

WE BELONG FAMILY DAYCARE



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Welcome all Families and Educator to another wonderful year here, at the newly named We Belong Family Day Care Service. (Formerly Daisy Hill & Southside FDC). Same entity just a new name to better represent who we are.



This year will see further community engagement within our service and in the wider community.

So keep an eye on the Facebook page for news, photos and stories from our wonderful educators. The start of this year we also made a decision to change with software providers from HubWorks to Harmony to ensure that educators and families accounts run smoothly with all the new changes that the service has to implement to be compliant with the new national laws and standards.

The educators have been busy setting up the environments and planning for the year ahead. And the Field officers are conducting the audits for 2019 to ensure the environment and practices are exceeding for all families at We Belong Family Day Care.

You will also notice that our website has been updated in line with the changes above.





Sunday 21st April: Easter Celebration at Play Sessions

Thursday 25th April: ANZAC Day

Sunday 12th May: Mother's Day

Sunday 26th May: National Sorry Day

Monday 27th May till 3rd of June: National Reconciliation Week



What's Been Happening

February 13th: Head Start Paediatric Screenings, Occupational Therapy Sessions and Speech Therapy Sessions at Play Sessions

February 26th: Network Meeting

Upcoming Events

April 24th - Easter Celebration at Play Sessions community event shared morning tea

May 8th - Every Child is a star FDC Week

Promoting your FDC Service

All educators who are members of FDC Australia, have promotional materials available, free of charge on the FDCA website. To access this educators need to create an account to login to the marketing area and source flyers, brochures, email banners, posters etc. By inserting your own details on the templates provided, you will generate the promotional material you require. The resource will be emailed to you for your own printing.

What a great way to promote your business. Go to FDC Australia's marketing page and take a look!

<https://familydaycare.com.au/promoting-you/marketing-resources-hub>

Please give Zoe a call at the office if you would like help to go through the steps.



Cough and Sneeze Etiquette

With the cold and flu season fast approaching it is a timely reminder for cough and sneeze etiquette. Remember: cover your cough and sneeze to stop the spread of germs. The correct way to prevent the spread of germs that are carried in droplets is by coughing or sneezing into your inner elbow, or by using a tissue to cover your mouth and nose.

Put all tissues in the rubbish bin straight away, and clean your hands with either soap and water or an alcohol-based rub.



School Holiday Fun in the Park!

School holidays provide a wonderful opportunity for all ages to come together to create a sense of community and belonging and to develop relationships.



In school age care settings, educators encourage children's engagement in a range of play and leisure experiences that allow them to feel happy, safe and relaxed, and to interact with friends, practice social skills, solve problems, try new experiences, and learn life skills.

'My Time, Our Place'

PEDS Pop Up Clinics

We have been very fortunate to have had Speech Therapists and Occupational Therapists from Headstart, spend a period of 8 weeks supporting the development of children, at our weekly Play Sessions.

This is a wonderful opportunity to promote the development of children, along with supporting parents and educators with skills and strategies to further utilise in their own settings.

Thankyou Headstart!



**HeadStart
Queensland**
Therapy & Education Services

Play Sessions—Learning Through Play!





Welcome

Welcome New Educators to We belong Family Day Care

NaChu Yen—Boronia Heights

Kelly - is located at Shailer Park

KIM- is located at Rochedale South

Frazilet- is located at Stretton

Melissa- is located at Shailer Park



First 5 Forever aims to provide strong emergent literacy foundations and life-long learning capabilities for all Queensland children 0-5 years, by directly supporting parents and primary caregivers as their child's first and most important educator.

Let's work together as a community to support each other and build on the endless opportunities families have daily to interact with their children and provide opportunities for learning. This means spending time in the early years talking, playing and reading with our children so their growing brains get what they need!

Mother and child at the supermarket



About parents' and caregivers' valuable role

Babies and young children learn best by listening and interacting with the important adults in their lives during everyday activities – whether that's talking about what you can see on the way to the park, singing nursery rhymes, pointing out something you both view out the window, or learning new words while shopping for groceries.

