



PARENT UPDATE

July 2017

2017 Excellence in Family Day Care Awards – Keep your nominations coming!

Families and educators are invited to say, in their own words, what makes their educator or approved service such an integral and special contributor to their lives and to the lives of the children in their care. To nominate the educator who makes a difference in the life of your child and family, go to the [FDCA awards website](#). Nominations close on the 23rd of July.

Reminder: Fee increase

You will notice a fee increase on your childcare invoices from 3rd July. This is due to the scheme hourly levy increasing by 25c per hour. This was first shared with families in May and again in June. We have tried to keep our fee increase as low as possible whilst maintaining our current level of service delivery and programs; our fees are at the lower end of the scale.

Understanding CCB and CCR

New financial year CCB% and CCR eligibility has taken effect from 3rd July. Please review the invoice from your educator to adjust any scheduled payments you make to them. If you do not agree with the CCB% applied, you will need to discuss this with DHS (13-61-50) and review your income estimate.

Annual absence allowances

You will also notice on your invoice that annual absence limits have been restored to 0, giving you a new 42 days for the period to 30.06.2018. Your invoice will show a running total of absences recorded within attendance data sent to CCMS.

Are your enrolment details up to date?

Now is a good time to update your enrolment form including contact details for yourself and those of the authorised persons you have nominated. The educator or coordination unit may need to contact you during the day, for example in the case of your child becoming unwell and requiring collection from care. Call the office if you need us to re-send your HubWorks parent login to allow you to access this information.

Working together to staying healthy in childcare

Most colds are caused by viruses. In fact, there are over 200 types of virus that can cause colds or upper respiratory tract infections. This is why you can't be immunised against colds. The viruses that cause colds are spread by **sneezing, coughing and hand contact**. Colds are more common in the winter months. Cold weather by itself doesn't increase the chance of getting a cold, but people are in closer contact with each other because they stay indoors. This means they're more likely to infect each other. Educator's role model and practice regular handwashing, management of runny noses, sneezes and coughs with the children so that everyone is healthy to join in the fun.

Catching a cold is hard to avoid, but being vigilant with handwashing and covering sneezes and coughs, we can reduce the impact on everyone in the care setting. Read more at <http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/colds.html/context/644>

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: <https://www.yellowpages.com.au/review/wynnum-family-day-care-education-centre-12997160>

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

Care For Kids: www.careforkids.com.au to review the service or your educator.

Manager: Cathy Bavage **Educational Leader:** Niki Kenny **Coordinators:** Marie Sayers, Samantha Jackson Van-Hummel, Karen-Lea Simmers, Lisa Meyer **Business Support:** Rochelle Chisholme, Natasha Staal