

CARER CONNECT NEWSLETTER



**OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
ALTHEA PROJECTS FOSTER AND
KINSHIP PROGRAM JULY -
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

**IF YOUR DREAMS DON'T SCARE YOU,
THEY ARE TOO SMALL!**

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CEO UPDATE

The Althea Projects Foster and Kinship Program team have done a wonderful job settling in to our new office space, while continuing to deliver our support services. My thanks to the team for all their efforts.

Carer Support Groups

We are pleased to offer our Carer Support Groups. Townsville groups are fortnightly on Thursdays at our office in Fleming Street. During the school holidays we usually find an alternative space. Bev or Anne-Marie will be in touch with the details; Charters Towers groups are monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month. Emily will be in touch with dates and locations and the Burdekin group is monthly. Lena will be in touch with more details for the next group. Please do not hesitate to pass on feedback on how we can enhance these carer support groups.

Farewells

As you are aware, we have had a few staff changes throughout the past quarter. Judy Williams our manager finished up in July. Judy had been with the program since February 2019. Janine McFarlane finished up in August and had been with us since March last year. Justin Pascoe resigned in August. Justin had been a long serving employee, starting in July 2014. It is always sad farewelling our colleagues and we wish Judy, Justin and Janine all the very best in all that they do. I recognise changes to our staffing also has an impact on your experience with our service. I want to reassure everyone that I am 100% committed to Althea Projects continuing to deliver quality supports to carers and I believe carer experiences will remain at a high standard.

Welcomes

I am happy to let you know that Joshua Burke who had been one of our Family Case Workers re-commenced with us in early September. I am also pleased to welcome to Althea Projects, Louise Skennerton, who will commence in the manager role on 20th September 2021. Louise will pass on a few details on her past experiences in the next Carer Connect newsletter.

Fleming Street Open Day

To celebrate our new office space, we will have an Open Day from 3pm to 6.00pm on Thursday 14th October 2021. This will be a great opportunity for those who haven't had a chance to visit us to pop in. We will showcase the office, have kids activities and offer drinks and nibbles. Stay tuned for further details.

Finally, I want to thank you for opening your hearts and homes to care for children and for the trust you place in Althea Projects to support you in this.

Paula La Rosa
CEO
Althea Projects Inc.

LEARNING LANGUAGE

Althea Projects Foster and Kinship Program is going to make it a standing page in the Carer Connect Newsletter to have an Indigenous Australian word and/or words and definition, as well as which tribe it originates from.

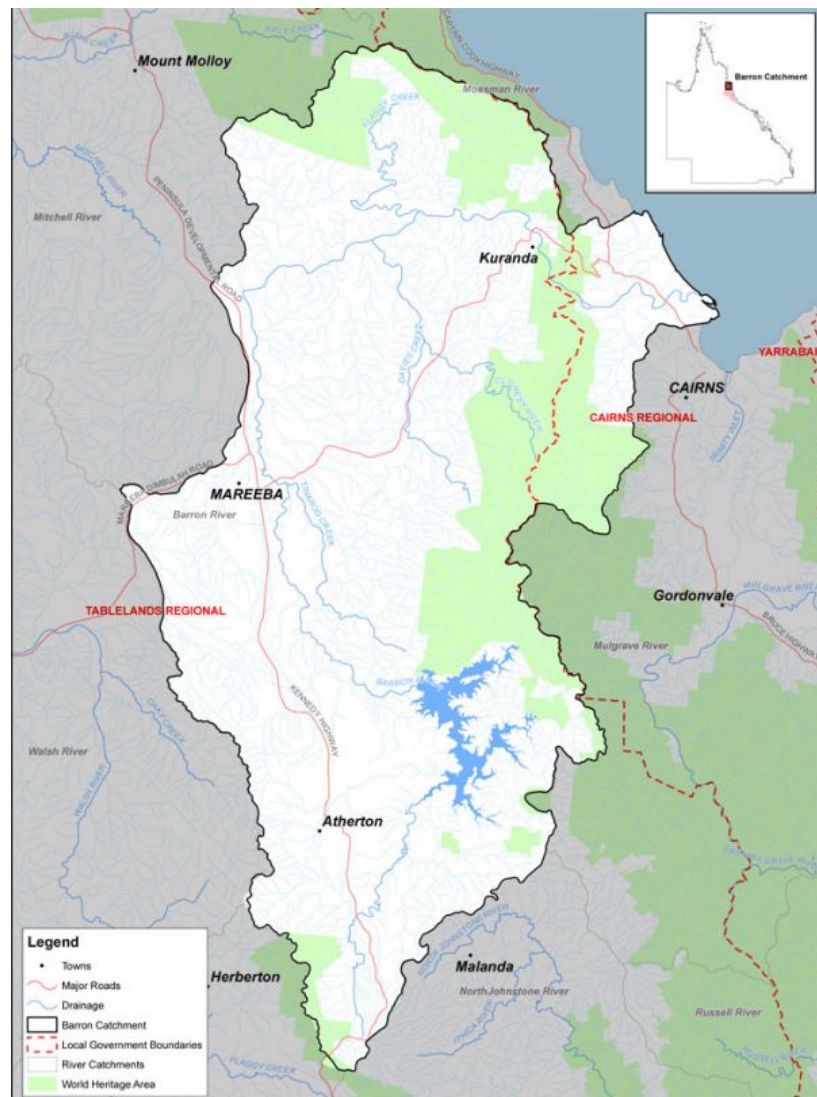
Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages were oral-based; there may be several variations in spelling and pronunciation. The following list should be seen as a guide – check with local language speakers as to the preferred local pronunciation.

BIBUNBAY means
CHILDREN in
Djabugay Language.
It is pronounced
"**Bib-un-bye**".

BIRI means
FIRE in
Djabugay
Language. It is
pronounced
"**Beer-ee**".

BULNGAN means
GROUND in
Djabugay Language.
It is pronounced
"**Bull-nun**".

Djabugay is the name of one of the languages spoken in the Cairns region extending along the hinterland and ranges from Mt Molloy towards Atherton and along the Upper Barron River. Linguistic research suggests there are several dialects in Djabugay including: Yirrgay, Guluy, Nyagali, Bulway and Djabugay (sources identify the term as a dialect as well as a language name). The Djabugay language was spoken and understood by Aboriginal groups in the region, including neighbouring groups of Yidinji, Gunggay, Dyirbal and Yalanji.