That's why First 5 Forever connects parents to a range of resources and ideas for you to try, and links you to your local library for more ideas and information you can use any place, any time.

At free Baby time, Rhyme time and Story time sessions at your local library you can also meet other families and have fun finding old and new favorite rhymes and stories that you can share with your child at home.

What research tells us

Shared activities at home and out and about in the early years are important in the development of language skills later on, and research highlights the significant role that parents play in helping their babies build a strong foundation for future learning¹.

- In the first few years of life approximately 700 new neural connections in the brain are formed every second. These connections are created partly through genetics and partly through a baby's environment and experiences².

Children are born ready to learn and some of the best learning comes from nurturing relationships³.

Footnotes / References

Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs, (2010) [Engaging Families in the Early Childhood Development Story](#)

1 Center on the Developing Child (2009). [Five Numbers to Remember About Early Childhood Development](#) (Brief).

Administration & Business Support

It has been a very busy few months here at We belong Family Daycare filled with new challenges and changes for us all but with everyone's support we have managed to jump the hurdles that have been thrown at us. We want to say a big thank you to all of our educators and families for supporting us and sticking by us over these last few very challenging months.



Facebook:

Our Facebook page is looking wonderful and we thank you all for your comments, likes and shares. Please ensure you are checking the page out frequently to keep up to date with new and exciting things that are happening within our community and service. We often put pictures of our wonderful play session experiences up and love it when our educators share their experiences in their own environments with us to share.

Invoicing/Receipting

Please ensure you are sending receipts to families regularly and also sending them into us here at the office. If anyone needs any assistance with this please contact us as soon as possible.

Reminder:

Please ensure you sign in and out the children when you enter the lovely educator homes through the new Esi (Electronic sign in) this is a legal requirement that you sign in and out the actual time you place your child in care with the educator and when you enrol with the scheme you receive your pin via email. If you are using a mobile phone for the contact person on your emergency contacts please ensure that you communicate with your educator or the scheme so we can give a pin before pick up or drop off, please call the office and Zoe can assist you in this.

Coming Up:

Webinar with Harmony learning Invoicing and Receipting 7th March 6pm to 7 pm

Please email any questions you have and I will respond as soon as possible

Zoe - Field Officer/Administration Support

Policy Review

Attached is the Support and Training Policy currently under review, families, educators and stakeholders are welcome to give feedback on this policy via email to dhssfdc@gmail.com

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<https://www.facebook.com/daisyhillsouthsidefamilydaycare>

Website: <https://www.daisyhillfdc.com.au>



Educational Leader

As a service that promotes community connections, our professional development for Educators is aligned with the needs of families and the community. Following on from our 'Wings to Fly' professional development, educators are working to optimise their pedagogical practice in order to enhance overall outcomes for children, with the focus being on 'how we are with children'. This aligns with the Early Years Learning Framework 'Educators who are attuned to children's thoughts and feelings, support the development of a strong sense of wellbeing. They positively interact with the young child in their learning'. Educators are implementing new approaches and ways of being with children, within their environments.

Upcoming professional development will focus on supporting families with complex needs.

Play Sessions

We have had some wonderful play based learning opportunities and celebrations at Play Sessions, to promote children's development. Some of the experiences offered have included: celebrating Harmony Day with the theme 'Everyone Belongs'; 'Healthy Mouth Day' where each child had a check up of their teeth by Andrea from Metro South Oral Health Services and received a take home dental pack; 'Healthy Eating Day' with the student from Griffith University, Child and Families Studies, providing 'invitations to play' to promote children's learning of physical health and wellbeing; two Logan City Council sessions for the children to promote safety around dogs and taking care of our pets, with each child receiving a certificate and an activity book.

We are always looking for further ways to connect with the community and promote children's learning. If you have any opportunities to recommend or a hidden talent you would like to share, we would love to hear from you.

Kellie Still - Educational Leader /Community & Curriculum Support

Field Officers at We Belong Family day care



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