



# KCCC newsletter November 2010

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At the time of writing, we have 215 children attending the Centre, including the Rosellas, Kingfishers and Kookaburras Kindergarten groups.

## STAFFING UPDATES

Melisa gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Devan, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Michelle also gave birth to a gorgeous baby boy, Ezra during October. Both families are doing well and enjoying getting to know one another.

Soledad will be on holidays until January and will be replaced by Amanda.

Staffing appraisals are taking place this week. During this process, staff discuss their room preferences for next year which encompasses age group preferences and staff teams - as you can imagine when you have to work so closely with another staff member it is important that you have the opportunity to talk through the options. Room placements for the centre are very complex as we balance child, parental and staff needs.

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

**Congratulations** to all our dedicated staff at KCCC for consistently doing a wonderful job in the operations and caring of our children.

The centre was recently inspected for the Quality Improvement and Accreditation System. The quality areas cover every aspect of the operations and quality care provided. We received an excellent report.

## PHOTOS

The photographer has now collected all the photos returned to the office. Please forward any future requests to the photographer in the addressed envelope provided in the original package.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- The last day for long day care will be **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** the centre will reopen for children on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January**.
- **Christmas Party/End of Year Break up. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.** 6.00 pm at KCCC. Cost: \$15 per adult \$5.00 per child over two. Please check the flyers around the centre for further details.
- **Confirmation of bookings and staffing for 2010: week beginning the 29/11.**

## PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR.....

Confirmed bookings for 2011 will be available next week (see above). We have made every effort to meet your needs and take into consideration your requests for staff and peers to join your child in the room but as you can appreciate the process is extremely complex as we have had very few families reducing days and a large number of families increasing their bookings plus 17 siblings being welcomed to KCCC!

A large number of hours are spent working through the process of room allocations. Lengthy discussions around individual needs, days required by families, peer connections etc are all canvassed. Please be assured that although there is a lot to juggle and views may differ around the needs of the individual, we would never compromise the care or education of the children around these allocations. ....and now to the waiting list!!



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the AGM and for all the positive feedback we received. Please find below the current make-up of the board with contact details.

To our retiring board members a heartfelt thankyou:

John Page who successfully steered KCCC through the expansion and spent many hours supporting the service (and keeping up the lolly supply).

Fiona Norman who used her vast Early Childhood industry experience to support us through the current changes in the industry and Accreditation.

Fincina Hopgood who did a wonderful job as secretary to the board, ensuring all documentation was of a high standard and the constitutional rules were considered and adhered to.

‘Some people strengthen our society just by being the kind of people they are’.

## FIRST AID

Staff will be involved in Level II First Aid and Anaphylaxis training on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 from 9.00 - 5.30 and we have places available for parents if anyone would be interested in attending. The cost will be \$105.00 per person. Places are limited so please let Kim, Rachel or Liz know if you would like to attend.

## MENUS

We have finally handed the menus over to Heather for her expert feedback and will look to implement them in the New Year. We will need to make some purchases to update our kitchen and look at the costings and then we should be ready to enjoy!

## WINE DRIVE

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR WINE DRIVE. FORMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED BUT ADDITIONAL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE. WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING ORDERS UP TO WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER.**

## BOARD DETAILS FOR 2011

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| <b>Tracy Shearer</b>     | <a href="mailto:tshearer@fastmail.com.au">tshearer@fastmail.com.au</a>         | Family Liason/Fundraising | Julia (Tea Tree) Emma (Gumnut)   |
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