

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER for PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to welcome the warmer weather though the temperate can still vary greatly. Please ensure your child is dressed to accommodate any changes in the weather. Our AGM will be held this year on Thursday 20th October 2011, details are with this newsletter.

Thank you, Kellie McNamara, Manager CC&FS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year our AGM will be on Thursday 20th October 2011, 6:30 for a 7pm start, at Phillip House Kariong.

We are currently looking for representatives to sit on our Board. Nomination Forms for Board positions are also enclosed & are required to be lodged 7 days prior to the meeting. If you wish to nominate a proxy for voting purposes, forms are available from the office .

As a member of the Board you would be responsible to:

- Attend Board meetings and accept management responsibilities as required.
- Have/develop a clear understanding of Federal and State Regulations and all Policies and Procedures pertaining to the service.
- Represent the Organisation as a whole being mindful of all stakeholders using the service.
- Represent the Organisation and create and promote awareness of our sponsored programmes as valued services within our community.

Please contact the Manager – Kellie McNamara or Chairperson – Julia Teale for more information.

GRANDPARENTS SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

We will be running a Supported Playgroup for Grandparents at Erina, commencing Wednesday 13th October 2011. If you are, or are aware of, a grandparent raising grandchild/ren please see page 3 and contact the office for further details of this great initiative.

PLAYSESSIONS

We are now holding our weekly playsessions on alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This is proving popular, giving more educators, and children, the opportunity to come along. This term we visited the Kariong Eco Garden where the children learnt many things regarding sustainability and experienced many wonderful activities. The enthusiasm of the children sparked educators to establish their own eco gardens in their services!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are planning to hold this year's Christmas Party for the children on Wednesday 7th December 2011, we will advise venue details closer to the date.

September 2011

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* Supported Playgroups Gosford
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SUNSMART SERVICE



Gosford FDC is an accredited Sunsmart Service with the Cancer Council of New South Wales.

Enclosed with this Newsletter

• CCB Statement

If you wish to have your future newsletters and CCB statements emailed, please send a request to admin@ccfdc.com.au. Please also add us to your contacts/allowed list to avoid any rejected correspondence.

SING AND GROW

Coastwide Child and Family Services is currently taking expressions of interest for a Sing & Grow group music program to be held at Phillip House Kariong. The program will be held on Wednesdays commencing 12th October through to 14th December 2011, 1:00 to 2:00pm. Numbers are limited. A criteria applies, if you think you may be interested in this program contact Jennifer at the office for further details.



EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE

Uniting Care Burnside are holding a Early Childhood Conference on Young Children with Disabilities and Developmental Delays at Mingara, Friday 14th October 2011, cost of \$20.00. Please contact Uniting Care Burnside direct on 43259600 for further details or bookings.

FACEBOOK

If you have not already done so please check out our Facebook page. We have received a great response and encourage you to visit our page, Coastwide Child & Family Services, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Coastwide-Child-Family-Services/147823908614286>. Or click on the link button on our website www.ccfdc.com.au.



WORDPRESS BLOG

Our educators profiles are now on our Wordpress Blog. This site has been very useful for families new to Family Day Care. To look at our page developed so far visit <http://coastwidechildandfamily.wordpress.com/>. Or click on the link button on our website www.ccfdc.com.au.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND PERSONAL CONTACT DETAILS

Just a reminder to please keep your educators and the Co-ordination Unit up to date with any changes to your family details i.e. phone numbers, emergency contacts, address and email address. We have, on occasion had difficulty contacting parents and/or their emergency contacts because the office has not been kept up to date with current contact details. Please ask your educator for the appropriate form to advise us of any changes.

BACKUP CARE

If your educator is ill or taking leave, the Co-Ordination Unit will be able to find back up care arrangements with another carer for your child.

Please contact Mel our Placement Officer who will assist you in finding a backup educator. Once an educator is found and you are calling,

or time permitting meeting with, to confirm your details please ask the educator the arrangements of their fee schedules. Eg cost of care. If you find this care arrangement not to your satisfaction, do not hesitate to contact the Co-Ordination Unit. Please be mindful that each educator is self employed and therefore their fee schedules will also differ.

RELIEF EDUCATORS

Gosford Family Day Care has a small number of educators registered as Relief Educators. Educators may choose to use a Relief Educator to operate their service for short periods of time rather than having to temporarily close their service. Our relief educators are trained child care professionals and are subject to the same regulatory procedures as all our educators.

CONTACTING THE CO-ORDINATION UNIT

Please feel free to contact the co-ordination unit on the above number to discuss any matters concerning your child's care and development. If you would like to pass on feedback regarding any aspect of our service again, please phone us or alternatively email us.

You may also like to visit our website www.ccfdc.com.au to update yourself on all our programs.



"quote of the day"

'There is wisdom in innocence'.

P.K. Shaw



SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP *for* GRANDPARENTS



- Do you care for your Grandchildren?
- Do you struggle with finding simple cost effective activities to do with them?
- Would you like to know more on current child practices?

GRANDPARENTS SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP is an initiative of Coastwide Child and Family Services, to provide an outlet for Grandparents to bring their Grandchild/ren with the aim of providing valuable learning experiences and fun and to meet other Grandparents in the same position.

- Exchange information and ideas
- Form new friendships and support networks
- Safe and nurturing environment for children 0-5yrs
- Updates in the latest child practices/behaviour

Day: Wednesdays from 13th October 2011
Time: 9.30 - 11am
Location: Erina Fair - Library Room 1
Cost: Voluntary Gold Coin Donation

Please call

Coastwide Child and Family Services
(02) 4340 1111

for further information and bookings.
Bookings / Expressions of interest should be made prior.

Transport is available

For more information on Coastwide Child and Family Services programmes, please visit our website on www.ccfdc.com.au



SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS | FAMILY DAY CARE

Your access to quality community based child and family support services