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Children show off artistic skills

Children from Hervey Bay Family Day Care have been busy preparing exciting works of art for their inaugural Art Show. The theme for this year's show is 'Do you see what I see?' – a chance to see the world through the eyes of our younger generation.

Art, in its many forms, is a wonderful way for children to express how they see the world and visitors to the show will be delighted by the variety of exhibits on display.

The Art Show is the centre of celebrations for Hervey Bay Family Day Care's 32nd year of operation. A great morning of fun and celebration has been planned for Saturday 27 August and come rain or shine, the open day is going ahead.

People can come and enjoy the sausage sizzle, jumping castle, games, musical entertainment and children's rides. It is also a day when prospective families can come meet the educators and gain an insight into the day in the life of a child in family day care. Information will also be available for people interested in becoming family day care educators.

For over 32 years, Hervey Bay's Family Day Care Service has been providing individualised child care in the homes of registered family day care educators.

Beverly Keleher, Hervey Bay Family Day Care Service Manager, said family day care is a little different from a child care centre.

"Family day care offers more personalised care – more on-on-one. The children are in small groups and stay with the one educator throughout the day learning through play," Beverly said.

"Each qualified educator can look after up to seven children in mixed aged groups (a maximum of four under school age), which teaches the children valuable social and emotional skills.

Family day care educators must have childcare qualifications and base their program on the individual child and family needs

What: Hervey Bay Family Day Care Open Day
When: Saturday 27 August 9.00am to 12.00pm
Where

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