



DAISY HILL & SOUTHSIDE FAMILY DAY CARE NEWSLETTER

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2018 Excellence in Family Day Care Awards National Winners announced



Family Day Care Australia announced that Daisy Hill & Southside Family Day has been named as their 2018 Excellence in Family Day Care Awards Service of the Year. Daisy Hill & Southside FDC was one of 4 finalists selected across Australia. You can view their nomination on the FDCA face book page: <https://www.facebook.com/familydaycareaustralia/videos/1703878099722904/>

The selection panel consisted of internal and external sector and early childhood professionals who reviewed both service submissions and nominations in selecting winners. Via a process of further review and consultation by the selection panel, the national winner was selected from the national finalists.

Our focus for service delivery is based on our philosophy and practices on a reciprocal approach modelled through mutual respect, shared responsibility and community involvement- our Relationship Model, where both Educators and our Field Officers work together to solve problems and challenges in a collaborative environment rather than a compliance model. We value the notion that critical reflection is part of everyday practice and is a form of ongoing learning.

We have no managers but a self- managed team who are all leaders in their own right. This way of working takes time, commitment and passion. We continue on this journey.

We thank Family Day Care Australia for honouring Daisy Hill & Southside FDC service with this award.



Field Officers- Zoe Nielsen, Kellie Still, Lyndel Bougoure
& Approved Providers- Beverley Egan & Kerry Smith





End of Year Christmas Celebration

Children & their families are welcome to join educators and staff at our end of year celebration

November 23rd 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Rainbow Play Centre Underwood

Details will be sent out via email closer to the date



What's Been Happening

July 25th - NAIDOC Celebration

August 7th - Woolworths Discovery Tour

August 22nd - QLD Ballet

August 28th - Supporting families through trauma

September 3rd - Transition to School

September 19th - Car Restraint Checks

October 3rd - Visit to Daisy Hill Koala Park

October 9th - Child Protection

Date claimer: Network Meeting

Monday 12th November

Promoting your FDC Service

Almost all educators are members of FDC Australia, did you know there are promotional materials available for you free of charge on the FDCA website? All you need to do is 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 own business and professionalism. Go to FDC Australia's marketing page and take a look!

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

If you are not savvy with computers give Zoe a call at the office and she will help you through the steps.



QLD Ballet Tiny Dancers Book Week Workshop at

Play Sessions 22.08.18



To celebrate Book Week, Queensland Ballet visited Daisy Hill and Southside Family Day Care, Play Sessions, to share the wonder of storytelling and movement, through a play-based workshop as part of the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge.

This Book Week 2018 Workshop was based on the book *Nellie Belle* (by Mem Fox, ill. Mike Austin) from the Premier's Reading Challenge Early Childhood book list.

Children, families and educators joined in the fun of dance and storytelling to explore the adventures of Nellie Belle.

Participation in communities contributes to children's belonging, being and becoming. This workshop not only supported children's literacy development, but also promoted children's sense of wellbeing through physical activity and feelings of happiness. Wellbeing provides children with confidence and optimism, maximising their learning potential. EYLF



7th August 2018

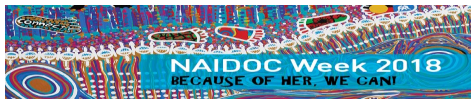
Daisy Hill and Southside Family Day Care had an absolutely wonderful time at the Woolworths



Fresh Food Kids Discovery Tour at Woolworths Chatswood Hills. Lisa, Jess and Angela provided the children with a very enjoyable and informative hands on experience with a 'behind the scenes' tour, discussion about the fruits and vegetables, gift bag and fruit kebab making.



Children are confident and involved learners when they are provided with experiences that engage with the broader community and environment. 'Early Years Learning Framework'

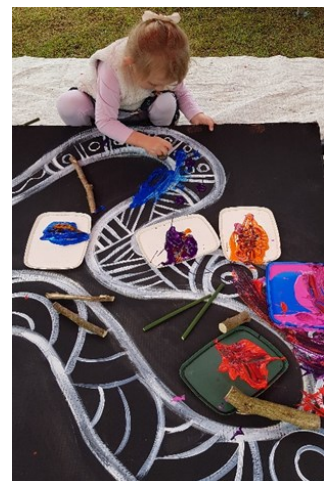


25th July 2018

With the support of Communities for Children, children, families, educators and children's services came together for NAIDOC week to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who have played – and continue to play - active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels.

