

MONTHLY FAMILY FACTSHEET

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Website of the Month

www.startingblocks.gov.au

Starting Blocks provides parents with information about early childhood education and care to help them make the best choice for their child and family.

Starting Blocks is a starting point to:

- learn about children's [developmental milestones](#)
- [find services](#) and learn about their quality ratings
- understand [what to expect](#) from an early childhood education and care service
- get tips on starting child care or preschool, and what can be [done at home](#) to encourage your child's learning and development



"Play is more than just fun for babies and children. It's how they learn best, and how they work out who they are, how the world works and where they fit into it."

(Raising Children Network)

The Importance of Play

Playing is one of the most important things you can do with your child, because play is essential for your child's brain development. The time you spend playing together gives your child lots of different ways and times to learn.

Play also helps your child:

- build confidence
- feel loved, happy and safe
- develop social skills, language and communication
- learn about caring for others and the environment
- develop physical skills."

For the full article visit:

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/why_play_is_important.html

Focus on Policies to Support Quality

Complaint Resolution

Our service has a policy to help resolve any concerns that may arise. The name and telephone number of persons whom complaints may be addressed with is located in our entrance. We love to hear your compliments and also appreciate you raising any concerns with us directly so we can address them as part of our continual improvement. Ask us for more information on our policies.



Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority™

See more at:

www.acecqa.gov.au

The National Quality Framework

Our service is approved to operate under the National Quality Framework (NQF). The NQF includes:

- the [National Law and National Regulations](#)
- the [National Quality Standard](#)
- an [assessment and quality rating process](#)
- [national learning frameworks](#).

Our service is monitored and assessed against this framework by our regulatory authority. Next month we will explore the 7 Quality Areas that make up the National Quality Standard.



1. Fence the pool
2. Shut the gate
3. Teach your kids to swim – it's great
4. Supervise – watch your mate and
5. Learn how to resuscitate

Safety News

"Drowning is the greatest cause of accidental death of children under 5yrs in Australia. A child drowns, on average, every week." (www.kidsalive.com.au 2017)

We urge you to be vigilant around water and take action to keep children safe.

The Kids Alive website offers great tips and resources to support you and your family this summer season. www.kidsalive.com.au

The Royal Lifesaving Society also offers a Home Pool Safety Checklist

<http://www.royallifesaving.com.au/families/at-home/home-pool-safety/home-pool-safety-checklist>

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