



KCCC expansion update June 2008

WHAT'S HAPPENED WITH THE EXPANSION OVER THE LAST MONTH?

- Heaps! Stage one of the works is almost complete, and has run to schedule. The two new 15 place rooms and expanded child and maternal health space are being fitted out according to schedule
- You will have noticed the new façade of the Centre taking shape. Painting of completed external areas is happening at the moment, and KCCC will definitely stand out from the crowd! The design and colour scheme are contemporary and fun, and will contribute to a much-updated feel for KCCC.
- Demolition works for stage two have commenced, with the clearing of the site outside the staff room and laundry area.
- Pram storage has moved from outside the staff room to the front of the centre.
- A new City of Melbourne (COM) project manager has been appointed to oversee stages two and three of the works.
- Councillors Fiona Sneddon and Peter Clarke visited KCCC and discussed our draft submission and the reasons for it. The Lord Mayor, John So, will visit KCCC on 13 June.
- As a result of a request from us, an internal wall has been constructed to help manage noise and the flow of dust and other airborne particles during stage two. This is a really positive outcome for us, as it was not originally planned as part of the works.

WHAT HAPPENS OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS?

- Stage two of the works will commence in earnest. This will involve the construction of:
 - a new 10 place playroom
 - new outdoor store
 - new laundry
 - extended staff room
 - pram store

As discussed in the last newsletter, our babies will move to one of the newly completed rooms during this period. Families affected will be advised in advance once we receive a date for the move from the contractor.

FUNDING SUBMISSIONS

- Thankyou to all those parents and staff who signed postcards to Councillors and the Lord Mayor at the City of Melbourne. A great effort! Approximately 200 postcards were hand delivered to the City of Melbourne prior to consideration of the draft budget at a Council meeting on 20 May. Thanks to Board member Nina Mizzi for her work on the layout of the postcards, and to Morag and Liz for their careful sorting of the cards prior to delivery!
- We will not know a final outcome on our submission until the end of June. However, we know that our lobbying really made a difference - prior to the Council meeting, our request for funding was not incorporated in the draft COM budget. Following discussions between Councillors at the Council meeting, our submission is now 'under consideration.' Watch this space!

ARTWORK

- Thanks to those of you who responded to the request for input on creating interesting art work at KCCC as part of the expansion. We will convene a group to discuss this once we know the outcome of our funding submissions to the COM and DEECD.

PARKING ISSUES

- As part of the Holland Park redevelopment, consideration is being given by the City of Melbourne to optimal parking arrangements for KCCC, Child and Maternal Health and the YMCA. You will shortly receive an email seeking your views on some options for improving of parking arrangements at KCCC. Please try and respond as your response will let us know your views on the best arrangements for parking at KCCC.

EAST WEST TUNNEL

- The East West tunnel proposal has received significant local publicity over recent weeks - and in its current form poses very significant issues for KCCC. Keep your eyes out for 'alerts' on the issue and requests for KCCC community input. Every little bit helps!

CONTINUING THANKS

- Thanks so much to all of those who have contributed in so many ways to the expansion process. Again, the optimistic approach of our staff and Director makes an enormous difference. Liz continues her fantastic work - dealing with the contractor on a daily basis, solving big and small problems with ease and keeping people regularly informed.

QUESTIONS

- Feel free to note any queries on the issues register, or speak with Liz or any of the members of the Expansion Committee - Erica Grundell, Brendan Devine, Chris Dwyer, Sharon Inkster, Paula McCann and Liz Vittorio