MAKE YOUR HOME CULTURALLY SAFE

To assist with making your home culturally safe for our young First Nation's people here are a few suggestions:

- Turn your Television onto Channel 34 for our Indigenous TV network called NITV.
- Listen to our Indigenous radio station 4K1G which is on channel 107.1FM.
- Althea Projects Foster and Kinship Program will encourage you to attend the different CULTURAL Events in the region. This is an opportunity to acknowledge leader's past, present and emerging and experience First Nation's Culture.
- Display Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artwork around your house.
- Display photos of the children and their families in their bedroom.

If in doubt, please do not hesitate to call Althea Projects Foster and Kinship Program and ask for your Cultural Advisor Lena Watego.

Thank you!



CULTURAL ADVISOR FLYER



Lena Watego, Cultural Advisor

MY CULTURE

"Culture is about the way we live. All the things we believe in. Our lifestyles, our rituals, our language, our families. The way we see our family is a very important part of our culture... We have special relationships and responsibilities to our family. What we call our kinship system. We can't really understand how we see families and culture without understanding our religion and our relationship to the land. It's all in together. Aboriginal people live in a range of lifestyles in traditional situations, on cattle stations, in country town and in cities... But wherever we live, we still retain our sense of family. It is through families we learn about culture. All these things teach us who we are and our individual place in the world."

Ernie Dingo—Aboriginal Actor



Althea Projects Foster and Kinship continues to support all our Carers to ensure that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in their care are able to stay connected to their culture.

To ensure that this is happening we now have an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Advisor.

My name is Lena Watego and I will be accompanying Family Case Workers on their home visits to assist with planning how together we can keep Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children connected to their Culture.



BILLABONG SANCTUARY



Althea Projects Foster and Kinship Program offers access to Billabong Sanctuary all year round for Carers and family members.

There is no better way to spend your weekends, public holidays and school holiday then enjoying a day at Billabong Sanctuary meeting your favourite animals in a tropical bushland setting, on the shores of the billabong, where everyone is guaranteed a rewarding personal experience.

Billabong Sanctuary offer a range of activities for a family fun day, including shows throughout the day showcasing Australia's unique animals. Blinky Bill's licensed café offers hot and cold drinks, freshly made meals and desserts, gluten free options are available too or you are welcome to pack a picnic and use their free gas BBQ's on site.

Head over to their website to view opening and closing hours, show times and what the sanctuary has available. Be mindful COVID-19 restrictions have been put in place to ensure the safety of everyone. Information regarding COVID-19 can also be found on their website.

To book in call your Family Case Worker or phone the Admin staff on 4779 3332.



2021 NAIDOC WEEK

Althea Projects Foster and Kinship would like to thank all of those who got involved with the Townsville NAIDOC Celebrations this year. Althea Projects enjoyed seeing our carers along with their children at the Riverway Deadly Day Out on July 9th.

Althea Projects Townsville Drop-In Centre held a NAIDOC Day BBQ, which Althea Projects Foster and Kinship attended.



HEAL
COUNTRY!
4-11 JULY 2021



Althea Projects also attended the NAIDOC Day March on July 9th and the TAIHS Family Fun Day on July 8th. At these events we got to watch traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dances and hear stories from Elders. We also got to learn the meaning of this years theme "HEAL COUNTRY".



MOREHEAD MEALS

ALTHEA PROJECTS

5 MEALS FOR \$25

1 MEAL FOR \$6



HOMECOOKED MEALS DELIVERED TO YOU

0419 624 267

meals@altheaprojects.org.au

 [moreheadmealstsv](https://www.facebook.com/moreheadmealstsv)

46-48 Morehead Street St, South Tsv

A BIT ABOUT US

Morehead Meals is the beginning of a multi-levelled social enterprise connecting our community through affordable, ethical, healthy and delicious pre-made frozen meals that can be collected directly from our kitchen in South Townsville or delivered by our to your home or workplace. By purchasing meals from us you are directly contributing to a healthier, resilient, and more connected Townsville.

Althea Projects knows that human connection plays a massive role in all our lives and through the Morehead Meals program we aim to connect with some of Townsville's vulnerable population through the power of good food and conversation when delivering meals. When you purchase meals wouldn't it be nice to know that you are helping someone in need? Money from each meal purchase will be reinvested back into Morehead Meals to assist us to grow the enterprise.

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Important update to Carer Connect!

In exciting news foster and kinship carers can now take photos of receipts and submit CRC requests for reimbursement directly to your local CSSC through the CarerConnect App.

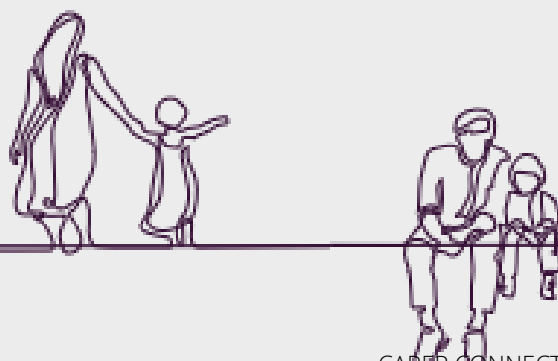
Carers using the App will have noticed a new 'CRC Reimbursement' tab has been available since February and is there to help you submit CRC applications.

The App is available to all carers. Carers not already using the App can register via: <https://carerconnect.communities.qld.gov.au/#/login-or-register>
For carers with frequent CRC, using the App can be a real time saver.

Changes to CRC Delegations!

At the same time as improving the App, the Department has also introduced new financial delegations for Business Officers and Senior Business Officers to support quicker processing of CRC reimbursement under \$250.

These changes have been developed as a direct result of carer feedback through Partners in Care forums and should see real time improvements for carer reimbursements.



Blue Cards – No Card, No Start Law

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FOR FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARERS

New Legislation changes will come into effect from the 31st August 2020 for Blue Cards No Card, No Start laws.

These changes have been made as a result of the 2017 Queensland Family and Child Commission's report – *Keeping Queensland's children more than safe: Review of the blue card system*. Although the report showed that the Queensland Working with Children Check system is one of the strongest in Australia, there is opportunity to provide a more streamlined and stronger system.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHANGES?

