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P.E.T- Parent Effectiveness Training: is a proven program that teaches parents how to raise children who are responsible, caring and self-motivated. It teaches specific communication skills that build respect and love between all family members, resulting in a peaceful, enjoyable family home life. P.E.T is for parents and carers of children of all ages; from toddlers to teenagers, and is designed to teach not only theory but also skills, so is conducted over eight weeks, with one three hour session each week. The next course starts Wednesday 12th March, 9.30am - 12.30pm. The cost is \$200.00 per person which covers the 8 sessions, morning tea and a workbook. Bookings are essential and must be made by 5th March. For more information contact Cathy Matheson on 0487 051 075, or view *Effectiveness Training In Australia* at www.etia.org/

KEEPING KIDS SAFE IN EXTREME HEAT: With the extreme heat conditions to be found across much of Australia recently it's important to be vigilant in keeping the children in your care safe. Babies and young children are very sensitive to high temperatures and quickly become stressed in extreme conditions. As many children don't have the language to explain how they are physically feeling, it's important to maintain a close watch on them and to be proactive about keeping them hydrated and out of direct sunlight.



30 YEARS CELEBRATION: Family Day Care Gympie Region will be celebrating 30 years of operation in August 2014. We would like to put together a committee that consists of educators (past and present), parents, staff and community members to assist in organising a function or group of activities to celebrate this milestone. Therefore, we are calling for nominations from people who would like to be involved in this group, and start to put ideas together. Please send your nomination to admin@fdcgympie.org.au or phone 5482 6099 if you wish to discuss this further.



What's On?

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| 1st | Autumn Begins |
| 9th | Fortnight Ending |
| 17th | St Patricks Day |
| 22nd | Little Kids Day Out |
| 23rd | Fortnight Ending |
| School Hols commence 7th April. | |

Birthdays

March

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| 1st | Muriel Sellars |
| 2nd | Sally Barnden |
| 8th | Raelene Dau |
| 18th | Barbara Rooks |
| 20th | Jessica Thoroughgood |
| 25th | Rebecca Galbraith |
| 30th | Tammy Robertson |



FDC Gympie Region Team

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Nominated Supervisor Marilyn Mullaly

Coordinators Kay Braddock
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Administration Trish Pountney
Joanne Lewis
Susan Duncan
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

EDUCATOR FORMS: Some of our educators have been making enquiries in how to type data directly into the forms from our website instead of having to hand write the information. We have done some investigating and contacted some educators who do this already and are happy to pass this onto other interested educators. Follow these simple steps:



1. Open the required form from the FDC Gympie Region website
2. Click on the 'take a snap shot' icon in the tool bar
3. Highlight the document
4. Open a word or publisher file and click 'paste'
5. Click 'insert a text box', and type the information you need
6. Save

RE-CAP ON ABSENCES

1. CCB is paid for up to 42 absence days for each child per financial year
2. When 2 sessions of care are booked on the same day and the child is absent from care for one of, or both sessions, an absence will be charged
3. Once the initial 42 absences have been used, further absences can be approved by a Coordinator. Reasons for extra absences being approved are:
 - Illness (with a medical certificate)
 - Rostered days off/shift work
 - Temporary closure of school
 - Shared care / court order (documentation)
 - Exceptional circumstances

Parents need to make an appointment to see a coordinator for approval of extra absences.

TIMESHEET SUBMITTING: Our service offers our out-lying educators the option of submitting their timesheets via fax or email providing the originals are received by the Wednesday of the timesheet processing week. If you choose one of these options, please ensure that you follow up with a phone call, or add a 'message received' notification to the email so that you know the information has reached the intended destination. This procedure is discussed at length during the new educator timesheet workshop.



REV'S RAMBLINGS: Some of you I guess may have sat up and watched on TV at least part of the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. I am told, this year, Australia sent the biggest contingent of athletes ever. I confess that I had never been a huge fan of winter sports – perhaps because living in Queensland it is hard to imagine living and training in snow and ice. Nevertheless, I was drawn to them this time. There was something almost divine watching Torah Bright attempting to claim her second gold medal in her favourite snow-board event - to watch a prior hurdler crunch inside a luge and go the distance literally millimetres from the ice – and to see the faces of both winners and losers – mostly with smiles regardless. I was particularly inspired by an interview of one of our aussie girls the day prior to the games beginning. She made the comment that when she finished competing in the games four years earlier, and she was home reflecting on her experiences, she made a commitment to herself that she wanted to compete in the games four years later – namely these games just finished. And there she was! She had a plan – if you like a forward focus that for 4 years drove her to do all the training, face the early mornings and the cold, and ultimately achieve the required benchmarks to qualify as part of an elite group of athletes. What's your forward focus? What is it that drives you to achieve, to accomplish, to go for gold in your life? Or are you satisfied with the normal, the mediocre, the mundane? I was for a significant time in my life until I was challenged to strive for more. More meaning – more intention – more focus – more abundance in living. For me, Jesus gives me that 'more'. And you?

★ Toy Library

FDC WEBSITE: We are gradually adding items from our toy library to the website for you to browse and pre-order if required. Go to the new tab 'Toy Catalogue' and see what we have.



Educational Leader ★

"CONGRATULATIONS": On the awesome work being done in many Family Day Care Environments around *Quality Area 3.3.1 - Sustainable Practices are embedded in service operations*. E.g. Trip to Dump—what happens to our rubbish? Recycling, challenging the senses; recycling plastic bottles to make hanging garden beds; compost bins, water conservation, use of lunch boxes rather than cling wrap; worm farms just to name a few. Keep up the good work.

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