

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." – Dr Seuss

Dear Families & Guardians,

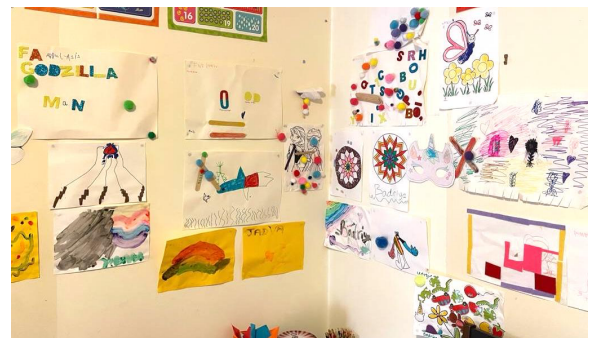
I hope everyone is well and safe. I would like to remind families and guardians to ensure you are signing in using the QR code and following COVID Safe procedures while dropping off and picking up your children.

I am very pleased to announce that all our admin staff and co-ordinators have received the Covid-19 vaccination. Lets all help contribute to opening up Victoria!

If you have been exposed to Covid-19 or have been tested and required to isolate, please let your child/ren's educators know or give us a call in the office to notify us.

Thank you for being a part of Dynamic Kids Family Day Care.

Regards,  
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CEO and Approved Provider



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### NEWSLETTER

## KEY DATES

1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	Early Childhood Educator's Day
1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	Indigenous Literacy Day
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Father's Day
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	International Literacy Day
9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	RU OK? Day

- Message from the Approved Provider
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- School holiday activities
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- Solve the riddle to win!

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Please stay safe and regularly check exposure sites in Victoria. You can check these on the following website:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites>

## EDUCATIONAL LEADER AND CO-ORDINATORS BULLETIN

Dear Educators, Families and Guardians,

**Exciting news!** Our service has been nominated for 'Excellence in Family Day Care Awards 2021' This is such an achievement and proud moment for Dynamic Kids Family Day Care.

We hope you are all well and staying safe during this covid-19 lockdown. We would like to offer our support to anyone who is struggling with the impact of the lockdown. If you need to chat to someone, please reach out to us and give us a call. We are happy to hear you out and provide emotional support.

Our educators have been supporting children and families virtually by engaging with them during the lockdown. Educators have been providing activities to children for science week and book week and then video-calling them to see how they are going.

We also have some exciting news regarding electronic program planning on Harmony! From September 2021, educators will be uploading children's observations and learning stories on Harmony which families will be able to access and view.

Are you thinking about getting vaccinated? You can check your eligibility and book an appointment for a vaccination online through - <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment> or by calling the hotline on – 1800 675 398.

**Ravinder Virk**  
**Lead Coordinator/Educational Leader**

## ACTIVITIES TO DO AT HOME

Start a vegie garden with your children, it is the perfect time and weather to do so! Children can benefit and learn a lot by being involved in gardening experiences. Children become more responsible for growing and looking after their own fruits and vegetables as well as learning about healthy eating. Being outdoors and gardening helps improve children's cognitive and motor skills.

Start off by choosing the right location in your garden. (Try and find a sunny spot) Now its time to choose vegetables/fruits that are easy to grow, these include: carrots, tomatoes, and strawberries!

1. Create a garden bed, or use a planter box
2. Fill with soil and fertiliser
3. Plant the seeds in the soil
4. Water them daily until ready to harvest
5. Enjoy your home grown vegetables/fruit!



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### Is your child enrolled in or attending another service?

Please let us know if your child is attending any other Family Day Care, Kinder or Childcare service, or receiving NDIS funding. This is to ensure that booking timings are not being mixed up or overlapping, as children can only be at one service at a time. This is to make sure that families are paying a lower parent gap fee and not exceeding their CCS hours to avoid paying the full fee.

## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILDCARE SUBSIDY

We are now changing our invoicing over to Central Payments. We would like to confirm that this is **not** a direct debit system, however this means that invoices will be sent from Dynamic Kids Family Day Care to families, rather than from the educators to families.

We would also like to mention that as of August 13<sup>th</sup>, the government has offered support for families who are keeping their children at home during the lockdown. Early Childhood Education and Care services can support families during this time, by waiving the parent gap fee. The parent gap fee is waived for families who are **absent** during this lockdown period, therefore parents will not be charged this gap fee.

The government has also allowed Early Childhood Education and Care services to access additional allowable absences if the lockdown extends for more than seven days. If the hotspot declaration extends for more than seven days, the Child Care Subsidy System will automatically assess any absences claimed during that period as emergency additional absences and backdate those absences as required.

## EDUCATOR MONTHLY TRAINING

At Dynamic Kids Family Day Care, our aim is to always provide support and upskill our educators. During this lockdown, we have been providing monthly educator trainings online with a Focus Of The Month (FOM) topic to discuss. Our previous months topic was 'Quality Area 3 – Physical Environment', in this training we discussed ways to make the physical environment more safe, welcoming, and sustainable, as well as discussing the maintenance and upkeep of resources.

Over this month, the educators are receiving training in transitioning to electronic program planning. Our educators will be uploading monthly programs, monthly observations, and daily diaries to communicate with families through the Harmony app. This is a much more sustainable approach to program planning, as well as giving families the comfort of viewing children's photos, observations and learning stories daily from their mobile phones.

**Attention Families:** Families will be receiving an email from Harmony, so please keep an eye on your email. This will have your username and password for your Harmony account, through this you will be able to access the parent portal and view your child's program, observations, and daily diary.



## ONLINE LEARNING SUPPORT

Our educators have been working hard to support families through the lockdown via zoom or video calls to engage with children by providing learning activities at home. Feel free to contact your child/ren's educators to arrange a zoom session or video call for the following activities:

- Group virtual play date
- Show and tell session
- Group time with stories or songs
- Music and movement session

Please do not hesitate to contact educators, co-ordinators, or office staff as they are available to offer emotional support to families and children who are impacted by this lockdown.



## PHOTO GALLERY



### SOLVE THE RIDDLE AND WIN!

1. What goes all the way around the world, but stays in a corner?
2. What always ends everything?

-Educators and families both can participate

-Email your answers to: [info@dynamickidsfdc.com.au](mailto:info@dynamickidsfdc.com.au) (first one to answer will get a gift from DKF)



**Feedback**   
is always welcome

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