

May 2018

National Families Week 15 – 21 May – invitation attached

A range of LINK activities are available for families to join in with.

Top ten tips - <https://nfw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2015/11/NFW-2017-Ten-Tips.pdf>

****Transitioning to the new Child Care Subsidy**

From 2 July 2018, one new Child Care Subsidy will replace the current child care payments (CCB and/or CCR).

This transition cannot happen automatically. To transition, you will need to complete an online Child Care Subsidy assessment using your Centrelink online account through [myGov](#).

Main changes;

Child care subsidy can only be paid to the service – no longer paid to family nominated bank account

All families will have 5% of their CCS withheld until end of tax year

Families not meeting CCS eligible activity levels will only receive 12hr of CCS per week (current, 24hrs CCB)

JET fee reduction and Grandparenting GCCB cease on Sun 1st July. (application to DHS for ACCS will be required)

Resources

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) <https://www.education.gov.au/child-care-subsidy-1>

Childcare Safety Net including Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) <https://www.education.gov.au/additional-child-care-subsidy>

What is the activity test? <https://www.education.gov.au/child-care-subsidy-activity-test-0>

Frequently Asked Questions <https://www.education.gov.au/new-child-care-package-frequently-asked-questions>

Family Webcast Information Session Presentation <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/46081>

Think Tank Meeting

All educators and coordination unit team will meet tonight (Monday). The purpose of our Think Tank allows us to discuss FDC requirements and issues outside of business hours. The agenda items include transition to CCS, implementation of CCS, educator contract & agreement and the yearly assessment review.

Educator Fees

All educators will be developing a new contract for their business that will detail their fee structure from Mon 2nd July. Please ensure you have spoken to your educator and completed their contract.

You will need to discuss your agreed booked hours/sessions of care to see if they are affordable with your new CCS eligibility.

Vacation Care Bookings

As the school holidays approach please contact your educator to enquire for the upcoming holidays. School holidays start on Mon 2nd July

Family Agreements and Statements

Inline with the transition to the new Child Care Package, all families will need to acknowledge and complete the updated WFDC Parent Statement & Agreement and the new WFDC Complying Written Agreement. More information and the management for completion and return to WFDC to come.

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. It has been calculated to be increased by 10 cents which means the parent hourly levy will increase from \$1.20 to \$1.30 per hour. This levy still sees us charging at the lower end of the scale. This increase will commence on Monday 2 July 2018 and will be reflected on your invoice from your educator.