

# PARENT UPDATE

December 2018

*We wish all families a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Farewell to those families who are moving on to schooling and/or different services next year, and a very warm welcome to the new families who have just joined our service.*

**How to encourage good behaviour in your child** A positive and constructive approach is often the best way to guide your child's behaviour. This means giving your child attention when he behaves well, rather than just applying consequences when he does something you don't like. Here are some practical tips for putting this positive approach into action.

[http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/encouraging\\_good\\_behaviour.html/context/727](http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/encouraging_good_behaviour.html/context/727)

**Public Holidays and Annual Leave** Parents often call the office to ask "Do I have to pay for a public holiday?" and "What about when my educator is on leave?" Charging practices are commercial decisions made independently by individual child care service providers and are not a matter regulated by family assistance law. This includes the widely-used practice of charging for public holidays that fall on your regular booked day. This practice is used by child care service providers because child care workers, like most employees, are entitled to be paid for public holidays when they would otherwise be at work. Please refer to your contract from your educator for terms and conditions.

**Vacation Care, School age children** Please contact your educator to enquire if you need a vacation care booking for your school age child. Under the new Child Care Package there is a requirement that we have a Complying Written Arrangement for the upcoming school holiday vacation care bookings. Please ensure that you have then confirmed the enrolment notice within your MyGov to ensure your CCS is paid on your behalf towards your child care fees.

**When finishing care** Please ensure you have adhered to your notice period when terminating care with your educator. It is a government requirement that you physically attend care on your last day to receive CCS. If your child does not physically attend care on the last day of care or any consecutive absence days your educator will invoice you for the full cost of care.

**Helping your child have a positive start to school** - <https://www.maggiedent.com/blog/getting-little-ones-ready-big-school/>  
A positive start to school will help your child develop a lifelong love of learning. Maggie Dent, commonly known as the "queen of common sense", has become one of Australia's favourite parenting authors and educators, with a particular interest in the early years, adolescence and resilience. Maggie is an advocate for the healthy, common-sense raising of children in order to strengthen families and communities.

## **WFDC Community Christmas Tree**

A reminder to all children and families that the WFDC Christmas tree will be on display at St Peters Anglican Church, Wynnum from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Dec (10am-2pm and 6pm-8pm). It's not too late to participate, you are welcome to add your handmade decoration to the tree during the visiting hours. If the children want their decoration back, it needs to be labelled and collected from the church on Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec between 11am-4pm and Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec between 9am-11am.

## **Free PCYC Membership**

PCYC Bayside has extended to WFDC family's free membership for Term One of 2019. A certificate needs to be redeemed for this exclusive offer. Please contact 3393-4311 to arrange a time to collect it.

**Office closure** the coordination unit office will be closed from Friday 21.12 2018, re-opening on Wednesday 02.01.19.

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