



Cairns TAFE Community Child Care Centre

APRIL 2017

OFFICE NEWS

AROUND THE WORLD TRIP

Don't forget to come to our
AROUND THE WORLD TRIP.

All families and extended family
members are welcome to attend

Our trip will be held

Thursday 13th April at 2.30pm

We will be having an amazing
cultural afternoon tea with lots
of traditional food being shared
by families. We also have a
passport for each child so that
they can take a journey around
the foyer with their families and
collect stamps for their
passports.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The next committee meeting will be
on

Wednesday 10th May at 6pm

ALL WELCOME

And child minding available

MAINTENANCE LEVY

The maintenance levy for the first
quarter will be due on Friday 7th April.
Please check our 'Help Wanted' board
for odd jobs to do in place of levy
payment.

Hippity, Hoppity, Happy
Easter to everyone, hope
you all gets lots of eggs!

Michelle

REMINDERS FOR APRIL

- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN IN THE CAR
- Call the centre if your child is absent
- Provide labelled spare clothes each day.
- Ask us for a job in place of levy payment

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The centre will be closed on:

Good Friday 14th April,

Easter Monday 17th April,

Anzac Day Tuesday 25th April

and

Labour Day Monday 1st May 2017

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 1 school holidays,

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

we ask that families inform us if their
children will be away during the holidays.
This will ensure you will be charged at the
holiday fee rate and allow us to inform
families that need extra days during this
period.

AGM

Held on Wednesday 29th March 2017

**Congratulations to our newly appointed
committee;**

President: Kim Wilson

Treasurer: Jeremy Rillstone

Secretary: Kat Richter-Scaife

Ordinary Members:

Kellie Lock

Julie Hodge

Drew Walton

Claire Daley

We look forward to a very productive
year of fundraising for the centre with
our new committee and encourage more
families to come on board.

DIRECTOR'S NEWS

MANDATORY REPORTING

From the first of from 1 July 2017, early childhood education and care (ECEC) professionals who work in approved services will become mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse. The new requirement recognises the important role early childhood professionals have in identifying and responding to young children in need of protection.

The new laws apply to approved services such as family day care, kindergarten, pre-prep, limited-hours care, long day care, occasional care and outside school hours care.

ECEC mandatory reporters are:

- approved providers who are individuals (**not** associations, corporations or other entities such as voluntary parent management committees),
- nominated supervisors,
- supervisors,
- family day care coordinators, and
- educators (including early childhood teachers and family day care educators).

NAPCAN (National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) are providing workshops across Queensland to prepare ECEC workers to be mandatory reporters from 1 July 2017. Karly, Cheryl and I will be attending a session next week and we will present the information back to the rest of the team at the next team meeting to ensure we are all aware of requirements and reporting procedures.



CAR PARK GUIDELINES

It has been brought to our attention that there are quite a few issues happening in our car park that could result in an accident so I have provided some information below to ensure the safety of everyone using the service.

- Children, especially those under 12yrs old **must not** under any circumstances be left in the car park waiting in the car unsupervised by an adult, this is legislation in Queensland and is covered under the Criminal Code Act 1899
- Parents should not walk children behind cars, it is preferable that children be placed on the path provided and walked in front of rather than behind vehicles.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above please don't hesitate to come and see me

EDUCA

We would love to see more comments on Educa. Educators use information and feedback from families for future planning. So don't be shy, share with us, tell us what your child has been doing at home....and don't worry if you comment on a group story all the other families can't read your comments!

**Have a safe and Happy
Easter! Enjoy the break**

Until next month...Barb

KITCHEN CAPERS

SOME INTERESTING FOOD/COOKING FACTS

1. Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of the mouth.
2. In South Africa, termites and ants are often roasted and eaten by the handful, like popcorn.
3. Every time you lick a stamp, you consume 1/10 of a calorie.
4. Pearls melt in vinegar
5. The fear of cooking is known as Mageiropophobia and is a recognised phobia.
6. The fear of vegetables is called Lachanophobia.
7. Almonds are a member of the peach family.

Our recipe this month is a centre wide favourite even with our fussy eaters and gluten free children, we omit the wine here at the centre, we recommend you give it a try!!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

CHINESE SPAGHETTI BOLOGNASE

- 250gm. dried spaghetti
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 500gm. ground beef
- 1 medium onion, finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons Shaoxing wine or dry sherry (Omit if you prefer)
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 3 tablespoons oyster sauce
- 2 tablespoons light soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon dark soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch, mixed with 2 tablespoons water



Cook the spaghetti, undercooking it by about a minute (it will finish cooking in the sauce), start the sauce.

