

Local Success Story Kicks off Next Week

Next week, Story and Rhyme Time & Mini Tots Soccer kicks off for another term with children aged three to five years old participating. This term the program will be held at Crawford Public School, Doonside and will run each Wednesday from 8th May until 26th June.

Story and Rhyme Time & Mini Tots Soccer provides opportunities for parents and service providers to establish relationships whilst working in partnership to meet the needs of local children and families. Both programs are an extension of the Thrive@5 initiative.

During Story and Rhyme Time, children listen to stories and rhymes which introduces them to reading. It also highlights to parents the importance of reading to their children. Mini Tots Soccer creates a fun environment for children to improve their social and motor skills and a platform for parental social interaction. Feedback indicates that parents are more aware of the benefits that physical activity and reading has on their children and are actively encouraging this at home.

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) identifies that a high proportion of children residing in Doonside are vulnerable, putting at risk their transition to school and subsequent health and social wellbeing. Programs such as these not only provide a soft entry point for parents and children to access key services, they also provide an opportunity to identify developmental before children start school.

Western Sydney Primary Health Network (WSPHN) has been funding and supporting these programs in Doonside since 2014.

Contact Relationships Australia for more details on 8811 0000.



Events

Keeping an Eye on Diabetes

Tuesday 7th May 2019

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training

Tuesday 14th May 2019

6:00pm - 9:30pm

Child Growth and Development

Wednesday 15th May 2019

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Obesity – It's a Weighty Matter

Tuesday 21st May 2019

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Other News

Flu Season is Approaching!

Over 120,000 people in NSW were struck down with flu in 2017 and 2018. NSW has had unusually high influenza activity over the summer and this has remained high in March 2019. Therefore, we encourage you to help prevent influenza where possible through immunisation this winter. The NSW Ministry of Health has released a seasonal influenza vaccination for more information.

Have Your Say on the Future of Nursing Education

The Educating the Nurse of the Future review is examining how the current education and preparation of registered and enrolled nurses and nurse practitioners in Australia will continue to ensure they can meet the future needs of our communities and our health system. It is exploring various issues including attracting people to a career in nursing, ensuring our education system is internationally competitive, career pathways are relevant and the needs of regional Australia are met.

Nurses are encouraged to participate online until Friday 21st June or by attending one of the face-to-face forums across Australia during April, May and June. Feedback from the consultation will inform the final report to be presented to the Australian Government in mid-2019.

☑ Visit the Department of Health website to read about the review and to find out how you can provide online feedback or register.

BreastScreen Trailer Location

The BreastScreen trailer is at Bunnings Warehouse, Marsden Park from Thursday 2nd May until Thursday 30th May, offering screening for all women aged 40 years and over. Appointments can be made by calling BreastScreen NSW on 13 20 50 or online. Download the practices poster and display in your waiting room, to support awareness of breast screening.

GP Association meetings

The following GP Association meetings are coming up in western Sydney: Blacktown: A Path to Better Outcomes in COPD and Asthma, Wednesday 15th May.

Westmead: Dermatology GP Updates, Wednesday 29th May.

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