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Local fireys make time for kids during school holidays

Southport fire fighters and one of their big red engines will be at Churches of Christ Care's Time for Kids 'Challenge Day' on Wednesday July 6 to add some spark to the day.

Centre coordinators Carolyn Carter said the fire fighters would be sharing tips on fire safety and enjoying the challenge of the obstacle course.

"They are coming with one of the fire engines and will let the kids have a turn at the hose, which is always a treat," she said.

"Even though the visit is going to be fun for the kids, it is important for them to keep in touch with what fire brigade does and why their job is so important."

The 'Challenge Day' will be an afternoon of exciting activities with a jumping castle and an obstacle course.

"The kids will be racing each other with water in their cupped hands, passing it along to their team mates until they fill a jug and then going under tables carrying buckets of water – it will be a very wet day," Ms Carter said.

"The afternoon is open to the local community so they can enjoy the activities we have planned, and to have a look at what a great facility we have."

Churches of Christ Care's Time for Kids recently moved to a new building in Southport – opposite Bunnings – and have all the latest activities including a huge playground, a sports room and gaming consoles.

It offers high quality vacation and after school care away from the school environment. The popular vacation care program offers children a wide variety of activities including dramatic play, art and craft, cooking, indoor and outdoor games, using computers, and socialising with their friends.

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Photo opportunity

Who: Children from Churches of Christ Care Time for Kids and fire fighters
What: Fire fighters interacting with children at 'Challenge Day'
Where: Southport Church of Christ complex, Cnr Olsen Drive and Crestwood Way, Southport (opposite Bunnings)
When: Wednesday, July 6 at 1pm to 3pm.

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About Churches of Christ Care

Churches of Christ Care are a division of Churches of Christ in Queensland—a group of churches that is part of the worldwide Christian church.

We strive to create an inclusive, caring, compassionate environment that meets our clients' needs without discrimination or prejudice. Everyone is welcome to call on our help regardless of their religious background.

Churches of Christ Care are one of Queensland's leading providers of early childhood, child protection, affordable housing, and retirement living and aged care services. We are a not-for-profit organisation that supports more than 27,000 clients each year in urban, rural and remote areas.

We operate 140 services throughout Queensland with the support of more than 3,000 staff and over 700 volunteers.

Churches of Christ Care are built on a foundation of Christian values, commitment to quality care, and trust and respect for clients and the community.