



Dates to note:

7th Melbourne Cup
6-14th Recycling Week
11th Remembrance day

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS NEXT MONTH!!



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.

Child Care Subsidy Hourly Rate Caps

The Coordination Unit receives a lot of questions regarding CSS and invoicing.

Centrelink is the Government organisation that determines CCS percentage's, eligible hours and applies a child's CCS as per the information provided on each child's timesheet – the Coordination Unit and/or your educator does not have control over this.

We thought that we would provide some information each month from the Services Australia website about CSS.

From the 10th of July 2024 the hourly rate caps for children enrolled in family day care was increased to \$12.72.

What does this mean?

Your CSS percentage is applied to \$12.72 of your educators hourly rate, any amount over \$12.72 is not calculated as part of your child's percentage.

For example!

Your educator's hourly rate is \$13.00, CCS is only applied to \$12.72 of this amount, the \$0.28 difference is calculated and invoiced as the full amount.

For more info : <https://www.education.gov.au/early-childhood/child-care-subsidy/family-eligibility-and-entitlement>

WELL DONE

YAHOO!

Congratulations **Jamii Bartlett** for making the finalists in the Whitsundays best childhood educator poll!

CONGRATS

GOOD ON YOU

Remembrance day

Each year on 11th November we take a moment to remember the fallen soldiers of war. On the 11th hour of the 11th month at 11 am everyone around the country will hold a minute's silence to remember all the brave men and women who fought for their country.

We can talk in the early years sector to children about Remembrance Day and what it may signify, a good conversation starter is by sitting and doing craft with children and talking about things, there are many craft ideas about Poppy's, this flower represents sacrifice and is significant to war zone of Gallipoli.

Any easy way for you and your child to create your own is to paint or dye some popsicle sticks green, affix a couple of red cupcake liners to the top and use a black text to create the inside of the flower.



**SORRY
IT'S THE
LAW**

We get it...

it's the end of the day.. you just want to go home and relax.....

But did you know that failing to sign a child out of care is against the National Law?

Under The National Law, Early Childhood Services Must:

Keep an attendance record that records the full name of children attending and the date and time each child arrives and departs. This record must be signed by the person who delivers or collects the child, or the nominated supervisor or educator.

Make it a routine to sign out!



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QA2 – Childrens Health and Safety

Sun protection for babies and toddlers HATS

A baby's skin is thin, extremely sensitive and can burn easily. The more sun exposure during childhood, the greater the risk of skin cancer in later life.

Top 5 ways to protect ourselves from the sun;

- 1. Slip – slip on some sun protective clothing*
- 2. Slop – slop on some sunscreen*
- 3. Slap – slap on a hat*
- 4. Seek – seek shade*
- 5. Slide – slide on some sunglasses.*

Did you know that Cancer council suggests that wearing sunscreen alone is not enough of a barrier when being exposed to the sun?

Bowen and Collinsville Family Day care has Policies surrounding the wearing of hats for outside play. We do acknowledge that sometimes getting a child to put a hat on and keep it on feels like an absolute challenge – You are not alone in this one!!

Here is some hints and tips to try (that do not involve superglue!)

*****Use a hat with a chin strap*****

****Make sure that the hat isn't too big – if the brim is obstructing their view a child will be less inclined to keep on****

*****Distraction – put the hat on when they are busy playing*****

****Persistence – keep on putting back on****

*****No hat no play – make the rules and stick to them*****

****Make it fun – make it a game who can put their hat on the quickest****

*****Role model - make sure you and everyone around them has a hat on*****



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Research shows that the first 5 years last a lifetime. When children are encouraged to talk, read, sing and play, every day, these positive interactions help build a strong foundation that sets them up for educative success and a lifelong love of learning. First 5 forever makes it easy to give your child the best possible start.



make the most of your child's first five years

talk ★ read ★ sing ★ play
- everyday



Children learn most from the adults around them. Talk with your child every day about what you do and what you see around you.



Reading with your child any place, any time helps your child's brain develop. It's never too early to start.



Babies and children love music, singing and rhymes. Singing in the car or at bathtime will help their language grow.



Time spent playing with your child is a fun way to develop important skills and knowledge.



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Growing from Gardening

What can we learn?

(Learning outcome 4 – Children are confident and involved learners.)

The opportunities for children are endless in a garden! Children have the chance to identify and classify plants; they can explore mathematical skills through counting scoops of dirt, filling pots and watering cans or measuring growth. They can be exposed to reading and writing through gardening journaling. They experience growth in social skills development by working together with other children to nurture and care for a living thing. They are unintentionally engaged in physical activity. Childrens creativity is enhanced by finding new and exciting ways to grow food and try new foods!



