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ADVERTISING FAMILY DAY CARE: Did you know that under the Education and Care Services National Law, only Family Day Care Services that are approved services, are permitted to advertise? Therefore, any Educators advertising their own Service, must include the contact details of the approved service which is FDC Gympie Region.

Advertising can take many forms and include, but are not limited to, flyers, business cards, vehicle signage, Facebook or other social media etc. and all must have the contact details of the approved service. If you are unsure if your current signage, business cards etc. meet the requirements, please contact the Co-ordination Unit for some ideas.

When using social media e.g. Facebook, consider creating a business page as opposed to a personal page used for business. If you create a business page then Family Day Care Gympie Region can like and/or share articles/information from your page. This can promote your business more widely in the community and also gives you the opportunity to do the reverse and promote Family Day Care Gympie Region as well.

RECORD KEEPING: The Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) has provided us with the requirements of keeping children's records. Some of these are as follows:-

- ◆ **Incident, injury, trauma & illness record**—until the child is 25 years old.
- ◆ **Medication record**—until the end of three years after the child's last attendance.
- ◆ **Child Assessments**—until the end of three years after the child's last attendance.
- ◆ **Record of visitors to a family day care residence**—until three years after the record was made.
- ◆ **Evidence of current public liability insurance**—must be available for inspection at the family day care residence **and** at the family day care office.

For a more detailed list of record keeping requirements, visit the ACECQA website— www.acecqa.gov.au



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What's On?

Fortnight ending:
 9 and 23 August
Gympie Music Muster:
 27—30 August

Birthdays

August
 2nd Nikki Walker
 4th Bev Ellis
 28th Lucia Phelan



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Approved Provider
 The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q)

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 (Gympie Congregation)





Educational Leader

Using children’s interests as a basis for our curriculum decision making helps ensure that learning is not only interesting but is also relevant and meaningful for the child. But what does this mean?

Effective interest based programs involve more than simply allowing the child to do as they wish. The trick is *using* children interests rather than just *following* them. We use children’s interests as a starting point for what we do rather than an end point. Our focus should be on where the idea leads rather than it’s source. Children can only be interested in what they know, so if our focus is on what children already know or are interested in, we will have a limited pool of ideas to and interests to draw on. This limited pool will interfere with creating a rich and engaging program. It is our role as Educators to provide engaging and meaningful experiences and also introduce new ideas and interests.

I recall an Educator sharing with me some documentation around a child whose interest was trucks, and experienced great excitement when the rubbish truck drove every week. This started a conversation about what a rubbish truck did and how it worked and led to lots of role play and creative interpretation including a “high-tech rubbish truck” made from a combination of resources including Lego, blocks, cardboard boxes and plastic tube!! It led on to researching on the internet, where the truck takes the rubbish and culminated in a excursion to the dump, where the children interviewed the dump worker with their questions they had prepared. Some of the questions included “who puts the petrol in the truck and where does it go?” “What happens when the truck gets full of rubbish?” ”Can girls drive the truck?”

There was also lots of opportunity to extend children’s learning around sustainability and recycling, road safety and even different jobs people have!!

The learning was rich and meaningful as the Educator intentionally took the opportunity to use an interest as a platform for learning. So much more opportunity for enquiry, creativity and extension than the child just choosing a box of trucks to play with on the mat, because that’s what he’s interested in.....don’t you think!!

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REV’S RAMBLINGS—So who watched “Superman – The Movie” last Wednesday night on TV? I am sure that at least some of you would have. I actually didn’t see the whole movie, but did manage to see the last hour or so – mind you that probably only equates to about 15 minutes ignoring commercials. I do recall the few scenes where Superman is confused about his purpose. Should he fight for the good of ‘Earth’ and his new friends, or should he align with his original family from Krypton, which would necessitate the annihilation of Earth and everyone on it. He was afraid that earth people would not understand the truth about him or his intent on ‘saving’ the planet. But then he didn’t like nor agree with mass genocide of Earth just to appease his original people. Which way would he go? It seemed obvious and necessary to him that a decision had to be made one way or the other but which way was the right way? We’ve all been there haven’t we? Options confront us daily about how we live, how we speak, what we speak, how we listen and respond, how we see or don’t see the opportunities around us. So often it seems like there are two (or more) equally appealing ways and we have to make a decision. In the movie I confess to smiling inwardly when Superman goes to the church and seeks the advice of the local Priest presumably to help with his decision making. The Priest listens and asks a question to which there was no audible response. Superman gets up and begins to walk out the door. Perhaps for superman, time in the church was wasted. The Priest yells out to him before he disappears with these words: “Sometimes you have to take a leap of faith first – the truth will follow”. While nothing was said at the time, this statement was lived out and became evidenced at the end of the movie. I think this has some parallel for us. I passionately believe that there is a ‘Christian faith’ response to every situation. It may not be easily found at first nor may it be obvious, but it is always there. And if we are prepared to ‘jump’ in faith of Jesus, the truth will be revealed to us. There are some good life lessons in movies – even in Superman.!

EDUCATOR PROFILE—My name is Rhonda Hart and I became a Family Day Care Educator at the beginning of May this year. I have been happily married for just over 20 years and I am the mother of 12 year old triplets, 2 adult daughters and nanny to 3 grandchildren. My family often enjoy camping and fishing around the Gympie area preferring to stay local a lot of the time, but we have been known to head off to Hervey Bay and Woodgate occasionally. My life has always been child orientated and I have previously completed the Family Day Care training twice before but was side tracked by having my own children rather than continuing on to be an educator, fortunately that changed this year and here I am.



I am amazed at how much I am enjoying being a FDC Educator, spending time with some amazing little people (and their families) who never fail to make each day an adventure. Studying for my Certificate 3 has been a surprising pleasure having never studied before and I can only assume things will just get better the more I learn and the more time I get to spend with Family Day Care.



In July we welcomed Nikki Walker from Rainbow Beach back to our service as an Educator.

We also say goodbye to Tanya Jacobi and Diane Matthews as Educators. We wish them all the best in the future.

