



# CABONNE BLAYNEY FAMILY DAY CARE

# FAMILY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018



PARKES PANCAKE DAY  
13 FEBRUARY 2018

## DIARY DATES

MOLONG PLAYGROUPS - 1ST, 15TH & 29TH MARCH  
12TH & 26TH APRIL

CANOWINDRA PLAYGROUPS - 14TH MARCH  
11TH APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY - 30 MARCH

EASTER SATURDAY - 31ST MARCH

EASTER SUNDAY - 1 APRIL

EASTER MONDAY - 2 APRIL



## EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

# CONGRATULATIONS

### JANUARY 2018

#### Jasmin Whiting

For Going above & beyond, not only for the children in her service, but all children. Jasmin saved the life of a young child earlier in 2018. Jasmin is a very welcoming, organised Educator who is an absolute delight to visit. Her hard work & dedication is reflected by the admiration she receives from the children attending her service.

### FEBRUARY 2018

#### Leanne Gilmour

For working hard to change her work practices and Family Day Care environment to better benefit the development of children in her care. Leanne has made exciting changes to her programming, showing great determination and knowledge. Leanne's kindness towards all staff, Educators, children & families refreshing and admirable to say the least.

# From the Coordinator

Welcome back to all existing families and to our new families, for an eventful 2018 with Cabonne/Blayney Family Day Care.

## **NEW CHILD CARE SUBSIDY**

Our new year has already been a busy start. As you will see, our service is transitioning to the new Child Care Subsidy, which starts on the 2nd July 2018, and the new immunisation enrolment process which has taken place on 1st January 2018. This new package replaces the current Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate. The Child Care Subsidy will be paid directly to our service, and not to you.

Three things will determine a family's level of CCS, which are:

- 1) Combined family income
- 2) Activity level of parents
- 3) Type of Child Care Service.

We recommend families to read the links below, and to use the calculator provided, to work out your estimate of your new CCS. Please be aware the hours you will be entitled too will be per fortnight, not per week. So if you are entitled to 24 hours per fortnight and you go over these hours you will only be subsidised for the 24 hours, meaning you will have to pay full fee if you go over. Please call our service if you need more assistance with this new package. We are all learning this new subsidy together. Our service will keep families updated through emails in regards to the new CCS package, so please read them once they are sent. This ensures our families are conversant, and we transition as a service smoothly to the CCS before July 2nd 2018.

**Fee Estimator:** <https://www.education.gov.au/sites/education/files/chcare/est/index.html>

**Further Information on new Child Care Subsidy:**

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy>

## **IMMUNISATIONS**

Families been informed from emails prior, that from the 1st January 2018 changes have been applied with your child's immunisation. The NSW Public Health Act 2010 effort to improve childhood immunisation rates, the NSW Parliament passed the Public Health Amendment (Review) Bill 2017 that amended the Public Health Act 2010 to strengthen immunisation enrolment requirements in early childhood services.

Our service cannot enroll a child unless the parent/guardian has provided an approved immunisation form that shows that the child:

- is fully immunised for their age, or;
- has a medical reason not to be vaccinated, or;
- is on a recognised catch-up schedule if the child has fallen behind with their immunisations. It is an offense to enroll children who are not immunised due to their parent's conscientious objection, or is not up to date with their immunisations.

You need to supply your child's up to date immunisation statement ASAP (not the blue book) as this is a legal requirement from the NSW Parliament. Your child will not be allowed into care, until you provide the correct documents.

### **FAMILY DETAIL REPORTS**

Can all guardians please ensure you have completed the 'Family Report Detail' form? These forms were either handed out by your educator or mailed early this year. Our service needs to confirm your child's details are up to date and if changes are to be made. Please cross out the incorrect information and write the correct information, we will then update this into your child's file.

### **MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

If your child has a medical condition either asthma, diabetes, allergies or anaphylaxis, we will also need a new Medical Management Plan completed from your GP (attached to newsletter, please get your GP only to complete this plan). A Risk Minimisation and Communication Plan will also need to be completed between yourself and your educator. If you did not receive these forms, please contact our service on (02) 63923219 and we will email you them. If these forms are not completed ASAP, I will be contacting families and your child will be removed until completion. Please discuss this further with your educators.

