



# KCCC newsletter March 2009

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At the time of writing, we have **140 families** and **173 children** attending the Centre, including the Rosellas, Kingfishers and Kookaburras at Kindergarten.

Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 58 new children have commenced in long day care at KCCC

## STAFFING UPDATES

We have a number of new staff commence since the last newsletter. Niluji has been employed to cover staff lunch and tea breaks. Sarah has joined Kate in the Boronia room and Kylie has been covering staff days off (RDO's). Tanya commences on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Boronia room and that room will then have its full complement of staff.

We have received so much positive feedback from parents with regard to the new staff members and what a wonderful job they are doing. It is great to be able to complement our existing group of fantastic, dedicated staff with a mix of fresh, enthusiastic carers and experienced, practiced professionals. We continue to be a diverse group of people with many nationalities and age brackets represented.

Soledad is currently away on a trip which she was committed to before she commenced employment with KCCC and will return early in April. Kylie will be working with Hoa in the Acacia room in her absence.

I (Liz) am having a week off from the 23<sup>rd</sup> March and will return on 30<sup>th</sup>. The wonderful Rachel will be in charge in my absence.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

*It has been a very busy time at KCCC as we have all been focusing on settling our new families while providing support to existing children and parents. I will be the first to admit it hasn't all been plain sailing but I have been very proud of what we (the staff and the board) have been able to achieve, with the support of our wonderful parent body. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all. KCCC is a great example of the community rallying together and supporting each other to create something really special. (Now I sound like Bruce McAvaney). I am really looking forward to moving back into the office and being able to greet families on a daily basis, I have really missed that contact.*

## THE WELCOME BREAKFAST

**WHEN:** The 29<sup>th</sup> of March

**WHERE:** AT KCCC

**WHAT TIME:** 9.30 -11.30

**WHY:** To meet/catch up with new and old friends and to eat Heather's yummy muffins.

Please, for catering purposes, fill in the forms next to the sign in sheets if you are attending.

## Staff Training

Over the last month staff have:

- Attended Anaphylaxis training
- Had a representative from Sunsmart attend a staff meeting to ensure we have current information in this area.
- Two staff members attended a session on program planning
- Morag and Kelly attended a network meeting



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## FUNDRAISING

We are currently taking orders for pies, hot cross buns, quiches etc. This is our first fundraiser for the year and forms are available from the office if you have misplaced yours.

I can recommend the blueberry pies

## DID YOU KNOW.....

*While on the subject of fundraising I thought you may like to know some of the 'hidden treasures' the fundraising money has financed over the last year*

*The Living Eggs (we all enjoyed watching those eggs hatch into beautiful chicks)*

*Balls (that seem to grow wings and fly way) We made a bulk purchase and ended up with one ball per child.*

*Two trampolines - one was small and proved inadequate the other is large and we are waiting for the final refurbishment of the outdoor area to enjoy jumping.*

*Two large beautiful, pink wooden dolls houses - we really need a handy dad or mum to help put them together. If anyone has some spare time please.....*

*Books - a variety through the book club*

*The Animal farm- this is such a lovely day and while kindergarten families make a small financial contribution this does not cover the majority of the cost*

*Two CD players - unfortunately CD players seem to have such a short life span or maybe they don't like the Wiggles on repeat. (these are distinct from the two subsidised by the City of Melbourne from expansion fit out.)*

*See expansion update re outdoor area*

## EXTENSION UPDATE.

**WE HEAD INTO OUR LAST THREE WEEKS!!!**

We are finally approaching the end of the ever expanding, expansion. We are hopeful (but I have been very hopeful throughout the expansion) that the building will be finished within the next three weeks.

We will now be focusing on the outdoor area and using some council resources - (financial and other) and fundraising money to revamp the playground area. To date we have purchased and received for the outdoor area:

8 wooden prams, 8 wheel barrows, 3 outdoor wooden picnic settings, 9 ladders, 1 spotted gum bridge, 2 outdoor square wooden seating sets, 7 planks, 3 balancing beam, 6 wooden trestles, 2 jouncing boards, 3 large wooden cubes, 4 sets of garden tools, 5 rakes, 30 various trucks for the sandpit, 4 scooters, 4 chopper bikes, 4 walk bikes, 2 wooden croquet sets, \$100 worth of sand toys (plastic spades, buckets) etc. When we add these items to our existing equipment and the interesting landscape features we intend to develop, you can appreciate that the outdoor area will be an exciting space for children to explore, investigate and develop their skills.

PS I forgot the two wooden swings sets.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**THE MOST AWAITED  
CALENDAR OF THE  
YEAR - THE KCCC  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
is attached to this newsletter

*Teaching is not the filling of the pail but the lighting of the fire - William Butler Yeats*