Partnerships with families
20 to 24 May 2024

Dear Families,

As a part of the continuous improvement required by the National Quality Standard, this week we are:

* reviewing what it means to promote the dignity and rights of each child, and how well educators are meeting expectations. Did you know Australia has signed up to implement the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child – there are 54 rights listed in the document. Like to know more? Please speak with your child’s educator
* reviewing our HIV/AIDS Policy and Head Lice Policy. A summary follows.

**HIV/AIDS Policy**

* Children with HIV will be accepted into the service and their privacy respected
* Children with HIV assessed by their doctor before they are excluded from the service
* Educators will follow all hygiene procedures including those dealing with body fluids/blood to prevent the spread of infection
* A disposable mouth to mouth mask will be used to perform CPR
* Children who have abrasions or open wounds will cover them at the service, and if this is not possible they will be excluded until the wound has healed or can be covered.

**Head Lice Policy**

* Anyone can get head lice which is spread by direct head to head contact - lice cannot jump or fly
* An educator may discreetly and respectfully examine a child’s head if they suspect the child has head lice
* If head lice are identified:
* educators will ensure there is no head to head contact with other children eg through hugging. If they believe it will be difficult to prevent head to head contact, parents will be contacted to collect the child
* child must be treated at home with the ‘conditioner and comb’ method, chemical lice treatment or a combination of both methods
* child may return the following day if effective treatment has started and there are no live lice on child’s head
* the Nominated Supervisor will place a notice near the service entrance about the head lice outbreak.

There are copies of the policies near the sign in/out sheet. Please take a moment to read them. We value any feedback you may have.

Nominated Supervisor