No Card, No Start law identifies that people cannot work with children or young people until their Blue Card application has been approved. These new rules ensure that employees will be bound by the same rules as those for volunteers and business applicants.

Expiring Cards Rule has changed, this means that people can continue to work with children and young people if they lodge their renewal application before their current blue card expires. If their blue card expires before they lodge their renewal application they will be subject to the No Card, No Start law.

Expiry date for exemption cards – Queensland police and teachers will need to renew their blue cards prior to their expiry if they still require their blue card for work purposes.

Changes to police information – No Card, No Start law incorporates a more streamlined process for applicants to advise Blue Card Services of any changes to their police information.

Stricter rules for restricted persons ensures people who are considered to be a restricted person cannot access an exception to screening by virtue of being a volunteer.

CHANGES FOR FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARERS

Do I need to child safety to sign my blue card application or renewal application

No. Child Safety are no longer responsible for verifying identification (ID) for a blue card application.

When applying for a blue card applicants will be required to verify their ID through the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR). The verification process can occur either through the Blue Card online application portal or in person at TMR.

Child Safety is also no longer required to advise blue card applicants of the disqualified person rule, this will be the responsibility of the applicant when they complete their application.

I cannot access the online portal, can I still submit a paper based application?

Yes. Blue Card Services will continue to accept paper based applications. If you need to apply for your blue card via the paper based system, you are still required to follow the new No Card, No Start law and processes. If you do not have a form of photo ID with TMR, for example a driver's licence, you will need to attend TMR to prove your identity and obtain a photo and Customer Reference Number (CRN).

What role does Child Safety play in my Blue Card application?

To apply for a Blue Card as a volunteer (free of charge), you will require an online account number which will be supplied to you once you verify your identity through TMR. You must supply this online account number to Child safety as a part of your carer application form (APA) to ensure you are linked to Child Safety.

Once linked, Blue Card services will notify you and you will be able to begin your Blue Card application free of charge.

I am being considered for provisional approval (PAC), do I need a blue card?

No. Child Safety Central Screening Unit (CSU) will continue to conduct all required checks for provisional approval applicants, including personal, child protection and criminal histories.

However, once provisionally approved, you will need to have obtained a blue card before your provisional approval expires.

My blue card is due to expire, is there a time limit to lodge a renewal application?

You must complete your renewal application before your current blue card expires. A renewal application can be submitted by a carer any time prior to their current blue card expiring. Your current blue card will remain valid once you have submitted your renewal application, meaning you can continue your caring role while your renewal application is being processed.

If you are renewing an existing blue card for the first time under the new No Card No Start laws and you do not have a form of photo ID with TMR, for example a driver's licence, you will need to attend TMR or you will need to contact Blue Card Services directly.

I have a new adult household member (AHM) planning to live in our home. Does the person need to have a blue card before they can move in?

No. As long as you have correctly informed Child Safety of the change in circumstances and completed the 'Change in Carer Circumstances' form. The new AHM will need to complete the 'New Adult Household Member' form and begin the blue card application process.

Just like carers, an adult household member will need to complete the verification of ID process with TMR in order to provide their online account number to CSU to be linked to Child Safety as a volunteer.

CSU will complete the required checks such as personal, child protection and criminal history. An adult household member can remain in the carer household if CSU deem them suitable while blue card services complete their application.

My blue card has expired and I haven't yet lodged a renewal application, what happens now?

If your blue card expires before you lodge a renewal application, you will be subject to the No Card No Start laws.

Any children placed in your care will require a new care arrangement until you receive your new blue card approval.

A renewal application cannot be lodged after your current blue card has expired. A new blue card application will need to be completed starting with the verification of ID process.

A young person in my household will be turning 18 in a few months and will remain living in my household. When can they apply for their Blue Card?

A young person is able to apply for a blue card from 17 years and 9 months of age.

The young person will need to follow the No Card No Start blue card process, beginning with the verification of ID through TMR.

If no response has been received from Blue Card Services regarding the young person's application and their 18th birthday is approaching, please ensure immediate follow up with Blue Card Services occurs to ensure continuity of care for the young person.

If a young person turns 18 and Blue Card Services have not advised of an outcome of their blue card application, the new AHM process will need to be followed, pending follow up with Blue Card Services.

For further information regarding Blue Cards No Card No Start associated processes please refer to the [Blue Card Services Website](#).

Link to the [online applicant portal](#)

Link to the No Card No Start [forms](#)

Link to [Blue Card applications](#) information

Fortnightly Caring Allowance Rates Schedule

Base Foster Care Payments

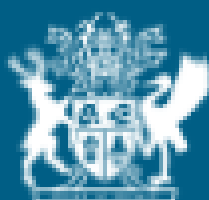
Allowance	2020 Rate	New Rate effective January 1 st 2021
Start-up allowance: Age 0-18	\$108.50	\$109.20
Establishment Payments: All Ages	\$541.66	\$545.02
Fortnightly Caring Allowance: Age 0-5	\$502.74	\$505.82
Fortnightly Caring Allowance: Age 6-10	\$541.66	\$545.02
Fortnightly Caring Allowance: Age 11 & over	\$588.70	\$592.34
Regional Remote Loading: Age 0-5	\$50.40	\$50.82
Regional Remote Loading: Age 6-10	\$54.32	\$54.74
Regional Remote Loading: Age 11 & over	\$58.94	\$59.36

High Support Needs Allowance

Allowance	2020 Rate	New Rate effective January 1 st 2021
High Support Needs Allowance: Age 0-18	\$176.81	\$177.94

Complex Support Needs Allowance

Allowance	2020 Rate	New Rate effective January 1 st 2021
Complex Support Needs Allowance level 1	\$229.04	\$230.44
Complex Support Needs Allowance level 2	\$457.80	\$460.60
Complex Support Needs Allowance level 3	\$686.84	\$691.04



Queensland Government

CAREGIVER TIP #7

Althea Projects Foster and Kinship Program are going to make it a standing page in the Carer Connect Newsletter to have a Caregiver Tip.

