children aged 6-12 years will again be joined by the Little Stars Reading Club program. Designed for children aged 0-5 years and their carers, the Little Stars Reading Club program is a wonderful way to connect and bond with your child while developing their early literacy skills. Both programs commence in BCC libraries on Tuesday 2 May and run until Monday 31 July 2017.

Translated Parenting Resources The Australian Parenting Website www.raisingchildren.net.au has a wide range of Parenting resources which have been translated into 15 languages. These resources are now available [here](#). This website is great source of information around multiple topics. LANGUAGES AVAILABLE Arabic, Burmese, Cantonese, Dari, Dinka, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Mandarin, Nuer, Persian, Simplified Chinese, Sudanese Arabic, Turkish and Vietnamese.

Stuck indoors doesn't have to be a bore! Keep those little minds active on a rainy day with Busy Things: a silly, fun and educational tool for children of all ages. Free with your library membership <http://bit.ly/2kKp5Cu>

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