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EXCURSION FORMS—Recently there have been a number of Excursion Forms submitted to the office incomplete. The majority of these are missing linked and/or additional Risk Minimisation Plans. It is a legislative requirement that the additional Risk Minimisation Plans are signed by parents/guardians and attached to the Excursion Form and submitted to the office **prior** to the event/excursion taking place. Any incomplete forms will be immediately returned to the Educator to complete prior to the excursion.

EXPRESS PLUS CHILD SUPPORT MOBILE APP—Released by The Department of Human Services the new Express Plus Child Support mobile app lets you do most of your Child Support business on your mobile device. It combines many of the functions currently available on your [Child Support online account](#), including new features, such as a personal diary. Go to their website for more information or to download:

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/express-plus-mobile-apps>

SMOKE DETECTORS—Queensland Fire and Rescue Service have released information advising that photoelectric smoke alarms are much safer and give earlier warning, particularly with smouldering fires which are the most common domestic fire. Did you know that smoke alarms have expiry dates? This might be a good time to check your smoke alarms and swapping to photoelectric alarms if you have ionisation alarms. If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact the office on Ph: 5482 6099.

INTERVIEWS

After reflecting on some suggestions for the need for a confidential interview area, we have made some adjustments to the old Toy Library office. This area has been transformed into a welcoming and private room which we will use for small meetings, interviews and enrolments. The Toy Library itself remains unavailable for borrowing for the next few weeks. Educators will be advised by email when it has re-opened.



What's On?

Fortnight ending:
12, 26 July
School Holidays:
27 June—12 July
NAIDOC week:
5—12 July

Birthdays

July 13th Rosslyn Halliwell



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Critical Reflection

Reflective practice is a form of ongoing learning that involves engaging with questions of philosophy, ethics and practice.

Its intention is to gather information and gain insights that support, inform and enrich decision making about children's learning.

An important part of the reflective process is **Critical Reflection** and this is addressed in **Standard 1.2 Element 1.2.3. of the National Quality Standard**. Educators are required to incorporate this part of the reflection process into their practice.

Critical Reflection involves closely examining all aspects of events and experiences from different perspectives. Page 13 of EYLF and Page 11-12 of the MTOP Frameworks provide Educators with some overarching questions to guide their reflections.

In what ways do you as an Educator demonstrate Standard 1.2 Element 1.2.3 and how can you show evidence that **Critical reflection** informs future curriculum decision making that supports and extends children's learning, development and wellbeing?

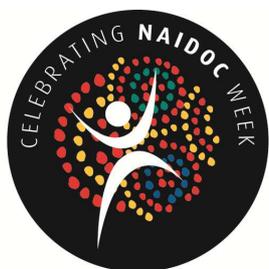
The "Guide to the National Quality Standard" for this standard (ACECQA website) will provide Educators with good insight into how this element can be met.

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NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC week is being celebrated from 5—12 July 2015.

We will keep you informed of events as they come to hand.



We all Stand on Sacred Ground:

Learn, Respect & Celebrate

5 - 12 JULY 2015



REV'S RAMBLINGS—

6 years ago I attended a funeral of a guy in Rockhampton. I never knew him personally, but I knew his son and his family very well and it was out of respect for them that I went.

One of the things I learnt about this fellow was he loved Slim Dusty. I mean with a passion. He knew every song written and sung by Slim, could tell you where he was when he wrote it and its significance. Needless to say we heard a number of Slim Dusty's songs before, during and after his service. I was inspired by some of the eulogy which focused on what to his family was a strong similarity between Slim Dusty and their father. So I began to research a bit more about this Aussie icon of the bush – which many either love or hate. And I discovered that his wife, Joy wrote a song about a special 'moment' in time – a moment when the challenge of the future was stronger than the pull of the past. What do we do when the phone rings? Most of us run to answer it – after all it might be important. And so the future plan is interrupted. There are times in our life when we need to be strong enough to leave behind the tug of what's behind us and venture forth to what's in front of us, albeit unknown. We simply cannot stay where we were. Most of us cannot see what is or what can be because all we see is what was! Can we embrace the uncharted future with expectation and energy or will we be consumed by the 'phone call' of yesterday? I pray you might follow Slim's lead and the lead of Jesus, as He beckons us on to new life in Him. Slim's phone rang in the hallway of his home as he was walking out the front door to head outback – where he loved and got so much inspiration. A decision loomed. Would he retreat or press on? He had just had a health scare and life was urgent and important. This is Joy's song:

*We're on the move again,
The world is good again,
And as I pull out I hear
The phone ring in the empty hall.
But I just let it ring.
'Cause I've done everything,
And for better or for worse
I'm on the move again.*

Q. I am an insect. The first part of my name is the name of another insect. What am I?

A. Beetle.

Q. What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

A. Short

Q. What type of cheese is made backwards?

A. Edam

Q. I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place. What am I?

Riddles!