



Parent Newsletter September - October 2023

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From the Manager:

As the winter months fade and spring comes into bloom, everything looks brighter and filled with color. Can I ask R U Ok? As a parent life gets so busy, we often forget to take time for ourselves. Springtime is a great opportunity to take that deep breath and stop and smell the flowers.



Ballina Byron Family Day Care is up for Assessment and Rating, the department of Education ECEC have advised it can be anytime between 2nd October to the 8th of December 2023. Assessment and Rating:

- promotes continuous improvement in the provision of quality education and care.
- improves knowledge and access to information about the quality of services to help families make informed decisions about their child's education and care.

The NQS is part of the National Regulations and includes 7 quality areas that are important to children's learning and developmental outcomes.

1 Educational program and practice

2 Children's health and safety

3 Physical environment

4 Staffing arrangements

5 Relationships with children

6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities

7 Governance and leadership

Ballina-Byron Family Day Care
meets the National Quality Standard, providing quality education and care in all seven quality areas.



There are five quality ratings that a service can be awarded: Excellent, Exceeding, Meeting, Working towards, and Significant Improvement Required. Please see above our current rating. If you would like any further information regarding the assessment and rating process Starting Blocks is a great place to start (www.startingblocks.gov.au) don't hesitate to speak to your Educator to see how you can become involved in our rating process.

Thank you for choosing Ballina Byron Family Day Care for your child.



Educator Professional Development Day

At the end of July our BBFDC Educators got together to participate in our annual training day. We gathered on the sand at lighthouse beach, a wonderful opportunity to connect with nature and acknowledge the land on which we work and play.

We were joined later in the morning by Natasha Livock from E4 Collective, for some hands-on bush toy making. The educators came away with some wonderful creations and inspiration to take back to the children in their services.

Our manager Sharon and Educational Leader Christie then took the educators through the changes to the Early Years learning Framework and explored ways of embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives in our services.

At the end of the day some lucky educators were able to take home the fabulous resources/learning experiences that were set up to inspire embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives.



CCS BALANCING HAS STARTED

Families must confirm their 2022-23 income so their Child Care Subsidy can be balanced

Families who get CCS must confirm their income with Services Australia so their payments can be balanced.

Families confirm their income by:

-Lodging their tax return with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), or

-Telling Services Australia they don't need to lodge a tax return, even if they've already told the ATO.



Article from Raising children Network.

Positive Attention

Positive attention is responding to children with warmth and interest. It helps children feel secure and valued. In fact, it's key to children's development.

Click the image for the full article.



Philosophy Review

BBFDC will be reviewing our philosophy over the coming months.

We'd love your feedback, so keep an eye out for a survey in your inbox soon!

Educational Leader...

Under the National Law and Regulations, services are required to base their educational program on an approved learning framework. There are two nationally approved learning frameworks which outline practices that support and promote children's learning:

- Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia
- My Time, Our Place: Framework for School Age Care in Australia

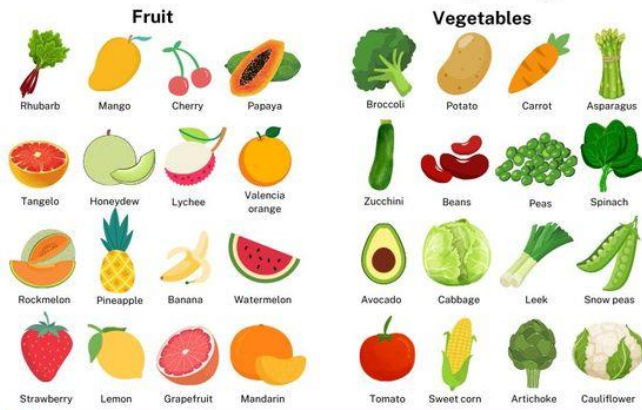
These frameworks have both been updated recently for use from early 2023 onwards. BBFDC Coordination unit and Educators are currently familiarising ourselves with Version 2 of the updated learning framework(s) and have begun incorporating new or enhanced aspects into our educational program and practice.

If you would like to know more about the changes to the approved learning frameworks, you can watch the video below. Please also feel free to ask your Educator or reach out to me as Educational Leader for BBFDC if you have any questions christie@fdcballinabyron.com.au or 66867799 (Line2)

Offering more extended guidance to support all Learning Outcomes within the Frameworks

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What's in season: Spring



Fuss Free Mealtimes



Download the Fuss Free Mealtimes fact sheets here:



Munch & Move



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Spinach & Cheese Bread Cup Quiches



12 slices wholemeal or white bread
 50g butter, softened
 Olive oil cooking spray
 100g baby spinach leaves
 4 free range eggs
 1/2 cup milk
 2/3 cup finely grated cheddar cheese
 12 cherry or mini roma tomatoes, halved
 Click the image for full recipe...



Australian Government
Department of Education

Changes have been made to the Child Care Subsidy activity test so more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children:

- Can access early childhood education and care
- Are ready for big school

www.education.gov.au/first-nations-activity-test

Ballina Byron family Daycare is committed to implementing the Child Safe standards.

Child safety is a shared responsibility at all levels of BBFDC.

Staff and educators understand their obligations in reporting, sharing information and keeping records.

Staff and educators understand and comply with codes of conduct that set clear behavioral standards when interacting with children.

Standard 1

Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture

#ChildSafeStandards