



Cairns TAFE Community Child Care Centre

AUGUST 2019

OFFICE NEWS

REDUCED SESSION TIMES

To ensure we are meeting the needs of all of our families the centre has decided to offer a 9hr daily session, the centre currently operates for 10.5hrs per day, the new 9hr session will be charged at the same rate as a full day but attendance will be strictly 8am to 5pm with a late fee applying for children in attendance longer than the 9 booked hours.

Part Day Late Fee (9hr Session)

The centre has a 10 minute allowance either side of drop off and pick up times e.g. 7.50am – 5.10pm. A late fee of \$35 for any part of the first 10 minutes after these allowed times is payable then \$5.00 per minute thereafter.

Child Care Subsidy

Families need to be aware that Child Care subsidy will not apply to hours outside of the appointed session times and parents will be charged at the full rate for any time over the allowed session.

The reduced sessions are aimed at assisting those families with the lower approved hours to be able to attend more days without paying full fee.

The new session times are available from Monday 19th August 2019. Requests to change to the optional 9hr days are available from the front desk and require the usual two weeks' notice.

If you have any questions about the new 9hr session please see our office staff.

REMINDERS FOR AUGUST

- CALL THE CENTRE IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT
- LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
- CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR YOUR FEE REMINDERS
- NEXT MARKET DAY 27th AUGUST, SEND ALONG A PLATE.

WE NEED YOU!!

As a non for profit fundraising is an important part of our annual budget, fundraising often allows us to get items that we would not be able to afford otherwise.

This year we are planning ahead for our annual Xmas Raffle, we would love to have a Monster Xmas Raffle and are asking families if they can start canvassing donations, our last monster raffle included travel, adventure and accommodation prizes which boosted ticket sales, we have Centre letterheads that are available if you need them, just see one of our office staff.

Money from our raffle will be put towards new dress ups and imaginative play resources.

Parent Committee Meeting

Our next Parent Committee Meeting will be held
TBA

All parents and guardians welcome

Child minding will be provided, please email us in advance if you will be requiring car on the night.

Check out our back page for
local events etc happening in
the region

Cheers
Michelle

DIRECTOR'S NEWS

KINDY 2020

For our current families the 2020 Kinder Program and subsidies are available to children who are turning 4 before 1st July 2020. We are asking current families who's children will be eligible for the Kinder program in 2020 to confirm whether their child will be continuing at the centre and attending the CTCCCC Kinder Program in 2020 or attending somewhere else. This will help us by providing approximate numbers and availability so we can start to provide Kindergarten confirmation to new families wishing to access CTCCCC's 2020 Government Funded Kinder program.

National Quality Standards

We have recently subscribed to Centre Support which is a company that provides products and services to centres that assist educators, parents and the community to establish a meaningful connection with the National Quality Framework and exchange information amongst each other to promote best practice.

Through the use of Centre Support we hope to extend the educators knowledge of the National Quality Standards, share more information with our families and develop the confidence educators need to be prepared for Assessment and Rating when it occurs.

To share more information with families we will be using the newsletter, but also the Educa dashboard and Educa's policies page so please keep logging on and reading our messages.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SELF-ASSESSMENT PROCESS

We have all been very busy over the last few months self-assessing ourselves personally, and the centre under the 40 elements of the National Quality Standards. The educators have been assessing their strengths in each area and we have been setting goals for quality improvement across the centre.

This has been a very positive experience for the educators as they have been showing the amazing things they have been doing with the children and within their programs.

We would really like to involve the families in the self-assessment process. We do document conversations with families; save families comments on Educa, we save emails to demonstrate feedback from families and we use information from our committee meetings. But we would like more.

If you would like to have some input in our self-assessment, please email us or stop and have a chat with myself or an educator. We would love to hear about what we are doing right and any areas you think we could improve in. Remember our centre is here to support you, your children and the community, so what you have to say is very important to us!



**Cheers
BARB**

STAFFING

We welcome Leone to the team; she will be working in the kitchen casually. She is already doing an amazing job!

Zipporah is back this week and Kathleen is having a few days off from Thurs 8th, returning on Thurs 15th Aug. Angie will be replacing her in the Kindy room.

KITCHEN CAPERS

FOODIES WORLD TOUR

Wow what amazing foods we've had to taste over the past 3 market days, a huge thank you to all our families who have participated. As we are sharing food from home, we would like to take this opportunity to remind our families to ensure that they are food safe, here are some helpful tips for home:

Cooking and cooling food

Cooking food properly and to the right temperature reduces the risk of food poisoning. Always cook meats all the way through, until the juices run clear. Make sure there is no pink left in mince or sausages. Keep food steaming hot until you serve it.

When you reheat leftover foods, make sure all parts are steaming hot. Don't reheat food more than once.

Cool leftovers quickly. Cover them and put them in the fridge or freezer. Eat refrigerated leftovers in 1 to 2 days.

Food storage

You should store food that has to be kept cold at or below 5°C to prevent the growth of bacteria that cause food poisoning. You should store frozen food at -15°C or colder.

The 'temperature danger zone' for food safety is between 5°C and 60°C. Bacteria can't grow easily at temperatures outside of this zone. Food doesn't immediately become unsafe when it's in the danger zone. It should be okay for up to 4 hours.

When food is brought into the centre to share, we strictly follow our Food Safety Program ensuring foods that need refrigerating are at the correct temperature and all hot food is reheated to above 75 degrees before serving.

Next Market Day Monday will take place on Tuesday 27th August

[Follow our Facebook page for Market Day updates and recipe ideas](#)

JACKFRUIT MUFFINS

Jackfruit Muffins are a Cambodian food recipe that uses chopped jackfruit and coconut milk.

