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Holidays are here again!

Some of my favourite memories from being young(er) revolve around holidays. I don't remember going to big fancy hotels (we couldn't afford it) and often we didn't go away at all – but we

always had a lot of fun.

Likewise, my kids have a lot of pleasant holiday memories – and it just goes to show that it is not necessary to spend a lot of money in order to create those special times.



HOW COME YOU'RE SO RELAXED? WASN'T TODAY THE FIRST DAY OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

ASIC's latest newsletter (<https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/life-events-and-you/families/cheap-school-holiday-activities>.) list quite a few inexpensive ideas for helping to make the kids holidays special.



Some of my favourites include:
Cooking – most kids love to cook, and they have a fringe benefit of being able to eat it too.

Arts and Crafts – let their creative side run free – see what they come up with.



There are also many places to take the kids that are comparatively inexpensive but provide hours of enjoyment such as parks, beaches and even museums or galleries.

If you haven't already checked it out, head to the Gold Coast City Council website for a comprehensive range of ideas on how to help fill the holiday time.

(<http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/thegoldcoast/school-holiday-activities-20472.html>)

If it is too late for these holidays, come back as the next holidays loom and look for activities and ideas.

Most of all – let me encourage you to treasure your kids whilst you have the opportunity – enjoy them and build memories.



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