5 effective ways to help children build positive relationships

- **Model respect:** Point out ways you work to show them respect by listening, caring about their feelings and staying calm when you're upset.
- **Practice mindful speech:** There is power in pausing before we speak. When children choose words that help rather than harm, positive relationships take root.
- **Disagree respectfully:** Teach children how to assert themselves respectfully during conflict. In tricky moments, kids learn to disagree in ways that even strengthen the relationship.
- **Embrace diversity:** Embracing differences can be a challenge, but teaching children to treat everyone with respect will serve them well in life.
- **Teach empathy:** Empathy is a key ingredient in positive relationships - it deepens sensitivity and attachment to others.

POOL SAFETY CERTIFICATES

What is a Pool Safety Certificate?

A Pool Safety Certificate is a document that is issued by the law as an indication that the pool conforms with the safety standard. A Pool Safety Certificate needs to be supplied if there is a child in out- of-home care that will be living at the property with a pool.

What is classified as a pool?

A pool is classified as an excavation, structure or vessel that can be filled with water to a depth of more than 300 millimeters. A pool is an above or below ground structure for swimming, paddling or any other human aquatic activity.

Do you need a Pool Safety Certificate?

Yes, if you care for a child in out-of-home care and the home that you live in has access to a pool you are required to supply a Pool Safety Certificate. This is including non-shared pools on private property of shared pools in unit or apartment complexes.

Renting a property with a pool?

Owners of rented properties are required to obtain a Pool Safety Certificate before renting the property and these are valid for two (2) years from the date of issue for non-shared pools (i.e. a pool on a private property) or valid for one (1) year for shared pools (i.e. units or apartment complexes).

If you are unsure weather the house you are looking to move into already has a Pool Safety Certificate, you can find out via the Queensland Building and Construction Commission website under the Pool Register.

<https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/home-building-owners/pool-safety/find-pool-safety-inspector-search-property-psi-login>



Queensland Foster and Kinship Care Become a FAST rep

What is a FAST?

FAST is a team of trained specialist local Foster and Kinship Carers who have volunteered to provide advice, support and advocate on behalf of other Foster and Kinship Carers. FAST representatives are attached to one of five Regions across Queensland. They have the capacity to provide advice, support and advocacy to all carers in their Region and can also provide face to face support to carers within proximity or tele link into meetings where needed. The FAST representative provides a local avenue for Foster and Kinship Carers to receive advice, support and/or advocacy on individual matters.

How were the FAST representatives appointed?

Any carer is able to approach QFKC to become a FAST representative. Interested carers receive an application with a Selection Criteria and a Position Description. Once the application is received, QFKC seeks feedback from key stakeholders in the relevant Region. An interview panel then takes place with the applicant to explore applicant's views on the role, what they hope to offer and other relevant areas. The applicant is then invited to attend two days of induction training and then a final recommendation is made taking into account all of this information to QFKC'S Executive Director.

What else is offered?

As a FAST representative, you have a great opportunity to network in your community to build strong and productive working relationships with key stakeholders. Every year our FAST representatives are provided with regional FAST training over a 2-day period with workshops and personal development opportunities.

To learn more about becoming a FAST representative, becoming a carer, events that are happening, news and/or training, **visit www.qfkc.com.au** or speak to someone over the phone on **(07) 4779 9513**

SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION PROJECT

Smoke alarm installation project

The new legislation will require all residential dwellings to have interconnected photoelectric smoke alarms installed in every bedroom, in connecting hallways and on each story.

When do you need to have the alarms installed?

- From 1 January 2017 all new dwellings and substantially renovated dwellings must be compliant.
- By 1 January 2022 all existing government owned dwellings must be compliant.
- By 1 January 2027 all private dwellings must be compliant.

How will we support you?

The Queensland Government – through the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (DCYJMA) and the Department of Energy and Public Works (DEPW) – will work together to supply and install smoke alarms into those dwellings that are owned by eligible carers and are being used to provide care to children and young people in care arrangements.

What do you need to do?

1. Complete the online questionnaire.
2. Attach a scanned copy of the front page of your council rates notice.
3. Attach a scanned copy of your carer certificate of approval.
4. Submit the completed questionnaire with the above attachments.

Make sure to provide your current contact details, as the qualified electrician must be able to contact you to arrange times to conduct a safety check of your home before installing the new smoke alarms. If you cannot be contacted, we cannot install the smoke alarms.

The application and supporting documents need to be submitted before 30 September 2021, please note applications will not be accepted after this date.

What will happen before the smoke alarms are installed?

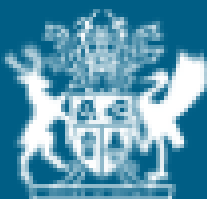
Before commencing the installation, a licensed electrician will conduct an electrical safety inspection of the dwelling to determine if there are any safety issues that could affect the installation.

More information

If you have any questions regarding the questionnaire, or the installation of smoke alarms at your home, please email smokeaip@communities.qld.gov.au.

For further information on the new legislation and impacts to owners, visit the [Queensland Fire and Emergency Services website](https://www.qld.gov.au/community/caring-child/foster-kinship-care/information-for-carers/money-matters/smoke-alarm-installation-project).

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STAY AND PLAY IN THE PARK

Stay and Play in the park after collecting your take home messy play pack and borrowing a mystery bag of children's picture books.

Meet other families with children aged 0-5 years and enjoy a morning in the park talking, reading, singing and playing. Bring your own picnic blanket, hat, sunscreen, water bottle and snack.

SMILE! Your attendance at events supported by CityLibraries Townsville may be digitally recorded through photographs and/or video recordings. Images may be used on Council's website, publications, social media or by newspaper. If you do not wish your image to be published, please notify staff before the event.

