



# Educator Newsletter for September

It's that time of year again - Sunsmart season has arrived! The UV reading is creeping up to 3 which means that sun protection is required. When the UV reading is 3 and above, which is generally from the beginning of September to the end of April in Tasmania, sun protection is needed.

When outside it is important to cover the skin as much as possible through shade, clothing, hats, sunglasses and sunscreen and have the Sunsmart app on your phone.

*Welcome to new educator Rachael in Sorell. Tracey and Katrina are on leave during the school holidays.*



**Fire blankets:** *a question about expiry dates for fire blankets was asked recently. All educators must have a fire blanket that is easily and quickly available, preferably hanging near the doorway to the kitchen. Fire blankets are ideal for extinguishing cooking fat fires and can be used to wrap around people if their clothes catch on fire. There is not an expiry date but blankets should only be used once and then replaced.*

*All fire blankets should carry the Australian Standards Mark AS 3504.*



**Sustainable practices:** 'who gives a crap' is a website that supplies bamboo toilet paper, tissues and bamboo paper towel. 50% of their profits go to helping to build toilets and improving sanitation in the developing world. Check it out!

**Hot topic:** The Guide to the National Quality Framework is being updated at the end of September. Regular updates are planned and for this reason ACECQA recommends that educators access the guide online rather than have hard copies. ACECQA has a regular online newsletter that keeps us current with their policies and practice. Just google ACECQA newsletters.

**For your diary:** *Ronald McDonald House will again be our charity for 2018. More information will be available soon.*

**Save the date:** *Our educators' Christmas celebration will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at our office in Alma Street.*

