



Cairns Early Childhood Centre

Parent and Carer Newsletter

June 2025 – End of Term



We can't believe it is almost the end of term, and time to say goodbye to some of our friends. Please note, we will close at our normal times therefore you do not need to collect your child when the school closes on Friday. Let's see what we've been up to this month...

Graduation

We had such a lovely Graduation Day for our children who are leaving us this year. Thank you to all the family members who came along to join us in celebrating your children's time in the ECC. A huge thank you to Jodi, one of our parents, for making the beautiful balloon arch too, and well done to Taylor and the Jungle Room staff for organising such a special Graduation.

Cairns-fest

We had a great time celebrating the end of term with our summer parties! Cairns-fest was big success; the children had a great time, and we also had lots of fun getting our nails painted, our hair done and having tattoo art. Thank you so much to Wayne's Ices for visiting the ECC for the children to have an ice cream treat.

Jiggly-Wrigglers

Our children in the Farm and the Ocean were treated to a Jiggly Wrigglers session. Chloe from Jiggly Wrigglers did a fantastic job at both parties, and it was brilliant to see how much fun the children had.

Room changes

From August 2025, our playrooms will be staffed as follows:

The Farm

Bobbi – The Lambs

Courtney – The Chicks

ELCP to be appointed – The Piglets

The Ocean

Caitlyn Mc – Otters

Sharlene – Dolphins

Catherine – Seals

Emma – Fish

ELCP to be appointed - Turtles

The Jungle

Lauren B – Zebras

John – Pandas

Gillian O – Meerkats

Louise – Monkeys

Donna – Leopards

Nicola / ELCP to be appointed – Tigers

Carrie – Crocodiles

Margo – Giraffes

ELCPs to be appointed to – Rhinos, Lions and Hippos

We held interviews for most of the vacancies on Monday and Tuesday of this week, and we are hopeful to share the new Practitioners joining the team shortly.

Good-bye and good luck

Sharelle, keyworker to the Lions, is moving to Riccarton ECC in August. We wish you all the best in your new Centre. We are also saying thank you and good luck to our supply staff: Marlene, Lindsey S and Lucie. You have been a great addition and support to Team Cairns.

Lastly, we say good-bye to Robert, our janitor, who is retiring. Robert is one of the most amazing people you could ever meet. No job is ever a trouble for Robert, for which there can be many jobs in an Early Childhood Centre! The children absolutely adore him, and there are many staff who know Robert from their time in secondary school. Robert truly is a one-of-a-kind gentleman, who will be sorely missed by us all. We wish you a happy, healthy retirement Robert.

Congratulations

Both Regan and Lauren have welcomed their babies into the world in the last few weeks. Regan and her husband, Jason, welcomed Enzo at the end of May, and Lauren and her partner, Ross, welcomed Harrison just last week. Congratulations to you both; enjoy every minute of these precious moments of newborn bliss.

Drop-off and Collection times – August 2025

From our return in August, we will be introducing the following:

You can continue to drop-off between 8:40am and 9am. We ask, as much as possible, to be on time to the ECC as we will go over the daily routine and expectations for the day, and it really helps children to be able to have the opportunity to feel prepared for their day.

We are introducing set times for our reception doors opening for collection, and this is to ensure we can prepare children for collection and ensure we have all relevant information to hand, for example, first aid forms, medication, or just what your child had for lunch. It will also help children feel more settled, and keep engagement levels in learning, as this can be disrupted if the doors open and close frequently, particularly in the afternoon.

The door will open at 12:45pm for anyone who wants to collect after lunch. It will close again at 12:55pm and will not be opened again until 2:15pm. This is for anyone who wishes to collect children before heading to another Centre, setting or school. It would be helpful to let us know if this is likely to be suitable for you and your child. The doors will close at 2:25pm, and not reopen until 2:40pm. You can collect your child between 2:40pm and 3pm, however we would kindly ask for all children to be picked up by 3pm. From August, our staff will have a late night for paperwork, but this means they will be finishing at 3:15pm on a Friday.

We also appreciate there may be times where you need to collect your child for an appointment etc. which falls out with the above times. Please let us know in advance so we can arrange to have your child ready for you. Please note, there are no changes to times for our children who attend the Farm Room or for our morning session children in the Ocean Room. As a reminder these are 9am – 11:30am / 12:30pm – 3pm. Good time-keeping is appreciated.

In the Jungle Room, we will now be gathering in our keyworker groups at collection time and would kindly ask parents/carers to come into the room to collect your child from their keyworker. You can still come into the playroom in the morning if you wish.

Thank you!

Firstly, we would like to thank all our families for the very kind and thoughtful gifts we have received. Although these are not necessary, these are very much appreciated.

We would also like to thank you for your continued support of the ECC, with all the kind donations of wipes, kitchen roll and clothes, as well as your time and participation in different events we have held over the year, or the questionnaires we have sent out to help us on our improvement journey.

We would like to thank our children; in helping you grow, you have helped us grow, both as individuals and as a Team. We wouldn't be Team Cairns without you all and it has been amazing to see each one of you make progress this year. For our children moving on to primary school, continue to shine like the stars that you are. We might not have you in our Centre as long as your primary school will, but we remember each and every child that comes through our doors and takes a special place in our hearts. For our returning children, we look forward to seeing you back in the ECC from Wednesday 20th August onwards.

Lastly, I'm sure you will all join me in thanking our amazing staff in the ECC: Support Assistants, Practitioners, Leadership Team, Clerical staff, Domestic staff, Catering assistants, Community Practitioners, and Robert, our Janitor. They continue to work hard to make Cairns ECC the best place for our children to come to and it is very much appreciated. I wish you all a very

restful summer break; spend this time doing the things you enjoy, with the people (and pets) you love.

TEAM CAIRNS 😊

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Cairns Bairns
Every Wed 9:15am – 10:45am
Bookbug on first Wednesday of each month

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



Bookbug sessions
Last Thursday of the month from 1:45pm
(The Jungle)
Last Monday of the month from 9:30am
(The Ocean)

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