WHEN:

20 September 2021
8:30am - 11:00am

AGE SUITABILITY:

Suitable for all ages

COST:

Free event

EVENT INFORMATION:

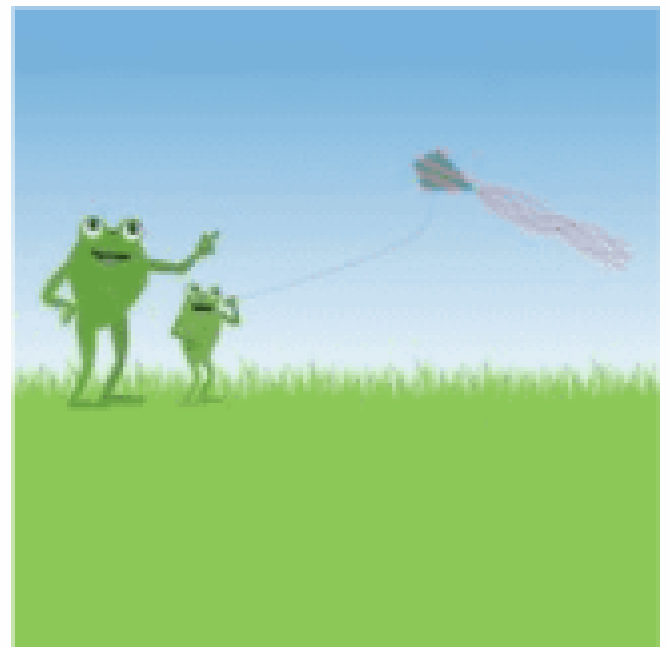
P: 4773 8810

E: library@townsville.qld.gov.au

W: www.townsville.qld.gov.au/libraries

WHERE:

Aitkenvale Park
130 Wellington St, Aitkenvale
4814, QLD





SPRING Townsville School Holiday



Monday September 20th - Friday September 24th



\$50 for Short Day / \$55 for Long Day
\$35 for Thursday night camp
www.illustrating-man.com.au

EARLY BIRD

Book 5 Long Days before 5pm Monday September 6th for the Early Bird Special*



*The books valued at \$48 will be given out at the camp on the first day

Booking enquiries: 8.30am - 4.30pm (EST)
Calls outside of these times will be returned the following day.

Enquiries: (02) 9343 0833

bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au

www.illustrating-man.com.au

Mail: Suite 2, 29 Newland Street, Bondi Junction 2022

TOWNSVILLE

Monday September 20th - Friday September 24th

Due to venue availability, the camp is split over two locations:

Monday Sept 20th - Tuesday Sept 21st

Country Womens Association
42 Lancaster Street, Garbutt

Wednesday Sept 22nd - Friday Sept 24th

Riverside Convention Centre
(Upstairs Hall) 55 Leopold Street, Aitkenvale

HOW TO BOOK

- Go to our site: www.illustrating-man.com.au
- Click the **Cartoon Camp Button** on our home page
- Select **your location (Townsville)** & complete the form
- Please ensure your email address is correct
- We will email you a confirmation within the week
- Please check your junk mail - sometimes emails with attachments may go in there
- We look forward to welcoming your children
- If you have a question - due to current Covid lockdowns - please leave a message & we will call you back as soon as possible **02 9343 0833** or email: bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au

Monday Sept 20th Garbutt venue

- **Theme:** Hawaiian & Tropical. Dress in Hawaiian or tropical. Prizes for best dressed.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 1**.
- **Draw:** A tropical jungle.
- **Play:** The toilet paper Mummy game.
- **Draw:** An underwater detailed coral reef.
- **Build:** A tower with spaghetti & marshmallows.
- **Draw:** A tropical island.
- **Draw:** The pirates treasure map.
- **Enjoy:** Tropical fruit mocktails.
- **Kingdom Karaoke:** Sing & perform for prizes.
- **Play:** Kingdom balloon skirmish - rob the nest.
- **Make:** A colourful beaded necklace. (Long Day Activity)
- **Design:** A T-Shirt. We will supply the T.Shirts. (Long Day Activity)

Tuesday Sept 21st Garbutt venue

- **Theme:** Adventure Day, The Future & Space. Dress as an explorer, alien or galactic Star Wars™ character.
- **Draw:** Robots exploring a 3D luna landscape.
- **Learn:** New amazing facts about the solar system & beyond.
- **Play:** The exciting game 'Charge'.
- **Europa:** Draw alien life under the Jovian ice moon.
- **Competition:** Draw a galactic spaceship.
- **Draw:** Star Wars™ characters.
- **Make:** Milkyway stardust doughnuts.
- **Play:** The fun squishy alien game.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 2**.
- **Draw:** A futuristic orbiting space station city.
- **Competition:** Make the worlds best paper plane. (Long Day Activity)
- **Face Painting:** Get your face painted or a body paint tattoo. (Long Day Activity)

Wednesday Sept 22nd Aitkenvale venue

- **Theme:** Messy clothes & hair. Prizes for the 'worst' dressed.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 3**.
- **Draw:** A waterfall & rainforest.
- **Make:** Realistic clay model food.
- **Enjoy:** Delicious Skittle S'mores.
- **Draw:** A penguin, macaw & an emu.
- **Treasure hunt:** Find the treasure in the park.
- **Slime:** Make fun green gooey oobleck slime!
- **Play:** The shaving cream battle if you want to!
- **Draw:** A South American sloth, monkey & an alpaca.
- **Play:** Harry Potter™, Pokémon™ & Star Wars™ trivia for prizes.
- **Competition:** Make a candy monster! (Long Day activity).
- **Greatest Showman™ Talent Show:** Perform if you want to - singing, dancing, comedy... (Long Day activity).

Thursday Sept 23rd Aitkenvale venue

- **Theme:** Dark clothes for the games.
- **Draw:** Cute Manga animals.
- **Draw:** Famous cartoon cats.
- **Draw:** Scooby Doo™, Snoopy™ & Odie™.
- **Challenge:** Guess the Tim Tam™.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 4**.
- **Secret code:** Decode to find the stash.
- **Play:** The balloon bounce balance game.
- **Draw:** A volcano erupting lava & an earthquake.
- **Scavenger hunt:** Show & tell. Prizes awarded.
- **Play:** The custard eating game. Yum!
- **Kids on wheels:** Bring your scooters. (Long Day activity).
- **Make:** Home-made pizza & eat them. (Long Day activity).

Thursday night camp 6pm - 9pm

- **Play:** Murder in the Dark.
- **Nerf gun battle:** Bring in your gear & play if you want to.
- **Draw:** Australian animals.
- **Play:** Sock wrestling.
- **Enjoy:** An icecream sundae
- **Draw:** Minecraft™ & Among Us™

Friday Sept 24th Aitkenvale venue Market Day - the best day!

