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Newsletter

Welcome to February

Crystal Green FDC would like to welcome you to 2022. We would firstly like to thank all our Educators for their hard work and dedication to their care service. A big thanks to all the families registered with our service for your cooperation and patience during these recent times. Unfortunately, we are still in the midst of a pandemic and hope 2022 is a more positive year.

It has not been an easy journey for the service, educators, staff and families. However, we came together and implemented strategies to maintain quality and strong relationships even during the toughest times. We look forward to doing the same and much more this year.

We are here to support you. We look forward to working with you and provide the upmost quality service.

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Important Notifications

COVID-19 Update for Early Childhood Education Care

- The Department is working with NSW Health to determine if changes regarding the use of masks will apply in line with community settings. At the current time, masks are still required indoors in ECE.
- QR codes are not required in ECE services.
- ECE services should continue to practice COVID-smart measures including maximising fresh air flow through natural ventilation, hand hygiene practices and regular cleaning.

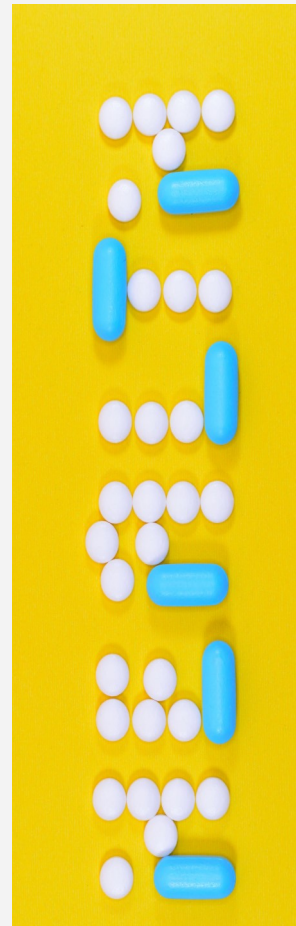
Vaccination COVID-19, 5–11 years old

Vaccination for children 5—11 years old are now available. Evidence shows that vaccines offer better protection for children even though they experience milder symptoms than adults..

Vaccines may strengthen the immune system to protect against serious illness and possible long-term effects from COVID-19. As the vaccination rate increases, the spread of the virus also reduces.

The Pfizer (Comirnaty) children's vaccine is the approved COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 – 11 years in Australia. The dose is around 1/3 of the dose for people aged 12 years and older. Children will receive two doses of the vaccine, given 8 weeks apart.

Talk to your GP if you have any questions or concerns about COVID-19 vaccination for your child.



2022 Digital Learning Packs

You are now able to access the 2022 digital learning packs. These are designed to keep young minds busy and develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

You will have access to a schedule and an array of learning activities with different play experiences. These packs are simple to follow for parents and carers to use with their child and support their learning. Activities will be published each fortnight.

At the moment, you can find the Kangaroo, Emu, Echidna, Wombat, Quokka and Sugar pack. Each pack contains 5 days of activities that support a range of learning areas. The schedule given can be followed or it can be child guided. All activities and learning outcomes align with the Early Years Learning Framework.

Click on the following link to access this amazing resource:

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/learning-pack-2022-ece-t1/home>




2022 Digital Learning Packs

If parents want to further support their child's learning at home, click on the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home/2022-digital-learning-packs>

Here, you will find a wide range of resources according to primary, secondary and more specifically, your child's grade. Educators are also encouraged to utilise these resources.



Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Five finger starfish 5 minutes	My favourite place 15 minutes	My likes 20 minutes
Shared story: When Frank was four 20 minutes	Be a scientist 20 minutes	Poetry: The worm that wouldn't wiggle 15 minutes
The sky 20 minutes	Gymnastics at home 10 minutes	Singing 10 minutes
Counting leaves 15 minutes	Shared story: Possum magic 20 minutes	Memory game 15 minutes
Playing with others 10 minutes	Longer and shorter 20 minutes	Shared story: Hello and welcome in Gamilaray 15 minutes
Extra activity: Develop literacy concepts through story: Amy and Louis.	Extra activity: Practice counting with NumBuddies.	Extra activity: Listen to Little Yarns podcast about Indigenous Australia.
Day 4	Day 5	



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