CLARENCE FAMILY DAY CARE SCHEME

Educator Update July 2021

Play through the ages

We recently held another play through the ages session at Alma Street. This was again a great success and we are currently having discussions with Council's Ageing, Access and Inclusion program to run further sessions in Term 3 and 4.

Scheme meeting

As there are a number of educators on leave during the school holidays, the next scheme meeting will now be held on Thursday 22nd July at 7pm

Playsessions Building

As discussed at our last scheme meeting we are currently in discussions with Bellerive Primary School in relation to operating an additional after school care program for their students in the current playsessions building . We have received approval from the ECU and continue to discuss options with the school principal.

Covid 19 management

With the situation around Covid 19 continually changing please remember to follow the current Health Department guidelines around safety measures and also travel restrictions, especially as we head into the holiday period.

The Tasmanian government website https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/ has all the current guidelines in one place. For easy reference.

Emerging Minds

As a wider community across Australia we have faced some of the greatest challenges in our history ranging from bushfires, floods, recent storms, and the continuing presence that impacts our daily lives that is Covid 19.

Emerging Minds is a resource that educators may find useful, not just for children and families in care but for yourself, especially as Family Day Care educators our close relationship with families sometimes we carry the burdens of others which can impact on us as individuals.

Emerging Minds *is a resource provider that* is dedicated to advancing the mental health of ***Australian*** children, with free online courses, programs, and resources.

www.emergingminds.com.au

Celebrating NAIDOC Week 4th -11th July 2021

Want to know why valuing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures matters so much and about how services might go about embedding respect for these cultures in their programs.

Some points of history that you may like to reflect on:

NAIDOC Week is usually held in the first **week** (a Sunday to Sunday) of July that incorporates the second Friday – which historically was celebrated as 'National Aboriginal Day'.

NAIDOC Week is a nationally significant annual event that celebrates the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life

It shares the stories NAIDOC Week; in 2021 the theme is Heal Country! – *calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction*.

Knowledge around NAIDOC Week forms part of educator's approach to embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives in their everyday programs.

How do we as educators create change with a view to equity for all.

Here are some ideas on how to celebrate NAIDOC Week:

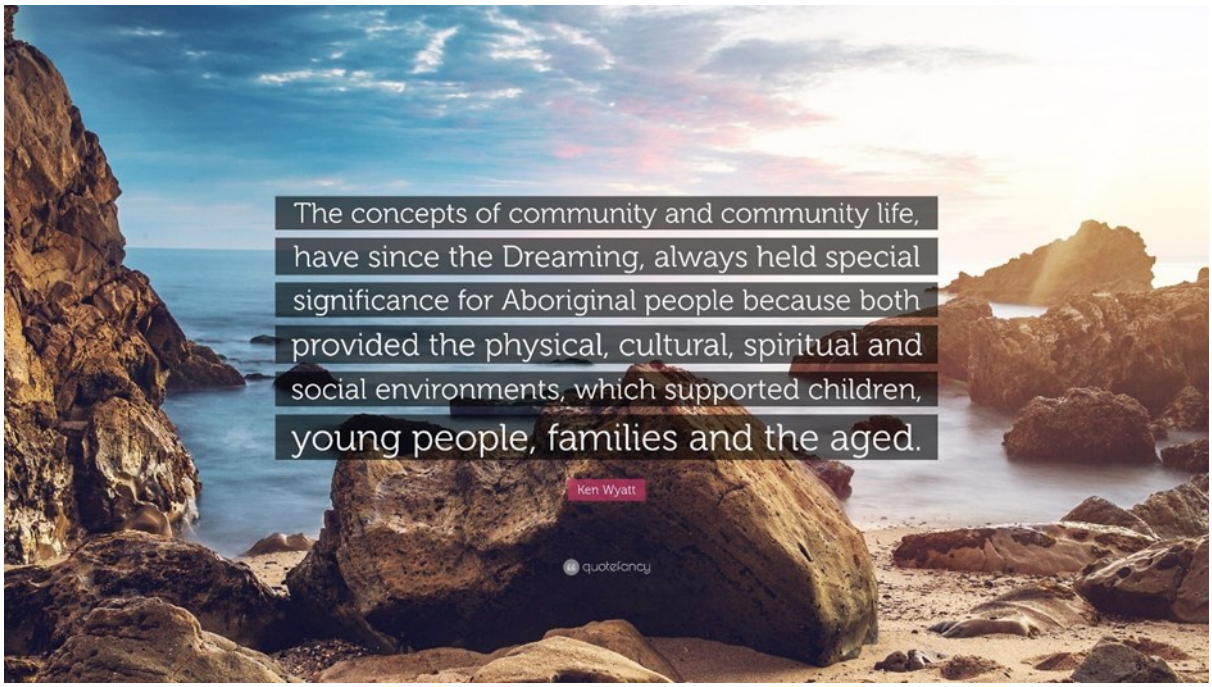
Display the National **NAIDOC** Poster or other Indigenous posters around your care environment.

Start your own hall of fame featuring Indigenous role models (we have some great footballers, dances and doctors.

Listen to Indigenous musicians (Dwayne Everett Smith is Tasmanian) or watch a movie about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history (The Orb focus on Tasmanian History).

Learn the meanings of local or national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander place names and words. (kunyanyi /Mt Wellington)

See official NAIDOC Week website for more ideas as some events have been cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions



July 2021, we know it has not been an easy journey for some but we continue as a sector and an organisation to work collaboratively to be the" best of ourselves", provide safe and responsive care for children and families while also remaining aware of the changing landscape of the world around us.