



Dates to note:

24th – Christmas Eve

25th – Christmas Day

31st – New Years Eve

Welcome New Families!
Moss/Eivers/Hurry,
Davis, Muscat,
Saint/Tufele, Laza
Busbridge, Simmons/Coffinson,
Tatipata.

First and last day absences and the Child Care Subsidy.

The Child Care Subsidy will not be
applied when:

-> A child is absent for their first day/s
of care.

-> A child does not attend their last
booked day/s of child care.

For more information visit:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-care-subsidy-if-your-child-absent-from-child-care?context=41186>

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS HERE!!



if you have school aged children that do not usually use care, but will use school holiday care, let us know so we can:

1. Create a booking/timesheet
2. Create a CCS Enrolment – **this must be in place PRIOR to care being provided.**

Children who do not use childcare for a period of 14 weeks, will have their CCS Enrolment ceased by Centrelink.

2023 FAMILY DAY CARE EXCELLENCE AWARDS GALA DINNER



Josephine Robertson attended the 2023 Family Day Care Excellence Awards in Adelaide as the recipient of the Queensland Regional Educator for Townsville/Northern QLD. Congratulations Jo, we all hope that you enjoyed your evening.



THE FAMILY DAY CARE AUSTRALIA
**EXCELLENCE IN FAMILY
DAY CARE AWARDS 2023**

**Season's
Greetings**

**Our office will be closed from 4pm on the
21st of December.
Re-Opening 8am on the 2nd of January.**



WATER PLAY

As the weather is starting to heat up, many educators have been creating water play environments for the children to explore, to develop their fine and gross motor skills, coordination and physical fitness. Looks like a lot of fun!!

Theorist outcome 4 – Piaget. He believes that the child is an active learner and the child must be given opportunities to explore, develop and experiment. The principles underpin all cognitive development.



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EVERYDAY TIPS FOR LEARNING AT HOME

Everyday activities are important learning opportunities for children. Get your child involved and ask for their opinion about daily tasks.



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Sustainable craft

Christmas time is a wonderful time to think about your carbon footprint and reduce waste, there are so many craft ideas using recycled or natural material that can be used for decorations, wrapping and presents, here are some ideas to keep your littles ones engaged in a craft activity and double as Christmas wrapping.

- ➔ Cut a potato in half and dry each cut half with paper towel.
- ➔ Trace design onto the potato.
- ➔ Cut into potato about 5mm down from design– do not cut all the way through!
- ➔ Cut round your design about 5mm deep to meet the previous incision.
- ➔ Stamp potato design onto paper and let dry.
- ➔ Wrap up your gifts!



QA6 - COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

6.2.3 - The service builds relationships and engages with the community.

A snapshot of some of the excursions educators and children have been on this month!



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WHAT'S IN YOUR EMERGENCY KIT?

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Important documents
in sealed bags or
scanned to a USB



Torch



A first aid kit with
essential medicine
and scripts



Non-perishable food
and a can opener



At least three days
worth of water



Essential
toiletries



A battery
operated radio



Spare batteries
and power bank



Sturdy gloves

In an emergency **dial 000**



**get
ready**
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WHAT'S YOUR WHAT-IF PLAN?

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Emergency Contact List

Police, Fire or Ambulance	000
Flood and storm emergency assistance (SES).....	13 25 00
Poisons information	13 11 26
13HEALTH	13 432 584
Energex	13 19 62
Ergon Energy	13 16 70
Policelink (general enquiries)	13 14 44
Road traffic and travel information	13 19 40
Lifeline	13 11 14
Marine Rescue Queensland	1800 073 7283
Tsunami warning	1300 878 6264
Translating and Interpreting Service	13 14 50
National Relay Service	13 36 77

My important contacts

Don't just rely on your mobile phone for important contacts – what if your battery is flat? Important contacts should be your family, neighbours, insurance or local council.

In an emergency **dial 000**



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Frozen mango bars

Ingredients

1 1/4 cups sugar

1 1/4 cups water

3 425g can sliced mango, drained (or fresh!)

1 tbs lemon juice

300 ml thickened cream

Method

1. Combine the sugar and water in a saucepan. Stir over low heat until the sugar is dissolved.

2. Bring to the boil and boil for about 5 minutes, or until syrup thickens slightly. Cool to room temperature.

3. Blend or process mangoes, sugar syrup and lemon juice until smooth.

4. Combine one cup of mango mixture with cream.

5. Line a 20 cm x 30 cm lamington pan with foil.

6. Pour mango cream mixture into pan. Freeze until firm.

7. Pour remaining mango mixture over frozen mango cream in pan. Freeze for several hours, or until firm.

Australians Together Learning Framework™

5 KEY IDEAS TO INFORM TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ABOUT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PERSPECTIVES



The Wound



Our History



Why Me?



Our Cultures



My Response

GOAL: Teachers and students will

empathise with the reason why many First Nations people experience injustice and disadvantage	acknowledge how our shared past continues to have an impact on our present context	appreciate the interconnectedness of Australians and take personal responsibility for attitudes and behaviours towards First Nations people and cultures	value and respect First Nations people through an understanding of the importance of culture	actively respond in respectful and meaningful ways in both personal and professional lives
understand that a lack of awareness and acts of injustice lead to pain and disadvantage	understand that history continues to have an impact in the present	understand that actions derive from worldview and attitudes	understand that knowledge of personal identity and culture will build empathy with others	understand that respectful relationships and connections reduce First Nations injustice and disadvantage
keep asking <i>Why are many First Nations people experiencing disadvantage and injustice?</i>	keep asking <i>How does our history continue to affect us today?</i>	keep asking <i>What does this have to do with me?</i>	keep asking <i>Why are culture and identity important?</i>	keep asking <i>How can I respond respectfully and meaningfully?</i>



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Music & Dance!

EYLF 1.2, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.3, 5.3

Listening to and creating music helps children learn numeracy, literacy and emotional skills.

Incorporating music into routines and play in the early years has a positive influence on your child's early development. It can get them moving, thinking and inspire creativity.

Did you know music is one of the few activities that use both sides of the brain? This builds brain connections and the more connections we have, the faster we are able to think. Most importantly, music is fun – if you're having fun the brain is open to learning.



Acknowledgement of Country

Wadda Mooli

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which we work, live and play, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community.

We pay our respects to Elder's past, present and emerging.