- **Theme:** Computer games. Prizes for best costumes.
- **Draw & trade:** Pokémon cards. Bring in your cards.
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning **Part 5**.
- **Draw:** A 3D dragon & a castle.
- **Draw:** Realistic faces.
- **Competition:** Design a watch. A new watch will be awarded to the best design.
- **Flour battle:** Join in the fun flour fight if you want to.
- **Waterfight:** Weather permitting & if you want to. Bring in a watergun.
- **Kingdom Markets:** Everyone prepares a shop for Market Day. Make cookies, sell old toys, books, etc... the children buy & sell using Kingdom money they have earned over the week. We'll also give the children \$100 Kingdom dollars.
- **Computer gaming:** Bring in your devices for a gaming session. (Long Day activity).



**Thursday, 30th
September &
Friday, 1st October 2021**

DAY ONE

10:00 AM - Introduction and surveys
10:30 AM - QLD Energy - Apprenticships
12:00 PM - LUNCH
12:30 PM - ADF PICK UP
ADF Session on base
3:45 PM - ADF DROP OFF
4:00 PM - END OF DAY

DAY TWO

10:00 AM - Respectful Relationships - NQWLS
12:00 PM - LUNCH
12:30 PM - Sexual Health - TAIHS
2:30 PM - AFTERNOON TEA
2:50 PM - Basketball - TSV FIRE
3:45 PM - SURVEY - GOODIE BAGS
4:00 PM - END OF DAY



FREE
goodie bag!
Must complete
2-day workshop



WHEN

Thursday, 30th September & Friday, 1st of October 2021

TIME

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

WHERE

Townsville Stadium

Murray Lyons Cres, Annandale QLD 4814

and

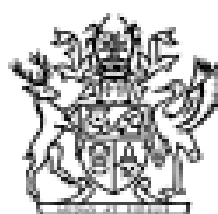
Army Base

50-354 Lavarack Barracks, Murray QLD 4814

WEAR

Comfortable active wear and for Army base closed shoes such as runners, old clothes they don't mind getting dirty and are comfortable to crawl around in, water bottles, and we will ask them to remove jewellery and tie hair up.

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As a non-for-profit organisation, the Fire is committed to providing inspiring, positive, healthy role models to the North Queensland.

The Townsville Fire will deliver a two-day workshop.

The workshop will be based around

LIFE SKILLS

With sessions hosted by experts.

CHILD'S DETAILS - Please fill out separate sheets for each child attending

NAME: _____ DOB: ____/____/____
SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN (EMERGENCY CONTACT) DETAILS

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____
MOBILE PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

I hereby agree that the above listed child will be attending the JCU Townsville Fire Youth Engagement Program Workshop from 10:00 am until 4:00pm on Thursday, 30th September and Friday, 1st October 2021.
I acknowledge the workshop concludes on both days at 4:00pm and after this time I absolve the club of responsibility of my child.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

Photography/ Video/ Image Release Consent

I, on behalf, the undersigned, voluntarily consent to the taking, copyright, publication, royalty and licence free, irrevocable worldwide use of my child's image in still photograph and/or video footage by JCU Townsville Fire. I, on behalf, am aware that their face may be identifiable, and I agree to the use of photographs or video footage for:

Publicity, General Advertising, Promotional Purposes, Records, Educational Publications, Facebook and Instagram

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

JCU Townsville Fire Signature: _____

DATE: 30/09/2021 - 01/10/2021

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PYJAMA DAY - JULY 23RD



National Pyjama Day is all about wearing your favourite pair of PJ's to help The Pyjama Foundation raise much-needed awareness and funds for children in foster care.

With the money raised from National Pyjama Day, you'll be helping us offer learning skills to more than 1000 children, fund educational resources and help provide stable, positive relationships.



Althea Projects Incorporated supported children of all ages in Foster Care on National Pyjama Day by wearing our favourite pyjama's to work, and enjoying our team's big breakfast.



The Pyjama Foundation visited Althea Projects and was so pleased with everyone getting involved.

R U OK DAY - SEPTEMBER 9TH

A CONVERSATION CAN CHANGE A LIFE

R U OK? inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and start a conversation with those in their world who may be struggling with life. You don't need to be an expert to reach out - just a good friend and a great listener.

Use these four steps and have a conversation that could change a life:

1. Ask R U OK?
2. Listen
3. Encourage action
4. Check in

OUR VISION

R U OK?'s vision is a world where we're all connected and are protected from suicide.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to inspire and empower people to meaningfully connect with those in their world and lend support when they are struggling with life.

<https://www.ruok.org.au/>

Althea Projects Foster and Kinship Program held an R U OK Day Morning Tea in the office, to show our support to such an important day.

Our office participated in R U OK Day activities, such as Bingo and a quiz.

We are keeping our office connected by asking everyone, "R U OK", make sure to check on your family, friends and work colleagues today.





Child Protection Week is to raise awareness of all the issues connected with child protection, which includes child abuse prevention, treatment, research, education, service provision and support for children, young people and families.

In order to stop child abuse and neglect and ensure child protection in our society, we all need to play our part by assisting families who struggle and by speaking out about abuse when we see it or hear about it.

Often children tell us what is happening to them through either very clear statements or in subtle ways. Our role as adults is to pay attention regardless of the way children tell us what is happening for them.

2021 Theme: Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.

To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.



THE COMING OF THE LIGHT CEREMONY



The Coming of the Light is a holiday celebrated by Torres Strait Islanders on 1 July each year. It recognises the adoption of Christianity through island communities during the late nineteenth century.

Origins

The London Missionary Society set out to convert people of the Southwest Pacific to Christianity from the 1840s. In July 1871, the Reverend Samuel MacFarlane, a member of the Society anchored at Erub (Darnley Island) in the Torres Strait.

He was accompanied by South Sea Islander evangelists and teachers. In defiance of tribal law Dabad, a Warrior Clan Elder on Erub welcomed the London Missionary Society clergy and teachers.

Effect

The acceptance of the missionaries and Christianity into the Torres Strait Islands is often credited with ending conflict between different island groups. However, Christian principles were already somewhat compatible with Islander religion.

The missionaries offered a more practical advantage. Torres Strait Islanders had been grossly exploited in the maritime industry. The missionaries provided some protection and assistance to Islanders who negotiated with outsiders in the maritime industry. The acceptance of missionaries and Christianity into Torres Strait led to profound changes that affected every aspect of life from that time onwards.

