

# news



**EDUCATOR PROFILE:** Hi everyone! I'm Katie Scott from 'Balanced Bodies Family Day Care' at Kandanga, where we incorporate yoga and gymnastics skills into our daily routine. I've come from a background of health & nutrition, gymnastics, trampolining and yoga, so am enjoying being able to stay in touch with this and introduce it to our little ones in order to strengthen children's self awareness and to increase their daily physical activity in a fun, adventurous way. Having only recently begun with FDC Gympie Region, I'm overwhelmed with the kindness of those involved within the organisation and hope to form some long-lasting friendships over the coming years.

**IMMUNISATION AND CCB - from the Department of Human Services:**

- Why does immunisation matter for CCB?** *A child's immunisation records must be up to date for families to receive CCB.*
- How much notice will families be given before their CCB is affected?** *When a child's vaccination is four weeks late, the DHS writes to the parents and reminds them of the requirements.*
- How does the DHS know when a child has been immunised?** *The doctor sends the details when a child is immunised to the Aust Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) Families can call 1800 653 809 to check their child's vaccination details have been received by ACIR.*
- What happens when a family does not respond to the reminder letters from the DHS?** *If the family does not act by the end of the period, a CCB cancellation letter will be sent to them.*
- How does CCB get restored if a family has not responded to a reminder?** *The family is required to contact the DHS and ask for their CCB eligibility to be restored.*
- Will the DHS backdate the CCB claim if it was cancelled and then reinstated?** *The backdating provision of 28 days will usually apply, however some families may still have a gap of several weeks where they are not eligible for CCB.*



Note: If a family is not eligible for CCB entitlements they are consequently not eligible for Child Care Rebate (CCR) entitlements.

For more information, go to <http://www.humanservices.gov.au>

**WEBSITE:** Family Day Care Gympie Region has a brand new website which is now up and running. Visit <http://www.fdcgympie.com.au> for information, newsletter, policies, forms and much more.



## What's On?

- 1 Public Holiday
- 7 Fortnight Ending
- 15 School Resumes
- 21 Fortnight Ending
- 25 Public Holiday

*NB: 10th, 11th & 12th are all Student Free Days*

## Birthdays

- 4th Wendy Kindregan
- 11th Katheryn Lindsey
- 18th Karen McNaught
- 24th Melanie Thompson

*Happy Belated Birthday to Craig Slattery (Co-Educator) from last month. Sorry we forgot.*



### **FDC Gympie Region Team**

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- Nominated Supervisor** Marilyn Mullaly
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- Resource Coordinator** Merrill Patrick

**Office Hours**  
Mon, Tue, Thurs: 8.30a to 4.30p  
Friday: 8.30a to 4.00p  
Office closed on Wed

**Management Committee**  
Uniting Church Child Care Association (Gympie Congregation)





## ★ Educators

**COORDINATORS MOBILE PHONES:** Please note that mobile numbers for your coordinators are to be used outside office hours for urgent matters only. During office hours, please either phone the services' landline directly, (leave a message if your call goes to answering machine) or call the service mobile number. Thank you.



**BOOKED HOURS FORMS:** Don't forget to submit your school holiday booked hours forms for all school aged children before next timesheet processing. Timesheets for school aged children cannot be processed without school holiday booked hour forms.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** Confidentiality within our service is not only a question of maintaining professionalism but it is also important in building and maintaining trust. As a service we adhere to legislative requirements - so it's also a legal necessity. This can often be challenging as interactions on a daily basis can lead to familiarity and at times a blurring of personal/professional boundaries may take place. As part of our reflective practice we could ask ourselves the following:

1. How do I maintain levels of trust and integrity in my workplace?
2. What part of a conversation do I see as confidential?
3. How do I establish clear boundaries between professional / personal relationships?
4. How effective is my current management of confidential information and in what areas could I improve on?



**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** Our service has received notification from ACEQA that our QIP is due by 22/4/13. If you would like to read the QIP and have input or offer feedback, please contact the office to receive a copy. We will keep you informed of when our service will be reviewed.

**LIVING PRACTICE AND ASSESSMENT:** Merrill will be purchasing a few copies of the 'What to see, say and show' - an Educators resource, for the toy library. If you would like your own copy, you can download an order form from the New South Wales Family Day Care Website and purchase one at the cost of \$50.00. Relevant information from this resource is being given as a handout to those of you attending our living practice and assessment workshops.

**EDUCATIONAL LEADER:** If you would like more information about what the role of an educational leader is, a podcast is available to listen to at: <http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/>

**FAREWELL:** Our service would like to wish Robyn Gonczarek, Leanne Bosse and Jacinta Cook all the best as they pursue other endeavours. We hope you have enjoyed your time as Educators with our service.



## Monthly Musing ★

*We must always change,  
renew, rejuvenate ourselves;  
otherwise we harden.*



*Johann von Goethe, German poet and writer*

## ★ Toy Library

**FUN CRAFT IDEAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/>

<http://beafunmum.com/2011/09/10-school-holiday-activities/>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/2-years+1.htm>

**RESOURCES:** I have recently printed and bound a number of resources which are available for Educators to borrow. These include EYLF PLP Online Newsletters, and some information on sustainability and indoor and outdoor environments.

Merril

## Learning Circle ★

It is important to think about children from a positive, strengths-based perspective. To make a conscious effort when observing children to look at what they can do, enjoy doing, and what excites them.

**THANK YOU** Melinda, for the sweet potato plants. The children who attended the learning circle had fun planting them. We will need some sun and some beautiful rain to make them grow.

Will keep you up-to-date. Any ideas of what to do with sweet potato?



Narelle