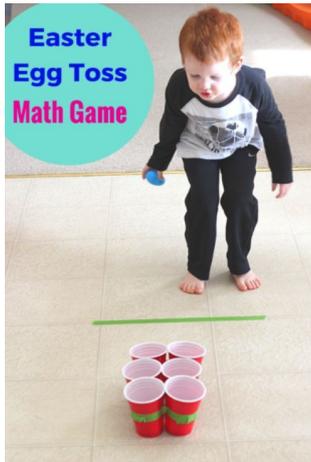
As you can see already this year, our service is going through a lot of changes plus; regulations, changes to the National Quality Framework (I have attached the new National Quality Standards for you to read) and nationally Family Day Care Services are losing funding from the government. Our service has reapplied for the new Community Child Care funding, and we will know nearer to the new financial year if our service is approved for the funding.

I will keep you all posted with our application. Fingers crossed!

Sharnie Duncan

# FROM THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

## Easter Play Inspiration



"Play is the highest form of research"

Albert Einstein



## EASTER BARK

### Ingredients

- 300g milk chocolate melts
- 125g pkt small candy-coated Easter eggs
- 1/2 cup Rainbow Mallows
- 1 tablespoon coloured sprinkles

### Method

**Step 1** Line a large oven tray with baking paper.

**Step 2** Place the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of simmering water. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 mins or until chocolate melts and is smooth. Pour the chocolate onto baking paper and spread out to a 4mm-thick 25cm x 32cm rectangle.

**Step 3** Sprinkle with the Easter eggs, marshmallows and sprinkles. Stand at room temperature for 1 hour or until set. Cut into large shards to serve



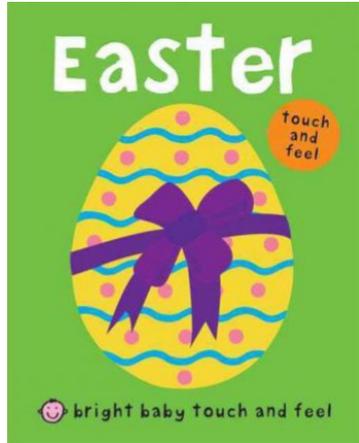
# Book Corner

A book is  
a dream  
that you  
hold in  
your hands  
- Neil Gaiman

## Easter

By Roger Priddy

This is an ideal first word and picture board book to share with your baby or toddler as a first step to discovering Easter traditions. The pages feature bright pictures of chocolate eggs, Easter baskets, chicks, bunnies and more to look at, and there are lots of different touch-and-feel textures including foil, glitter and fabric which little fingers will just love to explore.



## We're are Going on a Egg Hunt

By Laura Hughes

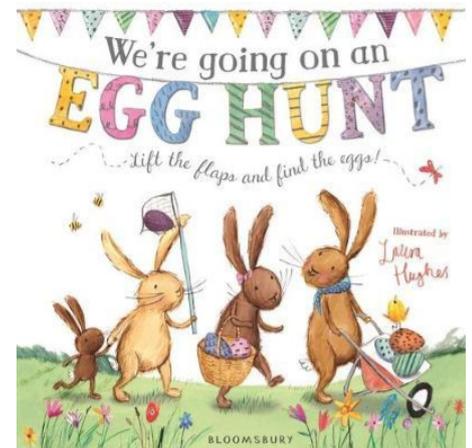
We're going on an egg hunt.

We're going to find them all.

We're REALLY excited.

Hooray for Easter Day!

Join the Easter Bunnies as they set off on an exciting lift-the-flap Easter egg hunt. With ten eggs to find and count, it's great fun. But watch out for the obstacles along the way - lambs, chicks, bees and ducks - and there's even a wolfish surprise, so do take care.



## Ollie's Easter Eggs



Olivier Dunrea  
the creator of the best-selling Gossie&Friends books

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By Olivier Dunrea

Gossie, Gertie, BooBoo, and Peedie are all dyeing Easter eggs. Ollie wants Easter eggs too and he has a plan on how he'll get them!

# Health & Wellbeing

## Free flu shots for children aged 6 months to under 5 years

From April 2018 all NSW children aged from six months to under five years of age will be offered free influenza shots. Parents can access the free flu shot from their usual immunisation provider: their GP, Aboriginal Medical Service, community health centre or local council.

The flu shot will reduce your child's risk of influenza (flu), minimise the spread of flu and protect vulnerable groups including babies too young to receive the vaccine, those medically at risk and those with weakened immune systems



## Immunisations

From 1 January 2018, only children who are fully immunised for their age OR have a medical reason not to be immunised OR are on a catch-up schedule can be enrolled in childcare services. Children who have not been immunised due to their parent's vaccine conscientious objection cannot be enrolled in childcare services.

### Why Immunisation is Important

Immunisation is the best way to protect your child from serious diseases. By immunising your child, you are protecting them and the broader community, especially for those who are too young to be immunised or those that are not able to be immunised for medical reasons. The more people that immunise their children, the more we can control preventable diseases.