Annual Celebrations

Torres Strait Islanders living on the islands or on the mainland come together to honour this anniversary every year. Islanders of all faiths celebrate the Coming of the Light in a festival like no other in Australia.

Activities include church services and a re-enactment of the landing at Kemus on Erub. Hymn singing, feasting and Ailan dans strengthen community and family ties.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABORIGINAL FLAG - JULY 12TH

The Aboriginal flag was first displayed on 12 July 1971 on National Aborigines Day, at Victoria Square in Adelaide. It was also used at the Tent Embassy in Canberra in 1972.

The Australian Aboriginal Flag was designed in 1971 by Aboriginal artist Harold Thomas, who is descended from the Luritja people of Central Australia and holds intellectual property rights to the flag's design.

The flag was originally designed for the land rights movement, and it became a symbol of the Aboriginal people of Australia.

In June 1995, the Australian Government proclaimed the Aboriginal flag as an official 'Flag of Australia' under section 5 of the Flags Act 1953.

Two years later Harold Thomas was recognised as the author of the artistic work under the Copyright Act 1968.

The Australian Aboriginal Flag represents Aboriginal Australians. It is one of the official flags of Australia, and holds special legal and political status.

It is often flown together with the national flag and with the Torres Strait Islander Flag, which is also an official flag of Australia.

International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month - September

#GoGold&Give!

Every September is International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and everyone should “Go Gold and Give”

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month was first proclaimed by former US President Obama in 2010.

Cancer kills more children than any other disease in Australia, when a child dies from cancer an average 70 potential years of life are lost.

Each year, more than 1,000 children and adolescents in Australia and 300,000 children worldwide are diagnosed with cancer.

Every week, about 3 children and adolescents in Australia and 1,500 children worldwide die from cancer.

There are many ways we can help, such as:

- Light up gold: Light up your house/building gold/yellow in support of childhood cancer awareness month.
- Donate a percentage to the Childhood Cancer Association during September.
- Share an article about Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.
- Be a digital ambassador and share social media posts.
- Become a Childhood Champion with a regular, monthly donation means you can make a big difference in the long term.

Follow this website to find out more:

<https://childhoodcancer.asn.au/latest/2021/8/ccam2021/>



S E P T E M B E R
CHILDHOOD CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

