

PARENT UPDATE

June 2018

****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>

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

Wynnum Family Day Care change to parent levies

** Report from May Parent Update** 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.

Programs for Children

Educators in FDC develop quality programs to support and guide children in all areas of their learning and development. Check out this article from 'Starting Blocks' to find out how can you be involved in planning the program for your child.

<https://www.startingblocks.gov.au/other-resources/factsheets/programs-for-children/>

Wynnum Library, Mon 2nd July

Join a pirate crew to hear grand swashbuckling tales and follow the clues to find the treasure. Ideal for children aged 5-12 years. Bookings required. Phone [Wynnum Library](#) on 07 3403 2199 to reserve your place. These are great free school holiday activities southside Brisbane!

Shifting responsibility to your child - http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/responsibility_teenagers.html

As they learn and develop, children want and need responsibility. It's an important part of their growth and development. But it can be hard for you to let go – here are some ideas for finding a balance.