Ingredients

2 eggs	1/4 ¼ tsp baking soda
1/2 cup light brown sugar	1/4 ¼ tsp salt
1/2 cup coconut milk	1/4 ¼ tsp vanilla
1 cup flour	1/2 ½ cup jackfruit, chopped
1 tsp baking powder	

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 180C.
2. Grease muffin pan with cooking oil or spray or use muffin paper cups.
3. In a blender or food processor, mix all ingredients, except fruit, until smooth. Stir in the fruit.
4. Pour batter into the muffin pan, filling the cups about two-thirds full.
5. Bake for 15 or 20 minutes, or until muffins are done.
6. Let muffins cool in the pan for 10 minutes before removing.



Until next month stay healthy, Michelle, Barb and Reiji

Nursery Natter

Hi, Here we are again, how fast is this year going?!



Group time has become such an engaging time spent with the babies, encouraging talking about the pictures and repeating familiar words and phrases. Group Time is an important part of our daily routine, as we all get to sit together which enables the babies to participate and feel a sense of belonging within the group.

Birthdays for August:
Kyron will be turning
one, Ember and
Aurora will be turning
two! Happy Birthday



The babies are always wanting to do things for themselves, developing their independence. We have started teaching the babies how to correctly apply their own sunscreen. They are such enthusiastic learners sitting so quietly watching as we demonstrate how to apply the sunscreen.

We are now including this into our daily routines.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Yasmin and Alicia for all their support and help while Yukari was on holidays.

Some of our activities can sometimes become very messy (Painting, Water play, gardening) so 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 and please include a wet bag for soiled clothes.

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

Until next time...Kathy and Yukari

Toddler Torque

Hi it's already August wow time flies, the toddlers have been engrossed in learning about sea creatures and their own country Australia. Here they are painting a huge shark, when it is finished it will be used for a game to feed fish into its mouth.



The centre celebrated NAIDOC week with many relevant cultural experiences for the children.



New faces

We are happy to welcome Ember and Aurora to the toddler room the girls have been transitioning from the baby room with us and happily settling in to their new room. A big welcome also to Roshun and his family Roshun enjoyed his first day with us last week .

Reminders

Please check each day for wet clothing located in buckets in the bathroom and please supply at least 5 nappies daily.

Zoo to You visited with marine creatures which was perfect timing the toddlers already had some knowledge of the sea animals from our studies and they then got to see and touch the real thing!



The toddlers will continue to learn more about our wonderful country.

Cheers until next month, Cheryl

Kindergarten

Hello again!

A big welcome to Christine as she joins our Kindy group this month.

Also, a BIG BIG welcome to Lilliana and Ivy as they move up from the Toddler room to the big Kindy room. The girls have settled well and are already really enjoying their time with us. We are looking forward to learning with you girls!

We were very lucky to have another visit from Zoo to You this month. Andre brought in some marine creatures for us to learn about.

We learnt about starfish, sea cucumbers, turtles, reef sharks, crocodiles and even some croc safety.



The week of the 19- 23 August is Book Week.

We will also be celebrating this special week with an excursion to the TAFE library on Monday 19th August.

During the week we will also participate in some planned book activities. Then we will

finish off the week with a dress up day. So come as your favourite

Reminders

- Please remember to pack a wet bag for wet/dirty clothes!!... and don't forget to pick them up at the end of the day 😊
- If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to make a time or come and have a chat with us anytime!

Next week is National Science Week and we will be celebrating this in Kindy with a variety of activities and experiments. Lilliana's Mum.... Is going to come in for a visit and do some cool science experiments with us. There will also be some other activities for us to participate in

Until next month...Sarah, Kathleen and A

Happy Birthday this month to Lily C, Acacia, Shamajah, Ivy and Liliana

COMMUNITY NOTICE

FREE GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL

Green waste from the garden can be taken to Council's Transfer Stations year round (fees apply). In addition, Council offers two free disposal periods for domestic green waste each year; one prior to the start of the annual cyclone season and one near the end of the wet season.

Dates and locations are advertised on our website, Facebook, My Cairns app, and in "Council In Action" in The Cairns Post and prior to each free disposal period.

EVENTS, NEWS & REMINDERS STRAIGHT TO YOUR DEVICE



MY CAIRNS DOWNLOAD IT FREE

Keep up to date with NAIDOC week celebrations and other Council Sponsored events with the free MY CAIRNS App available on Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Sunday on Shields 'Zoo comes to Town'

SUN 25 AUG 2019

Time: 11:00am - 8:00pm

Location: Shields Street

Cost: FREE

Join the excitement of Sunday on Shields and meet local wildlife and learn about a bug's life. Plus market stalls, live music, Zumba and free kids entertainment.

11am-3pm: Face painters and glitter artists

12pm-3pm: Zoo to You interactive wildlife experience

4pm-5pm: Zumba in the City

5pm-8pm: Live entertainment on Nemo the Kombi

PLUS more acts and surprises

Cairns Festival is the biggest event on the Cairns calendar, proudly brought to you by Cairns Regional Council. Join us in a celebration of art, culture and the beauty of tropical living in Cairns.

The 2019 Cairns Festival program is jam-packed with free, family-friendly events including:

Grand Parade and fireworks on 24 August

Sunday Funday - music and activities on the Cairns Esplanade

City Lights - large scale projections transform the Cairns City Library each night

Suburban Satellites - unique, free, participatory, multi arts events at venues in the suburbs

There are also many ticketed events during Cairns Festival

Book Week

This year we will be celebrating book week with a special dress up day on Friday 23rd August.

Come dressed as your favourite book character.

The kindy group will also be going on an excursion to the TAFE library for story time with the Early childhood students on Monday 19th August at 10am.

(permission slips will be placed in your pockets soon)