### AIR Immunisation History

Parents must provide an Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) History Statement (that shows a child is up to date or can't be immunised for medical reasons) OR an AIR Immunisation History Form (that shows a child is on a recognised catch-up schedule), when enrolling a child in childcare. Parents can request a copy of the child's AIR Immunisation History Statement at any time (up to their child being 14 years of age) by:

Using their Medicare online account through MyGov

Using the Medicare Express Plus App

Calling the AIR General Enquires Line on 1800 653 809

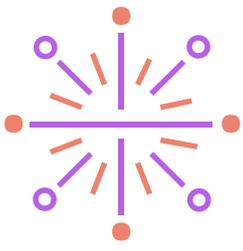
### 'Not Up To Date' Children

Children who have not had all the recommended immunisations for their age can still be enrolled once they start on a catch-up schedule. Your GP/nurse needs to fill out an AIR Immunisation History Form, send it to the AIR and give you a copy so that it can be provided to the childcare service.

### 'Up To Date' Children

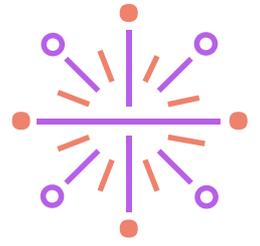
Children who are up to date with their immunisations will that the words 'Up to date' on their AIR Immunisation History Statement. For older children who have had all their immunisations, their statement will include the words 'this child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age' at the bottom of the page.

After each immunisation, parents should provide their child's updated AIR Immunisation History Statement to their childcare service.



# MEET THE EDUCATOR

## SHIRLEY EDWARDS



**Town you provide care in:** Parkes

**How long have you been an educator?**

12 years, 2 years with Cabonne Blayney Family Day Care

**Qualifications:** Diploma in Children's Services, Business Certificate & Certificate V in Massage

**What are 3 words that describe you?**

Organised, passionate & unique

**What are 3 words that describe your service?**

Tinker Tots would be best described as Exciting, Adventures & Fun

**What's your favourite thing to do with children in care?**

Miss Shirley's favourite time with the children is watching them learn a new skill or master a task they have been trying so hard to learn, this is done through lots of interest based fun experiences at Tinker Tots and on excursions.

**Why do you enjoy doing Family Day Care?**

I enjoy running Tinker Tots Family Day Care as I love to share with the children what I know and learn beside them the things I don't. Children help show us how life is fun, interesting and everyday is a new day with new experiences to try.

**Why did you decide to work in the Early Childhood industry?**

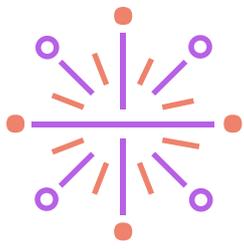
Becoming a mother early in life lend to me to Family Day Care where I could learn, be at home to care for my son while still making a wage. Best choice ever made!

**What is your favourite quote?**

Play is the highest form of research

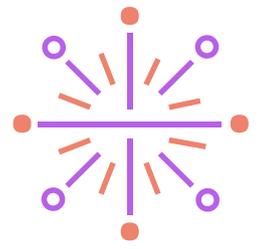
– Albert Einstein





# MEET THE EDUCATOR

## SAMANTHA DYKES



### **Town you provide care in:**

Molong

### **How long have you been an educator?**

This is my first year in Family Day Care but I have a background providing early childhood care in Canada as well as teaching English and Art to Primary school children in Chile.

### **Qualifications:**

Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care, Diploma in Educational Studies and Diploma in Modern Languages (Spanish)

### **What are 3 words that describe you?**

Committed, thoughtful and creative

### **What are 3 words that describe your service?**

Nurturing, natural and adventurous

### **What's your favourite thing to do with children in care?**

I enjoy sensory play and art because the children are always so engrossed that they don't notice the work they are doing!

### **Why do you enjoy doing Family Day Care?**

I enjoy being able to create my own environments within a home environment that children are familiar with. I like to be able to implement concepts that I find interesting and provide a variety of messy, imaginative play experiences. I like to provide individual support and to cater to individual play preferences and learning styles. I find the small group is better for building relationships that are central to social and emotional development which are in turn the essential base for reaching cognitive potential.

### **Why did you decide to work in the Early Childhood industry?**

I have always been interested in child development and its impact on the adults we become. I saw the chance to make a difference to the future by promoting the wellbeing of children. I wanted to learn how to support families at this critical stage of their child's emotional, social and physical development.

### **What is your favourite quote?**

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." -George Bernard Shaw