

### **Service Newsletter March 2023**

Did you know that the colour that represents Bunuru (our second Summer) is Red? This denotes the heat and hot weather, and as this is the hottest season with little to no rain and exceptional heat, the colour is very appropriate! This season also showcases spectacular stars shining in the night sky, a beautiful reminder to 'look up' in the evenings!

### **Importance of Risk Assessments**

Our Educators must complete a Risk Assessment for every venue / location they visit whilst children are in their care. These documents are crucial for compliance & safety purposes, so if you haven't viewed a Risk Assessment for a location you know your Educator visits while your child is in care, please ask them to view this document and ensure you have signed off, if you approve, on the parent authority for excursion form.

### **Communicable Diseases Update**

The [Communicable Disease guidelines](#) have been updated. The purpose of the booklet is to help to prevent and control the spread of infections in the community. Further information on the management of a range of common childhood infections and strategies for preventing their transmission can be obtained from *Staying Healthy in Childcare*.

### **Parent Gap Payments**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, all parent gap payments must be taken by EFT, no cash payments are to be accepted. This is a ruling implemented by the Federal Government to alleviate non-compliance. If you are not already paying your Educator via an EFT method, please speak to them to discuss how you will make payments to them prior to or as of this date.

### **Reconciliation Book Club**

Reconciliation WA is starting a Book Club. If you wish to broaden your understanding of the reconciliation movement and topical issues which impact Aboriginal peoples then this may be for you.

The book club is for anyone interested in reading, exploring, and enjoying conversations about life, Country, connections, and change. The purpose is to offer a safe, reflective, and generative space to have rich conversations; to build knowledge and expand ways of thinking, doing and being, having books (and perhaps other artforms) from both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal thinkers and writers as the starting point. [Register Here](#)

### **Cough Medicines Cancelled by the TGA and Recalled from Pharmacies**

Following an investigation into the safety of pholcodine-containing medicines, the TGA has decided to cancel the registration of these medicines in Australia and is recalling them from pharmacies. As there are 44 products currently on shelves in Australia you may want to have a look at [this link](#) to see which products are being recalled.

### **Contact Us**

If you have any queries or feedback regarding the Service or would like to chat about the content of this newsletter or about your Educator in general, please feel free to contact us on the numbers or email address listed at the bottom of the first page of this newsletter or find us on our [Facebook](#) page.

