



Janine Baker, left, hands over funds raised to Michelle Henry from the Brunst Support Group.

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EDUCATION

Circus Day creates awareness on the danger of lighting fires

Around 67 per cent of the fires are intentionally lit by children under the age of 17.

Most children light fires because they are curious or find it fascinating, says Janine Baker, centre manager of Active Explorers, Highbrook.

In order to raise funds for the Burns Support Group Charitable Trust that hosts a free children's camp for burns victims from ages seven to 17 years, the Early Childhood Centre with 150 children and 35 staff organised a three-day fundraiser with a Circus theme.

A bouncy castle took centre stage

as some of the staff members encouraged parents to try their hand at a variety of games like Hole in One and Ring the Bell made from recycled material.

Some of the fun activities for kids included face painting, baking biscuits with clown faces, creating lion masks out of plastic plates and making candyfloss.

Ms Baker says that Active Explorers which is located in the heart of the business hub in East Tamaki, hosted the Circus Day not only to raise funds for young burns victims but also to make children gently aware of the dangers of lighting a fire.