KIDS CORNER



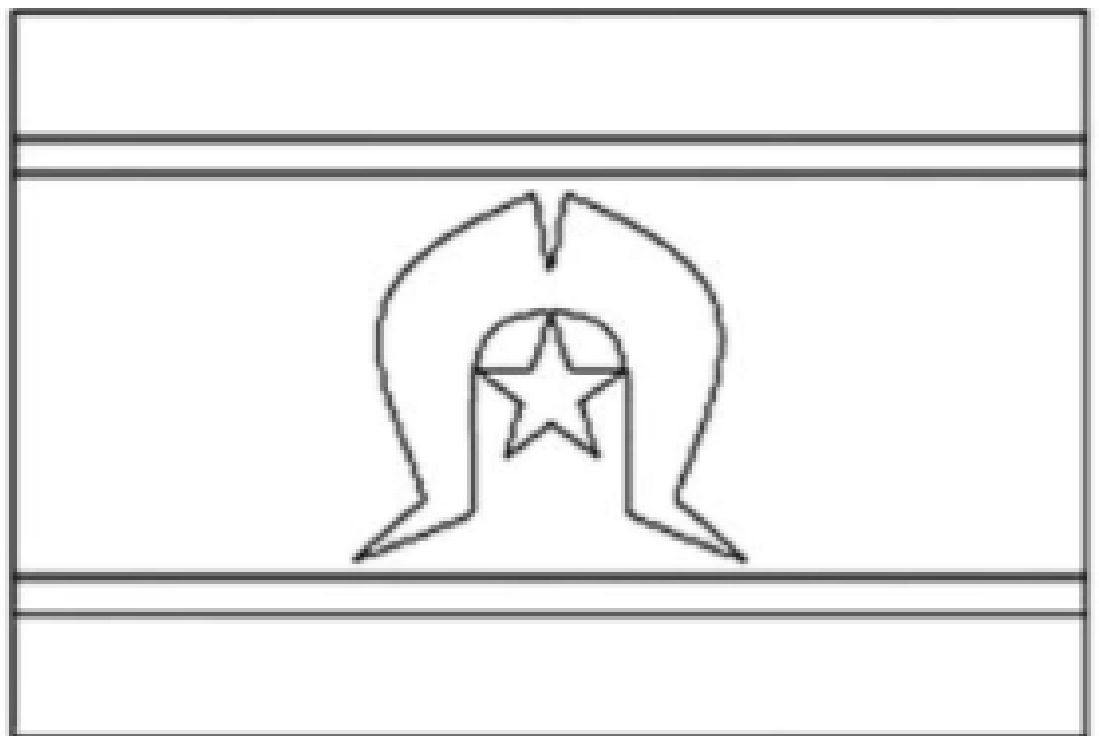
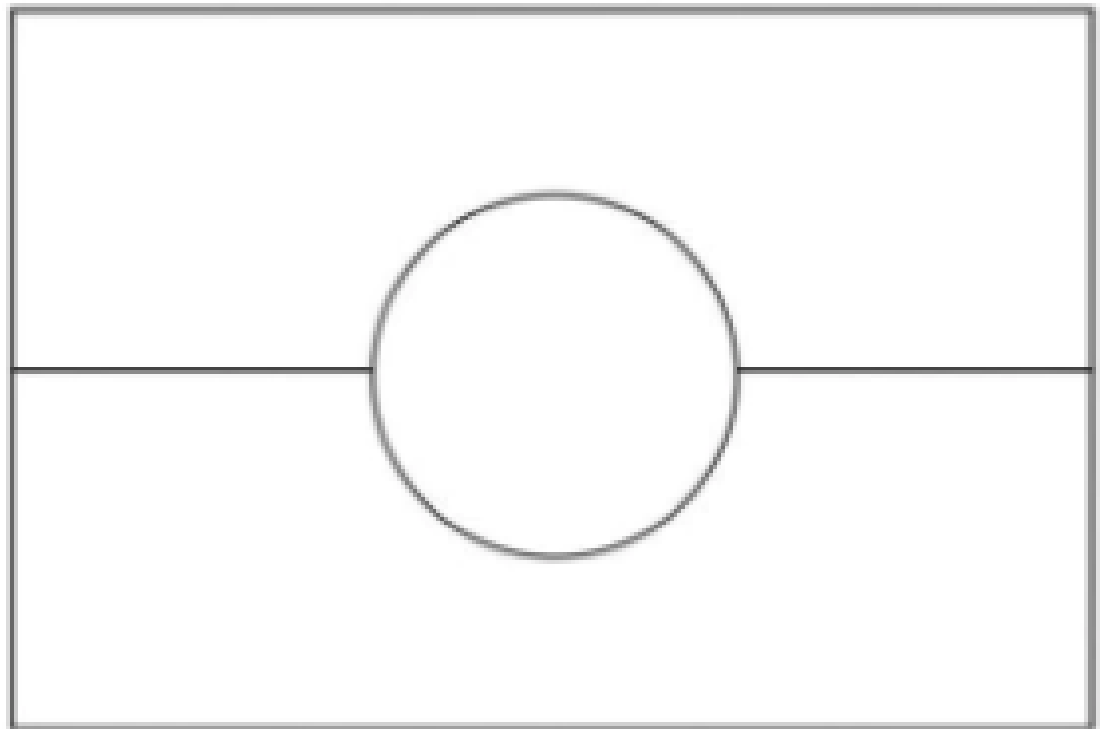
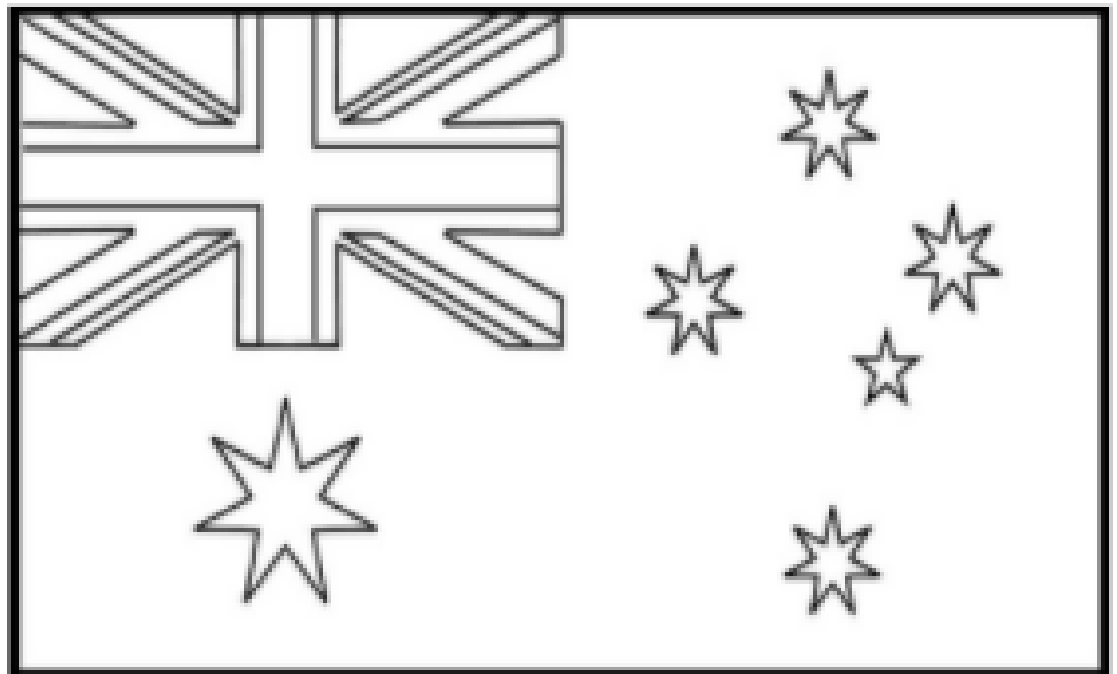
PAPER PLATE JELLYFISH

What you will need:

- Paper Plate
- Washable Kid Friendly Paint
- Glitter Shaker Pots
- Ribbon
- Felt
- PVA Glue
- Scissors
- Stapler

1. To begin, arm the arty crafty kids with a paper plate and some paint, and take a BIG step back.
2. Once they're finished decorating their paper plates, offer a little glitter to add some seaside shimmer. If you don't have any glitter or would prefer not to use glitter – try adding some shiny sequins and embellishments instead.
3. Trim the paper plate to a 'jellyfish' shape and then turn the paper plate over.
4. Cover the freshly cut edge with a generous amount of PVA Glue.
5. Cut a number of strands of ribbon to various lengths.
6. Add the ribbon to the paper plate, ensuring they're nicely spaced out.
7. Cut out a pair of white and black circles to create eyes and add them to the jellyfish.
8. Finish off with a hanging hook using a small piece of ribbon and secure with a stapler.

Colour in the Flags



Feelings Trace and Match

Trace and read the words then draw a line to the person with that emotion.

sad



scared



happy



surprised



mad



2021

School calendar

Queensland state schools

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School terms	School holidays	Public holidays	Staff development/student free days	Student free days
Part public holiday after 6pm	Student free days for some schools in regional, rural and remote areas			

There are 193 school days in 2021.

Semester 1, 2021 commences for teachers on 21 January and for students on 27 January, 2021.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Staff professional development days for teachers are 21 and 22 January, 15 and 16 April and 3 September 2021. Schools are able to decide when they undertake the required hours for professional development for the flexible days, as long as they are on the flexible days, in the school holidays or out of school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Queensland public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister.

Public holidays for local show days are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE

19 November is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. 26 November is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the summer holidays on 3 December.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit

www.education.qld.gov.au

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We wouldn't be able to do any of the important community work that we do without the support of our sponsors and partnerships.



DEAR CARERS

ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT ALHEA PROJECTS FOSTER AND KINSHIP PROGRAM, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK, SUPPORT AND DEDICATION.

WE HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS THE UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.



REMEMBER:

**OUR FLEMING STREET OPEN DAY:
THURSDAY OCTOBER 14TH 2021**

