



Family Newsletter

Family Day Care Cairns

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Hello everyone,

MUSIC PROGRAM

We are now running fortnightly music sessions for children. Music provides wonderful learning opportunities for children and builds valuable social, physical, cognitive and psychological skills. We would like to see all children in the service participating in this program. The next music session is on Thursday 5 March with two classes at 10am and 10.30am. If you would like your child to participate, please speak with your Educator. If your child does not attend FDC on Thursdays, we would welcome you to attend with your child. Classes are held at our office at a cost of \$5 per child. Please let us know if you can attend.

EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Educators have undergone training this month on Reflective Practice focusing on everyday situations and issues that arise within early childhood settings, analyzing different aspects of experiences and considering new ways to develop and extend children's learning and build upon their knowledge and skills. Reflective practice enables Educators to think about their own professional practice, it assists us to recognize good practice as well as change and improve. It involves observing, listening, thinking deeply and making meaning of observations and using that information to inform practice.

SUNSMART CLOTHING

There are a number of children who are still attending care in singlet tops and clothing that is not sunsafe. Family Day Care Cairns is a recognized SunSafe care provider. Please ensure your children attend care in sunsafe clothing. Educators will not be able to accept any children into care who are not wearing sunsafe clothing.

Photos from our first
musical session
February 2020



CURRENT VACANCIES:

Before and after school care

Mooroobool _Monday & Tuesday

Edmonton—Monday—Friday

Woree _ Thursday & Friday

Smithfield—Thursday & Friday

Edge Hill—Mon, Thurs & Fri

Kanimbla—Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat

White Rock—Mon-Fri

Townsville—Mon—Saturday

Redlynch Valley—Mon—Thursday

Brinsmead: Mon—Fri

MARCH EVENTS & PLAY SESSION

Wednesday 4 March Kewarra Beach Intergenerational (10.30am start)

Thursday 5 March - Music at FDC Cairns, 108 Collins Ave 10 & 10.30 classes

Wednesday 11 Mar—Tableland Playsession—Water Conservation

Wednesday 18 March Cairns Playsession—Water Presentation—9.30am start

Wednesday 18 March—Mareeba Intergenerational—Mareeba Gdns Settlement

Thursday 19 March—Music at FDC Cairns, 108 Collins ave 10 & 10.30 classes

For the Cairns families, you are most welcome to join us for the Playsession on 18 March and music classes on 5 March and 19 March. Please RSVP to childcare@familydaycarecairns.com.au

INSTALLATION OF FAMILY PICTURE GALLERY AT FDC CAIRNS

We are installing a family picture gallery in our Play Session room. If you have not already sent us a photo of your family would you please do so? The children enjoyed this immensely last year and it was wonderful for them to share stories about their families, to see the similarities and differences, providing rich learning opportunities.

Email photos to: childcare@familydaycarecairns.com.au

KEWARRA INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM AT KEWARRA BEACH AGED CARE



Our first Intergenerational Practices at Kewarra Beach Aged Care this month and it was OUTSTANDING. The children settled into the environment very quickly and the residents thoroughly enjoyed the morning. We finished with parachute activities and music and it was wonderful to see so many of the residents wanting to participate. We are looking forward to our next visit on Wednesday 4 March. If you would like to join us, please email the office, session commences 10.30.

UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have changed your address or phone number or your emergency contacts have changed their address or phone number please let us know by emailing the office. It is important that we have up to date contact information.

HOLIDAYS

If you are going away for holidays or over Easter, please let your Educator know..

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Would you like to share your culture with other children and your Educator?

Living in Far North Queensland we are very lucky to be surrounded by many cultures, backgrounds and heritages. If you would like to share your culture with your Educator or even at one of our play sessions, please let us know. We are always looking for ways to encourage inclusive practices and show an appreciation for diversity.

HARMONY WEB SIGNING IN

Have you forgotten your PIN number to sign your child into care? Are you experiencing difficulties signing your child in? Please call the office for assistance.

FEEDBACK

Do you have any feedback you would like to share with us? What are we doing well or how can we improve on our service? Please feel free to email Genny on

genny@familydaycare Cairns.com.au

NOVEL CORONA VIRUS

The Australian Government announced that existing travel restrictions for people travelling to Australia from main land China will be extended for a further week to 29 February 2020.

Children cannot attend childcare if they have:

- Left or transited through mainland China in the last 14 days (they must isolate themselves for 14 days from leaving mainland China)
- Been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus in the last 14 days (they must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case).

HOW CAN WE HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS?

Practice good hand hygiene and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence against most viruses:

- wash hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating and after going to the toilet
- Cover coughs and sneezes, dispose of tissues and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- If unwell, avoid contact with others (touching, kissing, hugging and other intimate contact)

For further information contact the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080



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