



# KCCC newsletter MAY 2008

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At the time of writing, we have **103 families** and **123 children** attending the Centre, including the Rosellas & Kingfishers at Kindergarten.

## STAFFING UPDATES

### Office Manager

We are pleased to welcome Kim Herriman to KCCC in the role of Office Manager. Kim comes to us with a vast amount of industry experience. Vanessa can finally leave us and enjoy the last little bit of her pregnancy.

**Leah** has now left us for Byron Bay but hopefully will return in a couple of months.

## VALE DOMINIC

We were very sad to hear about the passing of Dominic Gianni, earlier in May. Dom attended KCCC for a number of years and the following is an extract of a letter we sent to his family that we wanted to share with you: *'When Dom commenced care here, there was a lot to learn regarding his physical care but in a short time we realised we were going to learn so much more from this beautiful boy than he would ever learn from us. We learnt about patience and true, pure happiness; we learnt about Dom's cheekiness and his unique personality; we learnt about tenderness and mutual respect; we learnt about sharing and warmth; we learnt about admiration and we learnt to be humble; but most of all we learnt about the many aspects of love - all this from one dear little boy.'* Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family.

**Look out for Expansion Updates. Stage 2 nearly completed!**

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Once again there is a lot going on at KCCC. The first two rooms of the expansion are nearly completed; there have been visits from local councilors, discussions/protest regarding Holland Park, new families starting, hand over in the office, footy tipping (with me still losing and Bryn winning.), walls decorated by the children. Through all this the children have been happily engaged. One of the aspects of my position I enjoy the most is the time I spend in the room with the children. Their zest and resilience for life, their interest in small what appears to us insignificant happenings, their trust in each other, all ensure that a visit to the rooms is the perfect way to re-charge your batteries.

## HOUSEKEEPING

Just a reminder to parents about our Exclusion Policy that states children are unable to attend KCCC if they have had *'an episode of diarrhea or vomiting in the previous 24 hours'*. We adhere to this Policy to ensure that all children are safe from what could become a serious issue around cross infection.

Please ensure children do not enter the playrooms before 7.30am, staff are very busy preparing the rooms, organising the laundry etc and are unfortunately not in a position to also care for children.

Your cooperation in the above matters would be appreciated.

## Donnie update!

Donnie is now on teaching rounds.

He will visit us in the two weeks of the school holidays and then he will be overseas until September, furthering his studies.

## News from Kindergarten

Kingfishers and Rosellas have been very busy with gardening in pots over the last few months. For Mother's Day each child was able to plant a daffodil, jonquil, freesia or royal velvet bulb. We hope they produce a flower in the Spring!

Following on from that experience, we arranged for Jody, the Community Involvement Organiser from Bunnings Maribyrnong, to visit with both groups to plant some herbs (parsley and coriander).



On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, the Prep Choir from Holy Rosary Primary School visited the kindergarten and sang several songs for us. We will visit the two Kensington schools in Term 3.

Both kindergarten groups celebrated Mother's Day with a morning tea which was well attended by Mums and Grandmas. The children made pikelets or fairy bread to share. A Pyjama and breakfast day will finish off Term 2 - more information to come...

Morag and Mai and Angus

### ROOM REPORT - WATTLE ROOM

A warm hello from the Wattle room. Children have been interested in doing art work and you can see some of their work on display in the room.

For the next few weeks we will have the dress up corner. The children love it and you can see photos of them all dressed up in the book that is next to the sign in sheet.

You'll be seeing new faces in the room as new children are starting orientation in the next couple of weeks.

Please remember to collect the children's art work from the folders outside the room.



Some of our beautiful Boronia boys and girls!

*Mia Devine, Sienna Cag, Grace Hollow, Chloe Sturzaker, Ava Bentley, Noah Wallwork (now living overseas!!), Macsen Davies and Jack McKenny (hiding in his KCCC hat).*



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## SAVE HOLLAND PARK!!

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 2pm a Rally has been organised at Holland Park by the Kensington Association as per their email:

*'The State Government is watching! The turnout to a rally like this helps them to gauge public opinion. You will send a strong message if 100s turn out.'*

Further details will be available around the centre. Please attend the rally and ensure the future of this vital resource.

## KCCC TRIVIA NIGHT

Don't forget the **KCCC TRIVIA NIGHT** which will be held on **Tuesday 24/6** at **Hardimans** at **8.00 pm**.

Tables of 4 to 6 participants are ideal or just make a single or double booking and we will pair you up with some other knowledgeable KCCC members!!

Nibbles provided and drinks available at the bar, all for the low price of \$15.00.

**Fantastic Prizes!!!! BOOK NOW.**

## ROOM REPORT - WARATAH ROOM

Last month was a very busy one in our room. The preparation for Mother's Day was big. We had a 'gold coin donation' stall with a beautiful collection of jewellery provided by Heather and Donna and the children enjoyed selecting a jewellery item for their mother. The children also painted some pots for the occasion.

The children in our room are interested in puppies so we are working on a puppy corner with a kennel this week.

We welcomed a new friend Claudia, and her family, in our room and Maria, who is on maternity leave, came to visit with her new baby Julian. We were very happy to see them.

We have also been very busy painting the walls opposite the kitchen that were put up for the expansion.

*Kate, Cherie and Amina*

## ROOM REPORT - BANKSIA ROOM

We are decorating our names, laminating them and placing them on the table at all mealtimes to use as a placemat - if we didn't already, we will certainly know our own names very soon!

We welcome Tessa from the Wattle Room, who has settled in really well.

Happy Birthday to all of the children who turned 3 in the last month!!

Please remember to bring suitable clothing - even though the mornings are cool, KCCC has heating, and outdoors the children run and actively play. This can cause overheating if children are wearing layers and layers of clothes

*Donna and Alma*

## ROOM REPORT - BORONIA ROOM

The Children have been creating lots of beautiful masterpieces using coloured chalk and oil pastels (soon they will be on display at the National Gallery!) The Children also enjoyed shopping for jewellery for Mother's Day!

You will also have noticed that the children have done some beautiful paintings on the temporary wall located in the hallway next to the kitchen. Take some time to admire them with your child.

*Gloria*

## ROOM REPORT - GUMNUT ROOM

The children's independence has been boosted this month with their mastery of climbing equipment, which develops their gross motor skills. Creative experiences have also been introduced for the old Gumnuts such as playdough, drawing and slime. They have been thoroughly enjoyed.

We welcomed Sienna Bonifacio and family to the room.

Can parents please bring in any spare plastic bags to the room - we use them for soiled clothes. And if parents have any suggestions for improvements to the program or room or have ideas for special events please let us know.

*Caterina*