MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Family DAYCARE
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SCHOOL'S – out for – SUMMER

School holidays are just around the corner, 12 December – 26 January. Have you secured school holiday care?



Welcome new families!

Frizzo, Griffin/Kuhn, LaRosa/Durrack, Green/Tucker.

Date claimers

3rd – Melbourne Cup

8th – Diwali

11th – Remembrance Day

9th – 15th – National Recycling Week

FREE!

Online training on Disability Standards for Education 2005 for early childhood staff.

The Standards explain what education providers need to do under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* to support students with disability. This includes helping them enrol, learn, and use facilities and services.

The training includes examples and guidance about how you can support your service provider to meet its legal obligations.

Register through the NCCD Portal to access the free training.



We have received our 2026 Inclusion Certificate!



We have received our 2026 Certification from Inclusion Support Queensland.

The certificate serves as public recognition that we are actively collaborating with an Inclusion Agency (such as Inclusion Support QLD) to plan for, identify, and eliminate barriers to inclusion.

We have it proudly hanging in the front window in the Bowen office!

WORLD SPACE WEEK

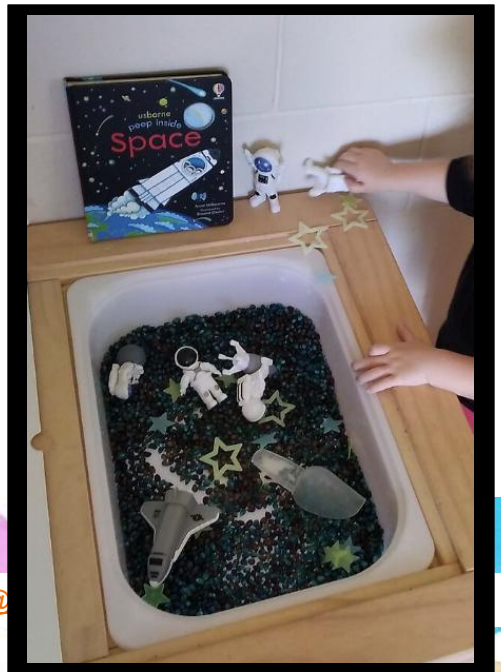
Sparking children's curiosity and delivers rich developmental and curriculum benefits.

- ❖ STEM Concepts & Inquiry
- ※ Language & Literacy
- ☾ Fine & Gross Motor Skills
- ✪ Creative & Imaginative Play
- ✸ Social & Emotional Growth





















FREE!

infant first aid guide cards by

Children's Hospital Foundation

Unexpected situations can happen to anyone. While we all hope our children will never need emergency first aid, it's reassuring to know easy-to-follow information is close at hand. These cards provide easy access to first aid procedures for snake bites, burns, seizures and poisoning, following expert recommendations from Children's Health Queensland. To access https://childrens.org.au/first-aid-for-infants/



Educator spotlight
Samantha's Family Day Care











Location: Tully, Far North Queensland

How long have you been an educator? I started Samantha's Family Daycare in October 2017, so I've just celebrated 9 years! I'm Diploma qualified in Early Childhood Education and Care, and I honestly can't believe how quickly those years have gone!

What are your favourite things about being an educator? Definitely watching the children grow, seeing their little personalities shine and celebrating all their milestones along the way.

But one of my absolute favourite things is the relationships I've built with children and their families. Even now, I'll be out shopping and have children I cared for years ago come running up for a cuddle and to say hello. I think that's pretty special! ❤️

How would you describe Samantha's Family Daycare? I'd describe my daycare as a home away from home. Somewhere children feel safe, happy and comfortable just being themselves.

Our days are filled with messy play, creativity, outdoor adventures and plenty of laughs. I love planning fun learning experiences, but I also believe in letting children be children and following their interests.

We're also lucky enough to have our own little hobby farm, where the children get to experience things like baby ducks and chickens hatching, watching them grow and helping care for our animals. It's always exciting when new little babies arrive!

As a mum of three myself, I know how precious those early years are, and I'm really proud of the little daycare I've built and the families I've shared it with over the past 9 years.

Do you have any tips for your fellow educators? Don't put too much pressure on yourself to have everything perfect! Some of the best learning experiences happen when things don't go to plan.

Follow the children's interests, get messy, have fun and remember to look after yourself too. Some days are harder than others, and that's okay!