The theme: *"Because of Her, We Can"* promotes the significant contributions made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman.

Local Aboriginal elder Uncle Noel provided a Welcome to Country ceremony, with Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dancers performing a Traditional Smoking Ceremony and the Murri School Dancers performing several traditional dances. Local early childhood and community services provided a range of cultural activities for the children to enjoy.



Daisy Hill Koala Centre

3 October 2018

Experiences of relationships and participation in communities contribute to children's belonging, being and becoming. EYLF.

Children, families and educators had a wonderful morning, under the shade of the eucalyptus and melaleucas, building with sticks, searching for bugs, balancing on logs and exploring the natural bushland surroundings. The children visited the information centre to learn more about koalas through the hands-on interactive displays: watching a short film in the Woodland Theatre; discovering the biology and life cycle of a koala; learning the signs and symptoms of a sick or injured koala; learning how you can contribute to the conservation of koalas; as well as learning about other Australian animals.

A picnic morning tea was enjoyed, followed by kite making, story time and parachute play.

Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment where educators model care and appreciation for the natural environment. EYLF.



Welcome

Welcome to Field Officer Rachelle Smith.

Rachelle has brought with her almost 20 years of experience in Early Education and Care. I am sure educators will benefit from this knowledge and experience when Rachelle is out in the field visiting. Rachelle has spent the past few months getting to know our software program and meeting educators at Play Sessions.



Does your preschooler have bedtime or sleep difficulties?

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Daisy Hill and Southside Family Day Care will be celebrating the wonderful contribution that grandparents make to their families and to the community as a whole. We wish to acknowledge the significant contribution of grandparents who are full-time carers for their grandchildren.

Grandparents Day is a chance for children and the community to thank grandparents for their love and support.

We would like to invite all Grandparents and friends of the children of Daisy Hill and Southside Family Day Care to join us at our Play Sessions.

When: Wednesday 31st of October 2018

9.30-11.30

Where: Play Sessions

Daisy Hill and Southside Family Day Care

104 Chatswood Rd

Daisy Hill QLD 4127

RSVP: Educators please RSVP to the service by 17th October

Please bring along a plate of shared morning tea.

Health Spot

Sun safety - stay SunSmart every day

Queensland has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. However, by staying SunSmart every day you can reduce your exposure to UV radiation and cut your risk. According to [Cancer Council Queensland](#) you can protect your skin, and the skin of the children in your care, by:

- **slipping** on protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible, is made from close weave materials and dark in colour
- **slopping on SPF30 or higher sunscreen** that is applied liberally to skin at least 20 minutes before going outside, and reapplied every two hours
- **slapping on a hat** that is broad-brimmed and provide good protection for the face, nose, neck and ears (not a cap or visors)
- **seeking shade** by making use of trees or built shade structures.

sliding on sunglasses with a hat to reduce UV radiation exposure to the eyes by up to 98 per cent. This includes children as well as adults.

You can also visit Cancer Council's cut your cancer risk [website](#)

Child Health Checks

To give your children a Great Start there is a series of FREE health checks. Remember it starts from birth. You can help promote these vital checks using this [poster](#) and telling parents about them. You could even add this poster to your centre's enrolment pack!

Administration & Business Support

It has been a very busy few months here at DH&SSFDC 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 have a CWA (Complying Written Agreement) in place for any new children and updated CWA's in place for any changes of days/times for current children., including vacation care only families. These are a Government requirement and it is extremely important that updated CWA's are in place at all times. Thank you to all our educators and families for getting these back to us so quickly, it is greatly appreciated.

Coming Up:

Enrolment updates will be sent out in the coming months for families completion, please ensure you get these back to us by the requested date so that we can have everything up to date in our system for the new year. Please remember to let us know throughout the year also if any of your details change (contact details, work changes etc). We will also require up to date Immunisation History Statements for all children to accompany these enrolment updates.

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

Zoe - Field Officer/Administration Support

Policy Review

Attached is the Fee 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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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



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