

# Educator Newsletter May 2022

## Professional Development

We are very excited to have Niki Buchan join us at Armidale Golf Club this Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May from 9:00am-1:00pm. Niki will be presenting a training focusing on two topics- "The joy of Stuff" Loose parts play and "Meaningful Documentation, Australian learning tracks" based on the Reggio Emilia and Project Approach. The four hour session will count towards your requirement to engage in minimum eight hours professional development per annum.



Thank you to all the Educators who made it to our Mini Conference in April. We had an informative and great day learning about Sensory processing with Robyn Papworth and Cultural Awareness with David Widders. We have received a recording from the session with Robyn- If you missed the session you can catch up with the recording on YouTube the link is: <https://youtu.be/4pxidUc3UE4>

NSW FDC PD in Your Pocket is hosting a Child Centered Programming and Planning in Family Day Care. Tuesday May 24 from 7pm-9pm.

## Home Visits

1 Educational program and practice

2 Children's health and safety

3 Physical environment

4 Staffing arrangements

5 Relationships with children

6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities

7 Governance and leadership

Along with our three weekly routine home visits, we will be allocating some time to focus on an individual Quality Area from the National Quality Standard. We will give educators notice on what Quality Area we will be looking at with you prior to our visits.

As we are up to date with home visits the next round of home visits we will be looking at

QA2 "Children's Health and Safety"

## Timesheets:

Thank you to all Educators for your patience and forgiveness with the BASC vouchers last timesheet run! With Pat back on board it should be smooth sailing from here on in. A reminder to all Educators to have your timesheets submitted by 10am Monday every fortnight to ensure we can approve and submit timesheets by 12pm.

## Family Day Care Week!

We had a great celebration at the Arboretum in Armidale, our "picnic in the park" was lots of fun, Thank you for the Armidale Educators who joined us!

The Guyra Educators had a great day celebrating at Val's, Thank you to Val for organising a fun day for the Guyra educators, children and families with a superhero theme.

Our Walcha Educators gathered for a picnic in the park excursion for Family Day Care week. Thank you to all the educators who celebrated Family Day Care week 😊

## Emergency Evacuations and Lockdowns

After discussion at our Mini Conference and feedback from the Authorised Officers from the Department of Education. We will be implementing scenarios for potential emergencies, specific to your environments (as listed in the risk assessment you were given from us).

The Regulations have updated, Family Day Care Educators are not required to conduct the evacuation or lockdown for the duration of the working week.

Reg 97 (ab) "in the case of a family day care service, the emergency and evacuation procedures are rehearsed every 3 months by each family day care educator and the children being educated and cared for by the family day care educator on that day".

As you know the children in care and the operations of your service it is up to the educators whether they conduct it throughout the week or only once, in consideration to the disruption it may cause to the overall running of your service.

We implement this next Monday, we will send an email to Educators with the specific scenario to conduct your evacuation on.



## Excursion to NERAM

We are communicating with Alexis organising an excursion to art gallery NERAM in Armidale for June. We will have a play session with sensory and craft activities followed by a morning tea at the café. Let us know if your interested in joining us and what days would suit your service the best for an outing.



Thank you,  
Educators, for all the  
wonderful work that  
you do!

Charlie, Lois, Patricia  
and Sharon