SPACE WEEK



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Recipe Idea



3 ingredient shortbread biscuits

Ingredients

- ❖ 340g (3 sticks) butter
- ❖ 130g (1 cup) icing sugar
- ❖ 375g (3 cups) plain white flour

<i>Conventional Method</i>	<i>Thermomix Method</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preheat oven to 160 degrees celsius (fan-forced). Line two large flat baking trays with baking paper and set aside. 2. Beat the butter in a large bowl using an electric mixer on medium until smooth (approximately 30 seconds). 3. Slowly add the icing sugar and continue mixing until well combined. Scrape down the sides of the bowl. 4. Add the flour and mix on low speed until combined (please note that the mixture will be crumbly at this stage). 5. Gently knead the dough into a ball (but don't overwork it) and place into the fridge for at least 30 minutes to chill. Roll out to ½-1 cm thick. Use cookie cutters to cut the dough shapes out. 6. Place the shapes onto the prepared trays and bake for 12-15 minutes or until just very lightly golden (do not overcook). 7. Allow to cool on the trays for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preheat oven to 160 degrees celsius (fan-forced). Line two large flat baking trays with baking paper and set aside. 2. Place the icing sugar into the Thermomix bowl and mix for 10 seconds, Speed 8. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and add the butter and plain flour. Mix for 10-15 seconds, Speed 6 and then for 1 minute on Interval/Knead function. 3. Gently knead the dough into a ball (but don't overwork it) and place into the fridge for at least 30 minutes to chill. 4. Roll out to ½-1 cm thick and use cookie cutters to cut the dough shapes out. 5. Place the shapes onto the prepared trays and bake for 12-15 minutes or until just very lightly golden (do not overcook). 6. Allow to cool on the trays for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

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CHILDREN DEVELOP A SENSE OF CONNECTEDNESS TO GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR RECIPROCAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS ACTIVE AND INFORMED CITIZENS. WHEN THEY BEGIN TO..

SHARE

Acknowledging our educators who create environments in which children experience enjoyable, caring and respectful relationships, well done!



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HANDPRINT SANTA CRAFT



If you're looking for a fun Santa-themed craft that doubles as a Christmas gift, you're going to love this **handprint Santa craft!** You can use your Santa handprint on a gift bag or turn it into a Christmas card. It's super easy and a great activity for toddlers or older kids. Follow the step-by-step directions below to make your very own Santa handprint! A much more sustainable idea rather than buying Christmas cards and wrap and doubles as a fun activity for kids!

1. Paint your child's thumb red for Santa's hat and all their other fingers white for Santa's beard. (Do not paint the palm of their hand as we need that space kept blank for Santa's face), press onto surface. (Paper, card, paper bag etc)
2. Decorate! Glue on two googly eyes and a small red or pink pom-pom as a nose to complete Santa's face, add a white pom-pom to complete Santa's hat (you could always use a crayon or Texta to add in!)



HALLOWEEN

Some of our educators have done an amazing job in sparking imagination and creativity with their Halloween activities and changes to their environments!



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UPDATE FOR EDUCATORS AND PARENTS THAT USE THE KINDERLOOP SOFTWARE!

Parents are now able to initiate the request on the software for their child to have medication administered! Please see below steps...

Family info

Kinderloop Medication feature

Your educator can (if they choose) switch on the medication feature allowing you to add a medication request for your child, this is how to action.

1. Initiate a request

In the app version parents can select the '+' button > new medication request.



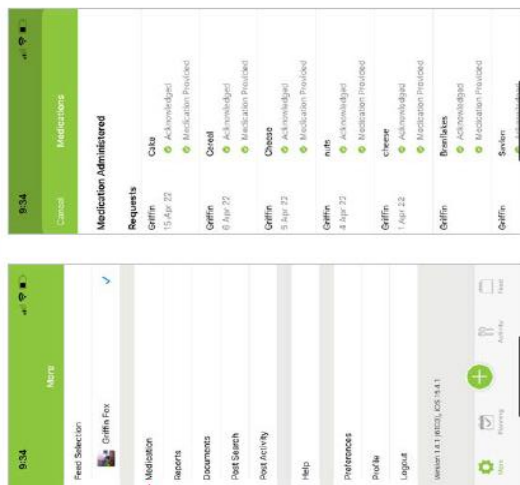
2. Complete the form

Complete the simple guided medication request and select 'submit request' after signing and agreeing to the terms!



3. Wait for confirmation/view records

Once an educator has administered the medication, a parent will receive a notification, allowing them to acknowledge and finalise the record. All medication requests and administered medications can be viewed from their 'more' area in Kinderloop.



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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.