Heat a wok over high heat and add a tablespoon of oil. Add the ground beef and cook until slightly browned, breaking up any large chunks of beef. Add the onion, garlic, and Shaoxing wine, and turn the heat down to medium. Cook until the onion is transparent, and then add the chicken stock.

Bring to a boil and lower the heat to a simmer. Stir in the oyster and soy sauces, sesame oil, and white pepper. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove the cover, add the peas, and stir for one minute. Stir up the cornstarch slurry and drizzle into the sauce while stirring constantly. The sauce should thicken until it coats a spoon.

Drain the pasta, and add it directly to the wok. Toss until the pasta is coated in sauce. Feel free to add some of the pasta cooking liquid if the sauce is too thick, and add more cornstarch slurry if the sauce is too thin.

Nursery Natter

Hi, here we are again. Firstly, I would like to welcome Ahlia and Rawhiti and their families to the Nursery Room, and please remember we have an open-door policy so please feel free to talk to myself or Rohana if you have any questions.

BIRTHDAYS: A big Happy Birthday to Edward who is turning one on the 7th April and Ellena who is turning 2 on the 20th April. Ellena will start transitioning into the Toddler room over the next few weeks.

We are still exploring colours which can sometimes become very messy, just a reminder to always put spare clothes in your babies bag and make sure all your babies belongings are labelled with their name.



Children are active learners and learn through play. Messy play is particularly valuable because it stimulates many of their senses at once. They can feel, smell, see, and sometimes even taste the consequences of their messy active play.

Children are doing many things at once when engaged in messy play. They can be observing, creating, building, exploring, imagining, discovering, investigating, interpreting, developing language skills and even relaxing.

Leadership Program

The babies are enjoying the Preschoolers coming to visit and helping them with their Jungle animal activities. Our Jungle area is looking fantastic and the babies enjoy playing in this special area.



Until next time...Kathy and Rohana

Toddler Torque

Hello everyone and welcome to our new children and families, this month we have a new girl named Ever and William who has turned 2 and has moved up from the nursery. Ellena is going to start transitioning with us from the nursery and will soon become a toddler too.



Happy 3rd Birthday to Elyse on the 1st of May, Elyse has started transitioning into the pre-school we shall miss you Elyse.

Hats

We have begun a new hat routine, instead of leaving the toddlers hats outside at the end of the day on the hat rack we are bringing them in and placing each child's hat in their own locker. This idea should make it easier for the children and parents to locate their hats in the morning plus they won't get wet overnight if it rains. When you are collecting your child please place their hat in their locker so it will be ready for the next day.



Reminders

Please label all of your child's belongings; it makes it so much easier to definitely know whose belongings they are if they are named rather than giving belongings to the wrong child.

We are a sun smart centre and require clothing with sleeves please do not dress your child in singlets or strappy dresses.



Easter

Happy Easter everyone!

We hope you enjoy the holidays and try not to eat too many Easter eggs.

Cheers from Cheryl and Miranda.



Rockets

Have you been hearing
10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1, BLAST OFF...

That's because we are investigating all things in space, rockets, planets and astronauts.

Have a look in our room at our child sized rocket, our moonwalk, jetpacks and other creations all designed to encourage the children's imaginative and language skills.

Our theme has extended outdoors into a huge "space room" that contains a mission control centre. If you have any ideas or resources that you could offer us we would love to have them.



Preschool

Wow what a month we have had in the Preschool room!

We have had a ball this month learning about caterpillars and watching our caterpillar friends turn into amazing butterflies!



We have also visited a few more countries on our round the world trip. Last week we went to China! We have learnt about the Chinese culture through making lanterns, drums, learning to count in Chinese and we even did some Chinese cooking. Next stop is Korea and we have had a look at some traditional outfits (Hanbo) and we are also learning to count in Korean!! We will know how to count in many different languages by the end of our trip!



Recently we have been talking about healthy and unhealthy foods. Healthy foods we can eat all the time are things like fruit and vegetables, and sometimes foods are things like fats, oils, sugars and salts. The children have been so excited about eating healthy and having treats only sometimes. Starting a healthy lifestyle during childhood can have long-term advantages, according to the American Psychological Association. Following healthy habits during the formative years of childhood makes it more likely that your youngster will hold onto these habits throughout life.

At the moment we are working on our numeracy skills. We are counting, solving number problems, measuring, sorting, noticing patterns and recognising and writing numbers.



Next we will be focusing on big and small, high and low, heavy and light, fast and slow close and far.



Happy Birthday this month to Patience, Lex and Frankie!

Until next month stay safe, happy and healthy. Happy Easter

From the Preschool team
Karly, Kathleen and
Jelenka. 😊