



Cairns TAFE Community Child Care Centre

FEBRUARY 2018

OFFICE NEWS

IMPORTANT CHANGES COMING TO CCB

July 2018 will see the introduction of the governments new families package, part of this package will be the new Child Care Subsidy (CCS) that will replace the current CCB and CCR entitlement provided to families.

The biggest change will be around eligibility for hours of approved care and percentages, we suggest all families use the following link to determine if there will be any changes to their Centrelink entitlements for child care when the new system starts on
1st July 2018

<https://www.education.gov.au/sites/education/files/chcare/est/index.html>

The most important step for families to take to prepare for transition to the new system is to ensure they have a 'My Gov' account linked to Centrelink prior to the implementation of the July changes.

Parents will be required to interact with the new 'Child Care Portal' through their 'My Gov' account to approve care, enrolments and registration, so please make sure this is activated prior to July 2nd, 2018.

We will continue to update parents as information becomes available.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The next committee meeting is our AGM in March. The date will be confirmed soon. If you would like to join our committee, please come and see us.

ALL WELCOME TO THE AGM
And child minding is available

REMINDERS FOR FEBRUARY

- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN IN THE CAR
- Call the centre if your child is absent
- Provide labelled spare clothes each day.
- BE SUNSMART!

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The centre will be closed on:
Good Friday 31st March,
Easter Monday 2nd April,
Anzac Day Wednesday 25th April
and
Labour Day Monday 7th May 2018

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 1 school holidays,
Friday 30th March – Monday 16th 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.

FEE PAYMENTS

As a non-for-profit business we rely on child care fees to pay the lovely staff who care for your children and to keep the centre running at the high standard our families have become accustomed too.

Please ensure that you check your account regularly and inform office staff of any changes that may affect your government entitlements or fee payments.

Fees can be paid by EFTPOS, Credit Card or bank deposit.

Fees must be paid regularly.

The centre reserves the right to terminate care and pass overdue accounts onto debit collection agencies should accounts continually remain in arrears.

Michelle

DIRECTOR'S NEWS

*Wow another year begins!!
A big welcome back after the break
and to all our new families and
children that have joined us this year.
I am always available for a chat and
want to help if you have any concerns
or issues that you would like to discuss.
You can give me a call throughout the
day or email me on my private email
ctcccdirectcor@gmail.com
to set up a time to meet.*

SUNSMART CENTRE

As most of you know our centre is a registered 'sun smart' centre, what does this mean you ask? It means that we strictly follow the guidelines set out by the Skin Cancer Council in regards to clothing and sun safety; here's a quick reminder about the do's & don'ts for sun safety at CTCCCC.

DO

- Apply sunscreen each morning on arrival
- Bring a bucket hat
- Wear shirts and dresses with sleeves

DON'T

- Wear caps
- Wear singlet tops or spaghetti strap dresses
- Forget to apply sunscreen
- Forget your bucket hat

For further information on sun smart schools and centres, please visit the cancer council's website.

www.cancerqld.org.au.

Until next month...Barb

EDUCATOR NEWS

It is only two weeks until Miranda goes on maternity leave, we wish her all the best with the birth of her baby.

Miranda will be replaced in the Nursery by Yukari, who is a previous team member that worked at our centre over 3 years ago. We are excited to have Yukari back on our team. Yukari will be working four days a week while she completes her Diploma and Candice will be working in the nursery on a Wednesday.

Unfortunately Kaleisha is leaving us as she is moving to Brisbane at the end of February to be closer to her family. We wish her all the best with the move and for her future in the child care industry!

Nar Maya, who has recently returned from maternity leave, will be working full time in the toddler room with Rohana as of next week the 12th February.

So the room educators as of Monday the 19th February will be

Preschool

Cheryl and Kathleen

Toddlers

Rohana and Nar Maya

Nursery

Kathy and Yukari (Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri) and Candice (Wed)

If you have any questions, please come and see me.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Over the next month we will be reviewing our Quality

Improvement Plan. We are always looking for ways to improve our service and would love feedback from families. If you have any ideas, please email us at ctcccc1@bigpond.net.au Or ctcccdirector@gmail.com

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 Mageirocophobia 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 new centre wide favourite even with our fussy eaters, we recommend you give it a try!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Noodle, corn and bacon loaf

- 1/2 x 440g packet shelf-fresh Singapore noodles
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small brown onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 200g middle bacon rashers, trimmed, chopped
- 1 small zucchini, grated
- 1 cup frozen sweet corn kernels
- 1/2 cup reduced-fat grated tasty cheese
- 1/3 cup self-raising flour
- 5 eggs, lightly beaten



1. Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease a 6cm-deep, 10cm x 21cm (base) loaf pan. Line base and sides with baking paper, allowing paper to extend 2cm above edges of pan. Place noodles in a large heatproof bowl. Cover with boiling water. Stand for 1 minute. Separate noodles with a fork. Drain. Return to bowl. Using scissors, roughly chop noodles.
2. Heat oil in a medium frying pan over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and bacon. Cook, stirring often, for 4 to 5 minutes until bacon is starting to brown. Set aside for 10 minutes to cool.
3. Add bacon mixture, zucchini, corn, cheese, flour and egg to noodles. Season. Mix until well combined. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 50 to 55 minutes or until golden and firm. Cool in pan for 15 minutes.
4. Transfer loaf to a chopping board. Slice. Serve with salad.

Until next month stay cool, Michelle, Candice and Reiji

Nursery Natter

Welcome to another year, it is a very busy time as we are all settling back into our rooms. We have been focusing on building attachments with all the babies in our room, old and new.

We are working on creating a welcoming, fun, caring, stimulating and enjoyable environment and relationships are a key part of this.



We would like to welcome Ella, Iylah, Oliver, Connor, Quentin and Joy and their families to the Nursery

We have been doing activities to encourage the babies fine and gross motor skills and also building on their language development.



Early language and literacy (reading and writing) development begins in the first 3 years of life and is closely linked to a child's earliest experiences with books and stories. The interactions that young children have with such literacy materials as books, paper, and crayons, and with the adults in their lives are the building blocks for language, reading, and writing development.

Room!

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.

Happy Birthday
to Oliver who
turns one on 9th
February

Until next time...Kathy and Miranda

Toddler Torque

It's a new year and we are all back happy and refreshed after a wonderful break. Welcome to our new children and families. From the Nursery we have Campbell, Annabella, Robin and Rico who have joined us and our other new children Rafferty and Sophia and a big welcome back to Rory and Maya who have returned to the centre.

At the moment we are concentrating on settling everyone into their new environment, routines, friends and educators. During this time we have been exploring colours and shapes through art activities, science experiments and through our everyday play.



Drink bottles.

I am noticing that some of the toddlers don't appear to drink a lot of water and in this extremely hot weather water is essential. We offer cups of water and drinks from the bubblers but sometimes, even though we encourage them constantly to drink drink drink, some children aren't drinking enough. If you are concerned that your child isn't drinking enough water, please consider supplying them each day with their own water bottle.



Sun smart clothing.

Just a reminder about our sun smart policy which requires the children not to wear singlets or strappy dresses. Please remember each morning to apply sunscreen and insect repellent on your child. After rest time we assist the children to reapply sunscreen and repellent.

Cheers from Rohana & Kaleisha

Preschool

Hello and welcome to all our new preschoolers and their families! Now that we have said farewell to all the older children that have now begun school we are focusing on settling in the toddlers that are transitioning and moving up into our group as well as the new children to our centre a big welcome to you all.

Our special birthday kids this month are Jessie and Blake B who are both turning 4, Jessie on the 4th and Blake on the 13th.

Dinosaurs

Our room interest is learning all about dinosaurs the children are enjoying playing in our dinosaur dramatic play area which has a dinosaur habitat complete with grass, sand, a lake, vegetation and lots of dinosaurs to use for imaginative play.

We are reading interesting and informative books about dinosaur facts such as their size, their diets, where they lived and taking on the challenge of learning to pronounce their names.

Lookout for the cute dinosaur hats that we are currently making, and the next idea is to construct dinosaur feet and tails and then we can have a dinosaur disco!



Reminders

Hats and spare clothes, please supply a hat no caps please and sun smart spare clothes each day, the kids all have individual lockers so there is plenty of room to store their hat overnight to be there ready for the next morning. We often have messy or water play, therefore we require a few sets of clothes including underwear each day. We only have a limited supply of spare clothes so if your child does borrow our spare clothes please return them promptly.

Have you noticed on the signing in sheets the sleep and comments columns? The sleep column is ticked if your child has had a sleep and the comments column is used if we want to give you a message or vice versa.

Queries

If you have any questions, ideas or anything concerning your child you would like to talk with myself or Kathleen about please feel free at any time to approach us.

Have a great month from Cheryl and Kathleen 😊