



Cairns TAFE Community Child Care Centre

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OFFICE NEWS

FEE INCREASE

We have spent a great deal of time reviewing the budget in an effort to reduce costs further without compromising the quality care provided to your children. However, as you are aware the Centre is a not for profit organisation with child care fees our only source of income and our operational goal is not to make profit for owners and investors. Our goal is to provide the best and most affordable care we can on a daily basis for your children.

Unfortunately, the administrative and legislative changes introduced through the implementation of the CCS have placed a heavy burden on an already tight budget and further research and consultation showed that our fees are well below other centres in the area.

We will be increasing our fees by \$5 per day across all rooms from Monday 5th November 2018.

Please do not despair, but rather use the calculator provided at www.childcaresubsidycalculator.com.au/ to calculate how much your gap will increase with the fee increase, most of you will find very little change to your out of pocket expenses.

XMAS RAFFLE

We are putting the feelers out now and asking our wonderful families to canvas donations for our Xmas raffle, the raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Party and tickets will go on sale during November, the more prizes we can get the more tickets we can sell, hampers will be placed in the foyer for perishable items etc at the start of November and proceeds from the raffle will be put towards new resources for the rooms.

Cheers

Michelle

REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- DON'T FORGET TO SUPPLY YOUR CHILD WITH A WET BAG
- CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR FEE REMINDERS EACH FORTNIGHT
- CALL THE CENTRE IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT
- LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
- HALLOWEEN DRESS UP WEEK
29/10 - 02/11

Our next committee meeting will be held on Thursday 25th October 2018 @ 6pm

Attending meetings reduces your levy and gives you the opportunity to have your say in the operation of our centre.

Please let Barb or Michelle know if you're attending and require child minding.

Halloween Dress Up Week

29th October to 2nd November

The centre is having its annual Halloween celebrations which include a full week of Halloween activities, children are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite Halloween or other costume for the entire week, during the week child will participate in traditional trick and treating inside the centre and craft activities.

So make sure you're dressed up for all the fun.



DIRECTOR'S NEWS

WORKING BEE

Although we had a small turn out the families and staff who did attend did a marvellous job. We would like to give a huge thanks to everyone, this working bee saved us a lot of money that can now be directed elsewhere.

We would like to offer a special thanks to Michelle's Partner Rob and Dad Mick who bought along lots of tools, cleared the front gardens and did some much needed tip runs with Dexter's Dad Rob who has been a godsend with all the help he has provided. A big pat on the back to all the centre looks lovely!!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

HALLOWEEN DRESS UP WEEK

29TH October to 2nd November

Lots of fun halloween activities for the whole week

- Our children's Xmas Party and Christmas Carols will be held on Thursday 13th December 2018, further details TBA.
- Our Xmas closure this year will be from 22/12/18 to 06/01/2019.

STAFF NEWS

Rohana will be leaving us to take maternity leave on the 23rd October 2018, Cheryl will be replacing her during her leave, we wish Rohana and her partner the best of luck and look forward to meeting their little bub.

Candice will also be leaving us to take maternity leave on the 16th November 2018, Candice will be replaced by regular relief staff, we wish Candice and her partner the best of luck and look forward to meeting their little bub also.

QUEENSLAND KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

CTCCCC is happy to be announcing the employment of a teacher to run our Queensland Kindergarten Program and would like to take this opportunity to welcome Sarah Burgess to our centre family.

As we are still waiting on program approval (*fingers crossed we hear back soon*) further details about the program e.g. session times etc, will be provided once approval has been confirmed.

Once we have received approval all children enrolled in the kinder program will be eligible for a SEIFA subsidy of \$416.25 per year, per kinder child, this subsidy will be passed on to families via a weekly fee reduction of \$10.40 per week.

ATSI families and families who receive government payments and hold a Health Care, Pension Concession with automatic Health Care or Veterans Affairs' Gold or White Card may also be eligible for the QKFS Plus subsidy to further assist with the cost of the Kinder program, these families will also be automatically eligible for 36hrs of approved care per fortnight this includes a foster carer, of an eligible kindy-aged child and is also available to families with multiple births of 3 or more kindy-aged children, this subsidy will be passed on via a weekly fee reduction reducing out of pocket expenses for these families to approximately \$5 per day depending on the families CCS percentage.

Once Sarah has settled into the Preschool room and our approval has been confirmed, parents will receive direct correspondence about the kinder program outlining fees, expectations and any further requirements, until then we look forward to Sarah settling in and building relationships with our children and their families. Please introduce yourself to Sarah and make her feel part of our family!

Until next month.....Barb

SPRING IS HERE



Our summer menus began on the 17th September so you may see some changes over the coming weeks as we tweak our menus and recipes as they are made for the first time and we gauge the reaction from our children, so far the children have enjoyed the new menu items although we do need to make some changes to quantities due to some new favourites.

