



Cairns TAFE Community Child Care Centre

NOVEMBER 2017

OFFICE NEWS

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ALL TYPES OF DONATIONS TO ADD TO OUR XMAS HAMPERS, WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE SOMETHING ORGANISED TO RAFFLE OFF AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY, IF YOU ARE STRAPPED FOR IDEAS, PLEASE CONSIDER SOME OF THE SUGESTIONS BELOW:

- Gift cards
- Wine
- Food items (non perishable)
- Books
- Small pool toys
- Water balloons
- Sparklers
- Party poppers
- Napkins
- Xmas Decorations
- Xmas novelties
- Vouchers
- Xmas crackers
- Nuts and Choc sultanas

BASICALLY ANYTHING YOU THINK MIGHT BE FUN OR YUMMY FOR XMAS, WE THANK ALL OUR FAMILIES IN ADVANCE FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT

REMINDERS FOR NOV

- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN IN THE CAR
- Call the centre if your child is absent
- Committee meeting 29th November at 6pm
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END OF YEAR CLOSURE

The centre will be closed from Monday 25th December until Friday 5th January. We will reopen on Monday 8th January 2018.

The school holidays are from the 11th December to 19th January 2018

If you are going away on holidays or leaving the service to attend kinder or school please remember to inform us ASAP.

Forms to request a change of days and termination forms are available in the front office area.

Maintanence Levy

Tha last quarter maintainence levy will be due the first week in December. If you would like to work off your levy please see our jobs board or ask the educators in your room for a job.

Committee Meeting

The last committee meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 29th November at 6pm.

All are welcome and child minding will be available

Have a
great month
Michelle

DIRECTOR'S NEWS

Philosophy Review

We are currently reviewing our Centre Philosophy.

The purpose of our centre's philosophy is to provide a clear statement of the values, principles and practices that underpin the work of all educators. It should reflect educators, children's, families and the community values. The philosophy underpins the day to day interactions with children and curriculum decisions made in our service.

We ask that you read the attached philosophy and document your ideas on the poster in the foyer.

We need your input.

If you would prefer you can email your ideas to
ctcccc1@bigpond.net.au

A NOTE FROM THE COMMITTEE

A quick hello from the parent committee and a reminder that if you are interested in being part of the committee that help oversee the running of the centre you are welcome to attend the monthly meetings and see what positions you might be interested in, it's a great way to get involved in your child's care and to support the centre. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for the committee about anything at all to do with the centre you can either send an e-mail to ctcccparentcommittee@hotmail.com or drop a note into the suggestion box on the front counter.

STAFFING IN THE LEAD UP TO XMAS

Unfortunately due to rostering difficulties and parenting commitments Tamika has had to leave us, Kaleisha has stepped up into the Toddler assistant role for the remainder of the year.

Miranda will also be making a shift to a different role as her pregnancy progresses and Candice will fill her place for the remainder of the year in the nursery.

Nar Maya will also be returning from Maternity leave in the new year when I will review all staffing and positions.

SIDS SESSION

The centre is offering families the opportunity to attend a session with the non-profit organisation RED NOSE (Formerly SIDS and KIDS)

The session will be perfect for parents with babies and will be held here at the centre on Wednesday 15th November from 6pm to 7.30pm

All families are welcome to attend this session, please sign up in the office if you would like to attend; unfortunately, child minding won't be available due to staff attending.

UNTIL NEXT
MONTH, BARB

KEEPING COOL THIS SUMMER

With the weather heating up quite rapidly we all do everything we can to keep cool, here are some of tips that we have found useful:

Here are 7 tips to keep you cool:

- Avoid foods that heat you up. When the body is already hot the last thing, you need is to rev it up with spicy food. ...
- Favour foods that cool you down. ...
- Avoid ice cold drinks. ...
- Eat at the right time. ...
- Exercise with a splash. ...
- Make time to play. ...
- Turn down the temperature of the mind.

How to Beat the Heat

- Choose cotton. Save the ooh-la-la satin, silk, or polyester sheets for cooler nights. ...
- Feel the freezer burn. Stick sheets in the fridge or freezer for a few minutes before bed. ...
- Get cold comfort. ...
- Sleep like an Egyptian. ...
- Get loose. ...
- Create a cross-breeze.

Eggroll in a Bowl

Prep time: 00:00, Cook time: 00:15, Total time: 00:15

Yield: 4-6 Servings

Ingredients:

500gm Pork and veal mince
1 lge bag dry coleslaw mix (shredded cabbage and carrots)
5 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup soy sauce
1 teaspoon ginger
sliced green onions
2 bricks of egg noodles, cooked to packet directions

Instructions:

- In a large, deep skillet, brown mince, meanwhile in a small bowl, combine garlic, soy sauce, and ginger; set aside.
- Once sausage is cooked through, add dry coleslaw mix to skillet and stir to combine.
- Pour soy sauce mixture and noodles into the skillet and stir, continuing to cook over medium heat for about 5 minutes or until cabbage is wilted, but still a bit crunchy. Serve with sliced green onion



Stay healthy and have a great month Michelle, Candice and Barb

Nursery Natter

Hi, here we are again. Firstly, I would like to welcome Liliana and Jim and their families to the Nursery Room.

Happy Birthday
to Myah who
will be turning
one on the
22/11/2017



We have had a busy month once again. We are still focusing a lot of our activities on "Everything Garden".

We have been still exploring our sense of smell also sense of taste, with different types of Herbs. Miranda did an activity using mint leaves in frozen ice cubes.



We also couldn't forget our beautiful wild life, as we have plenty of birds visiting our garden we made bird feeders to hang in our trees. Continuing with our buddy program we had three preschoolers come to visit and help the babies make their bird feeders.



