

news



EDUCATOR PROFILE: Hello everyone, I'm Rosie Bryers and I am happy to be joining you all from my home at The Palms. I recently opened my service, Rosie's Rural Family Day Care, after seeing the great opportunities Family Day Care offers to parents, their children and educators. Having completed my Certificate III in Children's Services, and after working at a long day care centre, I liked the idea that Family Day Care could be a more personal, flexible alternative for families, and myself as an educator. I believe another benefit is where I live and what it can offer. I believe natural play spaces and experiences are an important part of childhood, and plan to have a service where animals, growing things and using imaginative outdoor play are incorporated into every day. I feel very lucky to be a part of offering parents another alternative for the care of their children and already feel rewarded, so early on in my Family Day Care partnership.

INDIGENOUS CULTURE: IT'S EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS.

'We don't have any of those children here'.

'We celebrate NAIDOC Week'.

'We include all cultures - we treat everyone exactly the same'.

Educators often make such statements when considering the teaching of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Such approaches, while often well-intended, ultimately fail to acknowledge the particular significance and importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and place barriers in the way of true Reconciliation.

The first and most important thing to become aware of and embed in our thinking is the unique place that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures hold in Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have histories in Australia dating back 75,000 years.

The Early Years Learning Framework, National Quality Standard and other national guidelines make very clear statements about what they expect early childhood educators to do in relation to the history, culture and the ongoing contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Australian life and culture. The Early Years Learning Framework has 'Respect for diversity' as a key Principle and 'Cultural competence' as a key Practice.

WELCOME: Our service would like to welcome Tenielle Pilcher as a new educator. We hope you enjoy your time with us.



SO LONG: Our service would like to wish Lee-Anne Rendell and Liz Phillips all the best as they each take on new endeavours. We hope you enjoyed your time as Educators with our service.



FOR SALE: Is anyone interested in purchasing toys, bikes and other equipment that was used for a family day care business? Everything is in excellent condition. To arrange a time to come and have a look, please phone Liz on 5483 2994.



What's On?

- 3rd Fortnight Ending
- 5th Melbourne Cup Day
- 17th Fortnight Ending
- 27th Staff Planning Day
- 30th Educator End of Year Celebration/Dinner

Birthdays

November

- 10th Carolyn Frampton
- 15th Janine Hobart
- 17th Julie Armstrong
- 22nd Lee-Anne Rendell
- 23rd Liz Phillips
- 29th Karley ten-Bohmer



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excellent child care ... at home



★ Educators

FDC DIARIES: This is the diary you have been waiting for - the diary designed specifically for family day care educators by FDC Association Qld whose core business is inspiring wonderful childhoods for children within the family day care environment. Based on the planning cycle, this year it has more room for recording children's experiences, conversations and interests, planning for learning and reflecting on your practice. To ensure you do not miss out, order your copies now at www.fdcqld.org for delivery in early December.



STAFF PLANNING DAY: On Wednesday 27th November all staff will be participating in a planning day where decisions will be made regarding the operation of the service for the coming year. Please leave messages for non-urgent matters, and in an emergency, phone the service mobile. Messages will be checked throughout the day and responded to at our earliest convenience.



EDUCATOR END OF YEAR CELEBRATION AND DINNER: The FDC team would like to invite all Educators and their partners to attend an end of year dinner, where we can celebrate and recognise your hard work over the past year. Thanks to everyone who replied with the preferred date. The majority voted for Saturday 30th November. An invitation and a copy of the menu has been emailed to you. Please RSVP the number attending this function to joanne@fdcgympie.org.au or by phoning 5482 6099.



EDUCATOR TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS:

Please check the FDC Gympie Region website on a regular basis to keep up to date with training and workshop opportunities.



REV'S RAMBLINGS: A few weeks ago I attended the Police Remembrance Service in the Anglican Church. I go each year because I know a number of Police Officers both in Queensland and New South Wales and know the family of a Sergeant who lost his life serving our country in 2011. As I entered the church I received a blue and white checked ribbon to identify me with the thousands across Australia who were attending similar services. I wore that ribbon to church the following Sunday and after that service a woman came up and asked who I was. She was the wife of one of our local Police Officers and she was thrilled that I wore it. It connected me to her immediately – before any conversation happened. That ribbon identified me as one who honoured the Service to which her husband belongs. Let me ask you each a question. What identifies you as a person to others? No – not your job, address, age, sex, marital status, experience – I am talking about you as a person. The inside you – who few get to really see. What is within you that brings others to want to know you and walk along side you? Worth pondering!

Dave



★ Toy Library

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: This year there are some changes to our party. Banjo Fudzwollop will be entertaining the children and Santa will be giving the children a book as a gift, which will be supplied by our service. Educators and families are to bring picnic morning tea. More details will be sent out soon.



ONLINE TOY FUNDRAISER: One of the toy companies we have been dealing with for many years now has an online toy catalogue fundraiser. If you're interested, go to www.toymimedirect.com.au Toys will be delivered in the first 2 weeks of December. Just remember to nominate Family Day Care Gympie Region as your "school" and have them delivered to 19 Red Hill Road to keep your freight cost to \$3.50. Orders must be finalised by Friday November 8th.



Learning Circle ★

EVENTS FOR TERM 4: The following events will be taking place in term 4, for our learning circle.

- Pancakes in the Park
- Mobile playgroups at Gunalda, Amamoor and Tin Can Bay

All educators, parents/guardians are welcome to attend. Further details and more information will be sent out to Educators soon, so stay tuned.

Narelle

