



PARENT UPDATE

October 2017

Starting School Game Pack

The Department of Education and Training has recently developed a Starting School Game for families to support their children to have a positive transition from Kindergarten to Prep. An information booklet is included with strategies for parents to support their child's transition to Prep. Wynnum FDC will order the packs and distribute them to educators who can then pass them on to families with children in this age group.

Staff News

Next week we say farewell to our educational leader, Niki Kenny. Niki has worked with Wynnum FDC for close to eight years as a coordinator and educator and is moving to a role in the Department of Education and Training. Families will be advised about who will take over the educational leader role when a decision is made.

Children's Christmas Party Date claimer – Friday 24th November.

We are getting excited about the upcoming annual Children's Christmas Party – an invitation has been forwarded via email.

Gundu Pa – Wynnum Manly Community Health Centre - 24-hour primary care

This new facility has been officially unveiled and will open to the public from Tuesday 24 October. The Primary Care Centre will offer services for: Addiction and Mental Health (including child and youth therapy); Allied Health (including physiotherapy and speech pathology); BreastScreen Queensland; Child Development (including occupational therapy, physiotherapy delivered in a purpose built gym, social work, speech pathology, dietitian clinic, psychologist clinic); Chronic Disease; Oral Health (dental clinic for adults and children); Specialist Outpatients (including antenatal, diabetes/endocrinology, general medicine, general surgery, obstetrics, paediatrics). Visit their website for more information <https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/wynnum>.

Free Pocket Rockets for Children's Week

Neil from Pocket Rockets is offering free activities for Children's Week – click here to book <http://pocketrocketsports.com.au/booking-form-childrens-week/>

Educator Recruitment

Currently we are experiencing a demand for placements that we cannot meet and so we are actively looking to recruit educators who are suitably qualified and experienced. If you know of anyone who may be interested please spread the word. Prospective educators can phone the office anytime for a confidential discussion.

Domestic & Family Violence Advocacy in Wynnum

Please see the attached flier regarding a domestic & family violence support program at St Peters Church in Wynnum.

National Nutrition Week 15-21 Oct – the theme is Try for 5 <http://www.tryfor5.org.au/>

Raising Children Network – A good resource for families <http://raisingchildren.net.au/>

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

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