Piaget made infancy his "Sensorimotor" stage because he recognized that infants learn about their world by interacting with it through their senses. They don't understand their environment very well at first, but are born exquisitely prepared to explore and learn. They learn how to make purposeful movements, how to make sense of things, how to speak, and how to perform other skills. All of these developments require babies to use all their senses: touch, taste, smell, hearing, and sight.

Some of our activities can sometimes become very messy, just a reminder to always put spare clothes in your baby's bag and make sure all your babies belongings are labelled with their name.

Please remember we have an open-door policy so please feel free to talk to myself or Miranda if you have any questions

Bye until next time,
Kathy and Miranda

Toddler Torque

This month in the toddler's room we have been learning about colours and our numbers. We have been doing lots of activities to do with colours and numbers. We have also been looking at cause and affect with ice, spray bottles, goop and water. We have also had Halloween, we did trick or treating and some art and craft.



We would like to say a big Happy Birthday to HANNAH who will be turning 3!



Cheers Rohana & Kaleisha

A little reminder to make sure your child has a hat each day, enough spare clothes and nappies/undies for the day. And don't forget to check the bathroom for wet clothes when you pick them up in the afternoon.

Preschool

October has been so busy!

The preschooler's have engaged with the local community, we had so many activities and visitors all month. We had the fabulous Firemen and their fire truck visit, where we got to go onboard a real fire truck and operate the giant water hose as well as examine all the equipment. Then the very next day it was our 'What I want to be when I grow up' dress up day, the children got to pretend to be big people for the day. From this activity and prior to the day the children have eagerly learnt about what work is and they have gained knowledge about various occupations. Last week our centre hosted the Early childhood school student awards for activities they provided at our centre, the children got to try out all the great art and crafts.



Halloween excursion.

On Tuesday the 31st of October we had our exciting dress up day excursion with the Tafe child care students to the Tafe Library for fun and games. The students assisted us to walk to the library where we all sat in a circle and introduced ourselves through a naming game call Bee Bee Bumble bee can you sing your name to me. Then we moved off in groups to play a game we played with the parachute, dancing and freeze games to music, ten pin bowling, coit throwing and tunnel ball. After we had a turn at each game we sang some songs and finished up with the group game of Doggie Doggie where's your bone?



Reminders Please provide plenty of spare named clothes and a hat for your child, we will be having water play every day now that it is so hot, we do have some spare clothes but it is a limited supply especially underwear and really would you like wearing someone else's old underwear?

Thankyou, To the parents that have given us their time to come in and speak to the children about their occupation. We still have plenty of time slots available to anyone that can come in and spend 10 minutes to talk to the kids, it would be appreciated by all. The children are very proud when Mum or Dad come in for special visits.

Until next month Cheers from Cheryl and Kathle



Cairns TAFE Community Child Care Centre

Centre Philosophy

The Cairns TAFE Community Child Care Centre has an open door policy encouraging access and participation by all families, specialist and industry professionals and visitors from the wider community. The centre shows a strong commitment to continuous improvement to ensure that best practise is exercised in all areas. This is achieved by a joint partnership with educators who continually update knowledge and learning through professional development and critical reflection, which is the guiding source of our Quality Improvement Plan along with input from families and children.

The parent management committee, educators and staff engage in respectful relationships valuing each other's opinions, knowledge and roles in the centre. These relationships are built on trust, respectful communication and shared decision making. All involved understand the role of the centre not only in regards to the children but to the families, each other and the community.

Indigenous history is rich in the Cairns region and the center aims to promote greater understanding of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing and being, while ensuring that other cultures are equally recognized and incorporated into our programs.

Belonging

Our centre endorses and supports each family's values. We aim for all children, educators and families to have a sense of belonging and we work together to create an environment where everyone feels safe, secure and welcome. Our centre is enriched with families and educators from the wider community and a variety of cultures and we believe all cultures, images, beliefs, ideals and opinions are valuable. The role of parents, carers and guardians as primary caregivers is recognised as vitally important to child development and educator's respect and support caregivers as part of their commitment to a holistic approach to quality child care. The rights and best interest of children are the corner stone of our commitment to quality child care at the centre and this is shown through responsive interactions where children are respected as individuals, encouraged in their efforts and recognised for their unique skills.

Being

To support the children's self confidence and belief in themselves; educators ensure the 'whole' child will have their individual needs met in a calm, harmonious and responsive environment that is free from bias and prejudice. The center's emergent curriculum respects children's freedom of choice and their individual interests. The afternoon free flow program allows the children to freely access both indoor and outdoor play areas enabling them to interact with the varying age groups and other educators. We believe that children are successful, capable and competent learners who develop and enhance skills by playing, investigating, exploring and discovering information about their own ideas and interests. Our commitment to inclusion and equity supports full participation of children with additional needs enabling them to participate in all centre programs to their full ability and without prejudice.

Becoming

Our educators are committed to observing children's play and listening carefully to children to develop projects and creations that emerge directly from the children. We encourage children to develop socially, intellectually and emotionally as well as fueling their imagination and creative instincts. Through our educational play program, sustainable environment and reflective practice we support and guide children on their journey to become who they aspire to be.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year we are putting a new spin on our Christmas event, we are holding an evening Carols by candle light and picnic party.

Families are invited to bring a blanket and can either pay \$10 per family for pizza or they can bring a picnic with them.

**The event will kick off at 6pm
Wednesday 13th December and
will wrap up at 7.30pm with a
visit from Santa**

The children will be performing Christmas carols that they are eagerly learning, and families will be able to purchase flameless candles on the night.

Our Christmas Hamper will also be drawn at the Christmas Party.

So come along with the family and join in the fun.

Sign up sheets for Pizza orders and attendance will be in the office from next week.