

# news



**EDUCATOR PROFILE:** Hello, my name is Lucia Phelan and I am a new Educator in Rainbow Beach. I started providing care at the beginning of this year. I am trained as a Music Therapist and have experience in a variety of different fields including working with adults and children in mental health, the disability sector, rehabilitation and palliative care. I am originally from Germany and live now with my Australian husband and our 19 month old daughter Isabel. I decided to start Family Day Care when we moved to Rainbow Beach and discovered that Childcare opportunities were difficult to find. I love being able to stay at home with my own little one and caring for other children at the same time. I can really see how children learn so much from each other and from being in a small group environment. It's wonderful to see small learning steps happening every day. Our home borders on the Cooloola National Park and provides a quiet and natural setting for playing, exploring and relaxing. I use lots of songs, recorded music and percussion instruments in my practice and the kids seem to enjoy the music activities just the way I do. I feel well supported by the friendly staff of Family Day Care Gympie and enjoy working as a team with the families.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH:** Check out the Queensland Government Women's Health web page. The website outlines importance of Pap Smears for women in their early 20's, women in their 30's 40's and older. A Pap Test can save your life. This test can find the earliest signs of cervical cancer.

**2013/2014 CCB BASE RATE:** During June, DEEWR will announce the new Child Care Benefit base rate which will take effect from 1 July. Your Educator may be increasing fees at this time and making changes to their parent/educator agreements, which you are required to sign. Our service will also be reviewing both the parent and educator levy, and will keep you informed of any changes.

**ASSESSMENT AND RATING:** Our service will be assessed under the new National Quality Framework from 4th - 6th June. To assist with understanding what that actually means, the grid below may help.

## Ratings against the National Quality Standard

All services must meet minimum legislative requirements to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of children. Services rated *Working Towards, Meeting or Exceeding National Quality Standard* are meeting these minimum requirements and are encouraged to continually improve the quality of education and care.



Most services will receive one of these middle ratings.

*The Queensland Government monitors all services to ensure they meet their legal requirements, regardless of whether they have been assessed and rated.*

## What's On?



- 2 Fortnight Ending
- 4-6 Assessment
- 10 Public Holiday
- 16 Fortnight Ending
- 24 School Holidays Commence

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday Lisa Heading for the 20th of last month. Sorry we missed you in May - Hope you had a great day.

### June

- 9th Melinda Gillieatt
- 29th Diane Matthews



### FDC Gympie Region Team

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- Nominated Supervisor** Marilyn Mullaly
- Coordinators** Kay Braddock  
Narelle Cramb  
Sue Williams
- Administration** Trish Pountney  
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Jill Kewin
- Resource Coordinator** Merril 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)



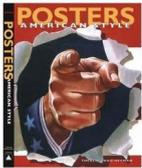


# ★ Educators

**PARENT/EDUCATOR AGREEMENTS:** Once our service is aware of the new CCB base rate for 2013/2014, we will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible. Please take the time to review your fees and agreements. If you intend to implement a change of any kind, please ensure you submit all changes to the Admin team before Friday 28th June. Parents must be given a copy, and sign the new fee schedule and agreement.



**RESOURCES:** We have found some great posters you may wish to purchase. They relate to the 7 Quality Areas of the National Quality Framework. Go to <http://acecqa.gov.au>. Click on Educators and Providers Library.



**COORDINATION SUPPORT TO EDUCATORS:** There are times when an Educator may ask a coordinator to provide support to their service when they have to attend an appointment or there is an unexpected change in their service routine. While coordinators may try their best to meet Educators needs this may not always be possible therefore it is not unreasonable to have back up plans. Coordinators plan ahead with appointments and/or workload requirements. Prior notice is preferable, but we know this is not always possible and we will try to work with you find alternatives that may support you .



**SO LONG:** Family Day Care Gympie Region would like to farewell Annie Roadley, as she leaves the service as an educator to embark on new endeavours. Good luck Annie.



**REV'S RAMBLINGS:** Who's your favourite superhero? I mean the comic / TV variety? I asked this to a group of kids the other day and got a variety of answers from Ironman to Green Lantern; from Flash to The Hulk to Cat-Woman! I guess we all have favourites don't we? Those super heroes we used to watch - and maybe still do - and even occasionally think, gee I wish I could do what they do. Confession time! I loved Superman and - Ok I still do - but maybe for very different reasons. I was so much in awe of what Superman did but only when he changed from Clark Kent. Clark never inspired me at all - he was boring - but Superman, wow! Faster than a speeding bullet, stronger than a diesel locomotive, able to jump tall buildings in a single bound - yep still remember the chant. I even tried to copy the stunt once of changing in a public phone box - not a good idea! I tried to fly too - worse idea! The comic has long since left me but the story of Superman's beginnings remains. Kaler (Superman's Dad) knew that his planet was in dire straits and was likely to be blown up and so sent his Son off on a journey to planet Earth to save it from people like those set on destruction! And all the TV series and indeed the story line ever since has been focussed on Superman donning his identity with all sorts of powers to save the planet. For some of us this has a strange and even freaky type of similarity with the Christian message. God sends his Son to save the earth's inhabitants from themselves and their destructive habits. The big difference is that Superman is comic material, but God is real. It's because we believe in this story that the Church is committed to being there for all people and hearing their story - to see where both stories may connect. What's your story? I'd love to hear it some-time! Cheers, Dave



# ★ Toy Library

**MUSIC WORKSHOP:** On 17 June, we are having a visit from Tom at Crazy World of Percussion. This is an exciting and interactive show that fits in with the Early Years Learning Framework. The workshop will be held at the white hall next to the office and will begin at 10.00am. The service is subsidising the cost of this event, which means it will only be \$2.00 per person. Please RSVP to the office **with money** before Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

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# Learning Circle ★

**Learning Circle Addition:**

A woodworking area

- ◆ Hammers
- ◆ Soft wood
- ◆ Wood glue
- ◆ Goggles
- ◆ Collage material (e.g. lino, bottle caps, etc.)



**ENVIRONMENTS:** Promote children's creativity and imagination by providing opportunities to change the environment. Offer a range of experiences that provide challenge and risk while still being safe. Environments can also be enriched by providing natural resources.

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