

Educator Update - May 2018

New levies: from the 2nd July 2018 parent levies will increase. The new levy will be \$7.50 plus 50 cents an hour. The educator levy will remain the same.

Meetings and training: Scott Gibson will be talking about risk management at the next scheme meeting on 16th May.

Lawrice Jack and Megan Pasanen will lead a workshop on children's speech and language on Monday 4th June. A flyer will be sent out to all educators soon.

Robyn and Katrina attended a workshop called '**Risk It!**' with Tracy Blaszkow from Kidsafe WA which focussed on the importance of children being able to assess their own risks and learning from their mistakes, and adults doing effective risk-benefit assessments.

Did you know:

- ✚ that maximum security prisoners in Australia spend more time outside than Australian children?
- ✚ Children's upper body strength has declined – arm strength by 26% and holding their own body weight from 1 in 10 in 1998 to 1 in 20 in 2008?
- ✚ That soft fall is for protecting the head from injury, not for preventing broken bones?
- ✚ That children don't develop peripheral vision until 11 or 12 years of age?

Risk vs Hazard: A **risk** is something that is obvious to a child where he/she can determine their ability and decide whether to take that risk. A **hazard** is something unseen or not obvious to a child that often results in an injury.