

Cairns Early Childhood Centre

Parent and Carer Newsletter

May 2024



Welcome to our May newsletter; we have been enjoying some lovely sunshine and spending more time outdoors in the garden. The children have been exploring their natural environment: finding insects, making potions using leaves and mud, and developing their gross motor skills through lots of climbing, cycling, running and jumping. We've been very busy indeed!

What did we do in May?

We held our Parent/Carer progress meetings. These were well attended and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet with your child's keyworker to discuss your child's progress. If you didn't get the chance to speak with your child's keyworker, please let us know if this is something you'd like and we can get something arranged.

We hosted our Outdoor Stay and Play sessions. Again these were well attended and it was great to see so many of the children enjoying being outside with their grown-ups. The Ocean room went all out with the parachute and water balloons whilst the Jungle room got competitive with a beat-the-goalie station.

Thank you to everyone who added a post-it to our improvement priorities mind-map. The key themes coming through were around outdoor play, stay and plays with more structured activities and supporting the children to build their confidence and friendships.

Parent/Carer Committee meeting

This will be held in the Family room on Wednesday 29th May at 9:15am for approx. 1 hour. Gillian Kelly will be sharing information on our work towards Rights Respecting Bronze Award, and is looking for some grown-ups to get involved in a steering group. We are also looking for your input on events for next academic session including fund raising ideas and stay and play days.

Graduation Group Photo – Wednesday 29th May at 9:30am

We will be taking a "Class of 2024" photo to give to our preschool children as a leaving gift. This was inspired by us finding lots of old photographs from Cairns through the years...some go as far back as the 1980s! The children will receive the photo in a frame alongside their graduation certificate on Graduation Day. If any of our preschool children don't attend a Wednesday morning and want to be in the Class of 2024 photo, please come in for 9:25am. Parents/carers will have to stay with their child and then take them home once we've taken the photo.

Key dates for 2024

We understand how useful it can be to have a note of any key dates for special events in the ECC to allow you to be able to attend.

June

5th – World Environment Day

6th – Mini classroom graduation at Hillhead Primary – **transition event 2pm – 2:45pm – parents/carers to take their child**

13th – Lunch visit at Hillhead Primary – **transition event 11:30am – 12:15pm – parents/carers to take their child**

18th – Buddy’s Sports Day at Hillhead Primary – **transition event 2pm – 2:45pm – parents/carers to take their child**

19th – Preschool graduation

21st – 2-3 and 3-5 end of term party – Cairns Fest!!

26th – 0-2 end of term party – Jiggly Wrigglers!!

28th – Last day of term for our term-time children – please note, the children do not finish early that day, their session time runs as normal

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**Cairns Bairns (0-2 children)
Every Wed 9:15am – 11:15am
Bookbug on first Wednesday of each
month (0-3)**

**Bookbug sessions (3-5)
Weekly on Tuesday @ 2pm**

**We always appreciate donations of:
Baby wipes
Tissues
Kitchen roll
Socks, pants and trousers**

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