

# WE BELONG FAMILY DAYCARE



## Newsletter August 2020

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### Welcome to the August Edition,

Thank you all so much for your valued support and understanding during a challenging period. As we face continuing issues presented by COVID -19 we will continue to share key information and latest health advice with you via emails or Facebook. Please remember if your child is unwell please keep them home.

We would like to share some exciting news- We have been nominated in the 2020 Excellence in Family Day Care Awards.



We are very excited and humbled to be nominated and grateful for the nomination. We are very lucky to work with such beautiful and dedicated educators in family day care. Congratulations to all the educators and Field Officers who have been nominated.



QUEENSLAND  
**CHILD  
PROTECTION  
WEEK** 6 - 12 Sept 2020

### *Putting children first...*

NAPCAN Brochures available at: <https://www.napcan.org.au/napcan-brochures/>

Let's ask our children to send us their artwork showing what helps them feel safe and happy. We'll display the artwork during Child Protection Week.

## No Card, No Start laws are coming



From 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, you will see changes to the blue card system. These changes include new laws that will apply to organisations, paid workers, business operators and volunteers. These changes have been designed to strengthen and streamline the blue card system and keep Queensland children safe.

Under the No Card, No Start laws, people will need to hold a valid blue card before they start working with children.

People with paid applications submitted before 31 August 2020 will be able to continue working while their applications are being processed.

## No Card, No Start for individuals

From 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, to apply for a blue card you will need a customer reference number (CRN) and photo from the Department of Transport and Main Roads. A CRN is the number on your drivers licence, photo identity card or proof-of-age card. TMR has a list of other documents where your CRN can be found.

We will work with TMR to verify your identity and obtain the photo to use on your blue card.

When the new laws start, you will be able to apply or renew your blue card online. This will mean a faster approval time for most applicants.

Under the No Card, No Start laws, people will need a valid blue card before they start work. The new laws will also allow people to apply for a blue card **before** they get a job. This means you can be job-ready!



# Dental Health Week

We Belong FDC was proud to support the Australian Dental Association's Dental Health Week, which took place this year from 3rd to 9th August 2020.

Time to take a closer look at your supermarket purchases. They're not as healthy as you might think.

Being healthy is something that most of us aim for.

Dental Health Week is an annual event run by the Australian Dental Association which aims to make everyone aware of the key things they need to do to keep their teeth and gums healthy.

Go to: <https://www.dhsv.org.au/oral-health-programs/celebrate-teeth-at-storytime#:~:text=Celebrate%20teeth%20with%20children%20and,the%20wonderful%20jobs%20they%20do.>

<https://www.dhsv.org.au/professionals/early-childhood>





# Take the time to say Thank You!

[www.EarlyChildhoodEducatorsDay.org.au](http://www.EarlyChildhoodEducatorsDay.org.au)



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 **Early Childhood  
Educators' Day**  
— Wed 2 Sept 2020 —



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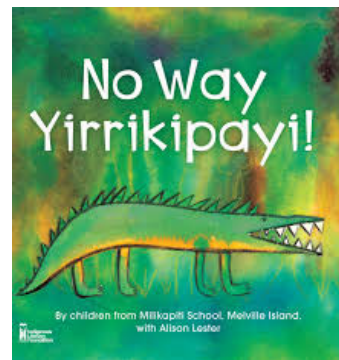


National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is a time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to celebrate the strengths and culture of their children. It is celebrated across Australia each year on 4<sup>th</sup> August and is the largest national day for their children. This day is very important as it is an opportunity for all Australians to show support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as well as the culture, family and the community.

This day was celebrated by children and educators to support learning around the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. This experience helps children to value culture and value themselves, respect the different attitudes, beliefs and view of others, and respond to diversity with respect.

Our service gratefully received the donation of a Children's Day bag, by 'Christine's Family Day Care', containing resources to celebrate the day, including 'No Way Yirrikipayi!' book, kindly donated by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF). This book, which was read during our online story session, is the story of a hungry crocodile that goes searching for food. It was written in both Tiwi and English and developed in workshops with children lead by author Alison Lester.

Educators and children further enjoyed experiences in their homes including: music, dance, stories and art.





