

As we approach the end of what has been an extraordinary year, there has been many challenges and much hardship for so many people. We Belong FDC stayed open and operating throughout the lockdowns and throughout the Free Childcare period working with 50 % subsidies for many weeks. Our Educators tenacity and loyalty is acknowledged and thanked whole heartedly. We also thank all our families for your support and understanding as we worked together to keep the doors open.

Beverly and I would also like take this opportunity to thank Kellie, Lyndel, Zoe, Rachelle and Christina for all their hard work over 2020 in supporting all educators, children and their families.













It is with sadness that we farewell Kellie our Educational leader who has been with We Belong FDC from its inception and has been a staunch advocate of Family Day Care, children and their families. Kellie has worked hard to make sure children receive the best care and education possible and has a passion for inclusivity and indigenous input into our service. She has been instrumental in our involvement in NAIDOC week and also instigated a network that brought Kellie has taken a position as a Child Development Specialist with the Benevolent Society and I'm sure you will join with us in congratulating her on this new and very important work. She will be very sorely missed.



Best Wishes for the upcoming festivities.



## From the Education Leader

## **Transition to School**

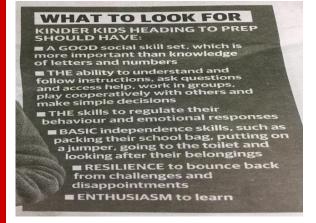
We Belong Family Day Care believe that transition to school is a process that occurs over time, beginning well before the child first commences school. We value a play-based program in supporting children's learning in the early years and focus on children's social and emotional development and positive sense of self as a learner. Promoting individual children's development is embedded in everyday play opportunities.

Nathan Mikaere-Wallis, researcher and neuroscience educator, recently stated: "Pushing three- to seven-year-olds towards early reading, writing or maths will not improve their long-term chances of success. Instead, it's far more important to foster positive social and emotional skills."

With some children unable to attend school based transition programs this years, We Belong Family Day care with support from Logan Together and other local education services have developed a video to support children with some questions they may have around going to school. You can view the video on this link

https://youtu.be/ogi\_vFm0S3w

Educators are currently writing a statement of transition for those children who require this.



## **Play Community**

Did you know that we have Community Play sessions at The Rainbow House at Daisy Hill State school on Azalea Avenue? These run each Tuesday 9:00am to 10:30 all are welcome to join and engage with others through play. The Play Community will commence again in the first week of term in 2021.



For more information email: webelongfc@gmail.com

## **Story Time**

Unfortunately COVID put a stop to most of this year's events but that didn't stop us engaging with all the children through the web Miss Kellie uploaded stories, songs, & games each week for all the children to engage so no one misses out. You will find these at

https://www.webelongfdc.com/services2