At the end of the day, children will remember the fun they had and how you made them feel, not whether every activity was perfectly planned.

Are you happy for other educators to reach out and connect with you? Absolutely! I'm always happy to have a chat, share ideas and learn from other educators. It's always nice connecting with people who understand the wonderful (and sometimes crazy!) world of Family Day Care! 😂



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= the laziest (and most delicious!) lemon chicken.

Air fry chicken pops, pour over sauce, serve with rice and dinner is done in about 15 minutes. SO EASY!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Celebrating Halloween in Early Childhood Education and Care settings supports children's holistic development, creativity, and social connection





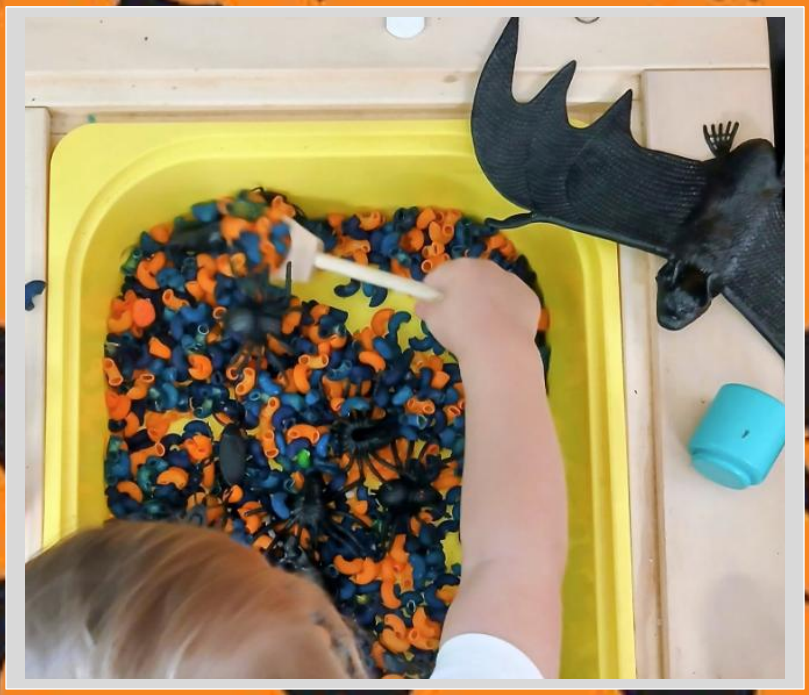









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Natural tie-dye ideas

Turn your kitchen scraps into a masterpiece!

- Turmeric: Vibrant yellow to orange
- Carrott: Orange
- Tea bags: Brown
- Red Cabbage: Purple, blue, or green (depending on pH shifts)
- Avocado Pits & Skins: Soft blush pink or peach
- Beets: Reddish-pink
- Strawberry tops: red
- Black berries: Blue
- Onion Skins: Warm yellow, brown, or orange
- Spinach or Parsley: Earthy green

STEP ONE: Soak your fabric. If you are using berry-based ingredients you will need to add salt, add 1 cup for every 4 cups of water. If you are using non-berry dyes, use 1 cup of vinegar to 4 cups of water.

STEP TWO: Soak for two hours,

STEP THREE: Pop your ingredients into a pan, squashing if needed and then cover with cold water. Simmer your pan for 1 hour and stir often. Then remove the pan from the heat and allow to cool.

STEP FOUR: Twist your material tight and then tie with string around the middle or put knots in your material. Leave a little string loose so you can use this to dangle your material into the dye

Using gloves or by dangling your material (don't dye your hands) plunge your material into the pan/bucket and give it a good soak for around 10 minutes. Ensure the material fully emerged.

Remove the material, squeeze out any liquid and then put the material in a place to dry.

ENJOY your new creation!



From 1 January 2022, landlords must install interconnected smoke alarms in residential rental properties.

A small fire can escalate to a major situation very quickly. Interconnected smoke alarms give everyone extra time to escape because when one goes off they all go off.

Similar rules also apply to owner occupiers.

GET INTERCONNECTED.
FROM 1 JANUARY 2022,
IT'S THE LAW.

qld.gov.au/smokealarms

Queensland Government

Acknowledgement to Country

Wadda Mooli

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which we work and live, the Juru people of the Birri Gubba nation, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community.

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