## Wonderful Me!

As a part of our commitment to the well being of the children in our care, we were very excited to receive our order from the Logan City Council of 'Wonderful Me' a journal perfect for people aged 9 to 12 years. It is a creative way for young people to explore more about themselves.

Wonderful Me invites you to dream for the future, make things, do things and be the change in your world.

The journal has:

- colourful illustrations
- plenty of space to draw and write, and
- guided worksheets.

If you would like to request copies of the booklet, please call Logan City Council on 07 3412 3412 or email at [communityservices@logan.qld.gov.au](mailto:communityservices@logan.qld.gov.au)

Alternatively, please download your own copy, with the link below:

<https://www.logan.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/2519/wonderful-me-journal>

And the carer's guide:

<https://www.logan.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/2520/wonderful-me-parents-and-caregivers-guide>



*Welcome* to the all new educators who have joined the We Belong FDC Community. We look forward to getting to know you all and look forward in interacting with all the families .We would like to introduce Christina Lee to our Service. Christina will be working as a Filed Officer- Cultural Support



*My name is Christina Lee and I have been working in the education industry for 30 years both in Korea and Australia. As a field worker and a cultural supporter, I am supporting the educators with Korean cultural background. I am dedicated to the early education sector and passionate about mentoring, guiding and supporting our educators to deliver a high standard of care and education to all children in their care*

**Care available**

We currently have vancies available with these lovely Educaotrs :

Donna-Shailer Park  
Estelle-Tanah Merah  
Carol-Kingston  
Anila-Slacks Creek  
Julie –Daisy Hill  
Sonia-Rochedale South  
Ruby-Underwood  
Melissa-Shailer Park  
Rebecca- Waterford west  
Jana-Daisy Hill

## Our Field Officers



Kellie Still



Lyndel Bougoure



Zoe Brandsen



Rachelle Smith



# The Book Club Experience



Book Club provides families with an affordable and convenient way to bring the best in children's literature into their homes. Each issue contains curated, age-appropriate titles that have been carefully selected and levelled by a dedicated team of professional booklovers.

Scholastic operates on a unique model, proudly partnering with Australian schools and educators for over 50 years. As well as bridging the important class-to-home reading gap, Book Club also benefits Australian schools—for every Book Club order placed, Scholastic gives back 20% of the order spend to schools to purchase valuable educational resources via its Scholastic Rewards program.

When you setup an account online you can order books and set the school as We Belong FDC and electronically pay through the Loop and we will pass the books onto the educators.

## The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for **Book Club!**

Linked **Online Ordering & Payment** platform

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's **Book Club** order using your credit card. Your order will electronically be linked to your school when you order and pay by **LOOP**.

Also available as an app:





## Changes in the Education & Care sector

From October 1<sup>st</sup> changes will be implemented in all Education & Care settings to ensure safe transportation of children. We Belong FDC will be reviewing policy and Risk Management to fit with these changes.

In the meantime, go to ACECQA for this updated factsheet:

<https://www.acecqa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-08/Infosheet-SafeTransportationOfChildren.pdf>

### Policies currently under review:

Emergency and Critical Incidents	Indoor and outdoor Environment policy	Assessment and Approval of FDC residents /venue policy
Nutrition and food	Pets and domestic Animals and plants in FDC policy	Assessment and Approval of family day care educators
Healthy Environment	Fee policy	Family day care Educator Register Policy
Sleep and Rest	Child enrolment	Monitoring, support and supervision FDC educators Policy
Administration of first Aid	Closing and opening an existing family day care service	Suitability of Persons residing at Family day care residence policy
Child Protection	Code Conduct	Visitors to FDC residence /venue policy
Excursion and Outing	Role and Expectations of staff	Assessment and Approval of FDC educator Assistant policy
Delivery and Collection of children from the service	Participation of students and volunteers	Water safety policy
Supervision	Employment of staff	Relative care policy
Interaction with children	Acceptance and refusal of Authorisation	Relief Educator Policy
Inclusion and Diversity	Governance and Management	
Tobacco, drugs and Alcohol-Free Environment	Confidentiality of records	
Storage of dangerous substances and equipment policy	Dealing with complaints /grievance policy	

These will be available for you to comment on over the next few months.

Look out for our next edition in November.

Keep Safe Everyone



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