



# KCCC newsletter February 2010

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*As of week ending 24<sup>th</sup> January, we have approximately 173 children attending the Centre. This does not include our kindergarten children.*

## IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

### DON'T FORGET – NO HAT, NO OUTDOOR PLAY.

**KCCC hats are currently on sale at the office for \$10.00.**

- Please ensure that KCCC has an **up to date email address** for you, to ensure that communications such as this can be sent to you electronically . . . it's speedier for you, cheaper for the centre and much better for the environment. Email: [kccc@netspace.net.au](mailto:kccc@netspace.net.au).
- Please note that all notices, invoices etc for your family will be placed in the pocket of your youngest enrolled child.
- The board minutes can be found in the foyer on the main pinup board under the heading Board Minutes

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back to 2010 and what a wonderful start to the New Year for KCCC. Rachel has just reported to me (I am on sick leave as I write this) that: 'Above all when you walk into any of the rooms, the children are happy and engaged and active'.

What more could we ask for? It is important that we never lose sight of this. We can always tinker around the edges but ultimately children who are happy, engaged and active (maybe not too active!) should be our focus for 2010.

That KCCC is a happy place for your children, where they laugh, learn about life, receive a sense of self and a sense of their true worth, where their wonderment about the world is seen as precious and is nurtured, where all staff believe that every individual is important. These things should be valued by all and celebrated. Let's make this our focus in 2010.

## SEEKING ROOM REPS

In order to help with ongoing community building at KCCC, especially now that the expansion of the centre has occurred, it's been decided to set up a network of "room reps".

The sorts of things that rooms reps might do include:

- Organise low-key socialising events for your room (like a play in the park).
- Provide feedback/assistance to the board and management team about Family Liaison and Communications Issues.

If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more, please contact Jordana Hunter on 0412 291 377 or [jordana.hunter@gmail.com](mailto:jordana.hunter@gmail.com) or Cazz Redding on 0415 514 928 or [credding@bigpond.net.au](mailto:credding@bigpond.net.au).

We would love to have a room rep for each room.

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## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- Our most recent fundraising event, the wine drive, was extremely successful. Total proceeds were \$2,665.
- Money from the wine drive was used to purchase a light table, Home corner furniture, Rattles and soft toys for the babies and 8 new cameras (no more batteries – hooray!)
- About \$1000 remains to be spent from the wine drive.
- \$20,000 is still in the kitty being held for costs associated with landscaping of the outdoor area in early 2010.

## BOARD NEWS

- Jordana Hunter joined the board. She will be focusing on the Family Liaison portfolio. You can get in touch with Jordana via [jordana.hunter@gmail.com](mailto:jordana.hunter@gmail.com).
- Work continues on the preparation of the KCCC business plan.
- Three people have volunteered to assist with the Finance Subcommittee and will be discussing roles and responsibilities over the next couple of weeks.

## POLICY OF THE MONTH

### Orientation Procedure and Policy

As there will be some new faces around KCCC and some siblings being introduced to KCCC on a more permanent basis, we thought it might be timely to revisit the Orientation Procedure.

The procedure was developed to ensure families are able to settle their children with the required support and time needed. The Policy also provides staff with a framework around delivering such an important procedure.

“For many children and parents, commencing day care is the first significant separation. We recommend that parents plan this transition and allow for a gradual settling process.”

“Initially the parent and child should visit the Centre as often as is practical for both the centre and the family. This will enable the child to explore the environment while in the company of a familiar adult. The parent will be able to observe the routine of the Centre and talk to the staff about their child’s needs and development.”

“Please note that all children react differently to the orientation process and we, as child care professionals are here to make the process smooth and appropriate to your child’s individual needs.”

Quotes taken from KCCC **CC008-OP1.V1** and **CC008.V1**

The policy is now on display on the pin up board outside the office or can be emailed or printed for you.

## WAITING LIST STATISTICS

	Places Available	Booked Days	Still waiting
Yarra gum	50	38	90
Gumnuts	50	49	17
Wattle	50	42	14
Banksia	50	47	47
Waratah	75	75	24
Boronia	75	67	24
Acacia	75	65	15
Tea Tree	75	71	
Kinder	75	75	19

Please note that the reason why Yarra Gum still has a number of vacancies is due to KCCC’s orientation policy, which allows time to support new children into their room. We are waiting for current enrollments to finish their orientation before booking anyone else in. It is anticipated that most rooms will approach expected occupancy within the near future.

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## BABYSITTERS

The following staff members are available for babysitting.

Leah Myers <a href="mailto:l.myers@pgrad.unimelb.edu.au">l.myers@pgrad.unimelb.edu.au</a>	0422 298 369
Tanya Manganaro	0418 558 134
Laura Arndell <a href="mailto:laura.arndell@gmail.com">laura.arndell@gmail.com</a>	0403 558 382
Fiona Borg <a href="mailto:fborg@live.com.au">fborg@live.com.au</a>	0431 596 523

Please note that any private babysitting arrangements you make with these staff are completely independent of KCCC and are not the responsibility of KCCC.

## AROUND THE ROOMS

### This month the Waratah Room!

We would like to welcome all our new family and friends to Waratah room and we all look forward to a fun filled year.

The experiences the children have been using and enjoying in the room includes the home corner and cars/construction area. While playing in these areas the children have been interacting with one another in small group play and using their language.

A sensory table with play dough on it has been developed for the children to work at and this has been a popular area where the children are using their imaginations to make things. The children have learnt to make balls and worms from the play dough and there have been some great discussions at the play dough table.

We have created a daily diary in the room which includes a short story about what the children do each day which is displayed next to the sign in and out book.

We have also created a Waratah room family journal This will be displayed in the room for the children and families to look at; each family will have a turn to report a story or event in the journal.

We look forward to reporting more exciting news as the year goes on and if you would like to see anything included in the room or the program please let the staff in the room know.

## CHOOK UPDATE

The chickens are doing extremely well in their new coop. A big thank you to Bunnings for providing us with the materials and to all that helped to build the enclosure in December.

Liz, our eldest chook, was the first to produce an egg in the school holidays and has laid one every day since. Slowly, but surely, the rest of our girls will follow her lead and in turn we will end up with four freshly laid eggs each day! Kelly was lucky enough to be the first to take a half dozen of eggs home and she says they're delicious.

In the near future we will be looking at selling the eggs to the Kinder and Child Care families. The money made from the eggs will be used to feed the chicken and keep them healthy. More information about the cost of the eggs will be given out at a later date.

## SEEKING YOUR INPUT

Your suggestions about what you would like included in this newsletter are welcome. We are aiming for a monthly newsletter to come out immediately following the board meeting. Please email [credding@bigpond.net.au](mailto:credding@bigpond.net.au).

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