If you have any warm weather recipes you would like to share please feel free to email them or drop a copy off in the kitchen.

As the weather heats up and we head into the end of the year we encourage the children to use the water bubblers outside the toddler and preschool rooms during outdoor play times, this practice is also very helpful for our little ones who will be leaving us for school next year as they need to become familiar with accessing drinking water this way during the school day.

Easy Tuna Mornay

Ingredients

- 50g butter, chopped
- 1 onion, peeled and chopped
- 1/3 cup plain flour
- 1 litre full cream milk
- 1 chicken stock cube
- 1 tbs Dijon mustard
- 2 x 425g cans tuna in spring water, drained
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped fresh continental parsley
- 250g tasty cheese block, coarsely grated
- 3/4 cup Panko breadcrumbs



Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C fan-forced. Melt butter in a large saucepan, add onion. Cook stirring until soft. Add flour; cook stirring until combined with butter.
2. Gradually whisk in milk, a little at a time this will take about 5-7 minutes. Crumble in stock cube and add mustard, whisk until sauce comes to the boil. Reduce heat to a simmer. Simmer for 5 minutes, whisking constantly until thickened. Remove from heat; add tuna, stirring to break up with a spoon, half the parsley and half the cheese.
3. Pour into a 6 cup capacity oven-proof dish. Combine breadcrumbs with remaining parsley & cheese in a small bowl and scatter over sauce. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden.

Tips:

1. swap out the tuna chunks for red salmon
2. swap plain flour and panko crumbs for gluten free plain flour and free from gluten breadcrumbs

Until next month stay healthy, Michelle and Reiji

Nursery Natter

The babies have been showing a lot of interest in Turtles, whales and other sea creatures. We have been watching and listening to whale noises on the computer, and also watching jelly fish swim.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Hudson is turning 2 on
the 12/10/18
Archer is turning 1 on
the 25/10/18
Lily is turning 2 on the
26/10/18

We have been doing stamping with whale and turtle stamps which was great to encourage the babies language by naming the sea creature on the stamp they were using. We extended on this by using the sea creature stamps with play dough.



We have introduced a new book at group time, 'We're going on a Croc hunt' This story is based on 'We're going on a Bear hunt', but in this book, it is about Australian animals going on a Crocodile Hunt instead of a Bear. To extend the story to enhance the children's development in language and imagination skills, Yukari set up an activity of sensory props for the babies to experience the world of the book. They compared the actual feelings of the sounds in the book, Splish, splash, hot, crunchy and scurry.



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 Yukari if you have any questions
Bye until next time Kathy and Yukari

Toddler Torque



This month we will still have our transport as an interest but we will also be looking back at our sensory activities to encourage further fine motor skills, investigating, problem solving and thinking. Toddlers are having so much fun through their sensory play but they are also learning so many new skills and thinking.



October! As most of you are aware I will be going on maternity leave this month and this will be my last newsletter for a little while! I would like to thank all the parents for being so easy to get along with and making my job easier! Thank You!



Happy Birthday to Rico, Sophie and Thayden who will be turning 3 this month!



Cheers from Rohana & Nar Maya

Preschool

- The preschool has some exciting news, we have applied to implement the kindergarten program and have appointed an early childhood teacher Sarah. Sarah will be replacing me in the room, Kathleen will remain as the assistant educator and Angie will continue as the Inclusion support educator. I will be taking a holiday and will be looking forward to returning to replace Rohana in the toddler room when she begins maternity leave.
- I would like to say a big thank you to all the pre-school staff, kids and parents for your support whilst I was Lead educator of the pre-school it has been an enjoyable and challenging experience!

Ditto's fun safe adventure show was delivered to the pre-schoolers on Tuesday the 2/10/18

This fun and interactive personal safety program is delivered by experienced facilitators to child care and lower primary school students. The show effectively teaches personal safety strategies and skills to stay safe in a range of situations from sexual assault to bullying.

Themes covered in the show include;

- Yes and No Feelings
- Warning Signs
- Scared and Yucky Feelings
- Private Parts and Privacy
- It's OK to say NO if you don't feel safe
- What to do if you feel unsafe or unsure

Our pre-schoolers listened and interacted beautifully during the presentation and most importantly they learnt important strategies from the show.

Cheers

From Cheryl, Kathleen and Angie

Happy birthday to Felix who was 5 on the 1st, Preston will be 5 on the 11th and Dexter will be 4 on the 12th of October. Enjoy your birthdays boys

Reminders

Please remember to supply a wet bag for your child's clothes and plenty of spare named clothes and underwear especially now that the weather is getting warmer and we shall have water play activities.

Please check the comments section on the sign in sheets each day to see if there is any clothes for you to collect or a message for you

