

# Norwest CCC News – January 2008



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## Director's Update

Happy New Year! Welcome to our first newsletter for 2008 and welcome to our new website. We are extremely proud of our fantastic new website and hope that you will all take some time to have a look at it. We would also appreciate any feedback you have for improvements or suggested additions. It has been a busy start to the year and we have enjoyed welcoming our new families into the centre.

## Limited Vacancies for 2008

We only have a couple of limited positions still available for 2008, so get in quick if you are wanting to add additional days. Just speak with Lorna or Jayne to discuss availability.

## New Parent Breakfast

Our annual New Parent breakfast will be taking place on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7am. All new and existing parents are invited to come along and meet staff and other parents. It is a great opportunity to get to know other parents in the same situation as you as well as parents who have been at the centre for some time. New parents will be getting an invitation in their pocket. If you are an existing parent who would like to come and join us for a light breakfast, please let us know at the office.



## Family pockets

Our communication pockets will be changing shortly to a pigeon hole system, which will replace our current pockets. We are hoping to have the new system in the next couple of weeks.

## Storm damage

Thank you to all the parents in the Ocean Room for their patience late last year and early this year while we recovered from the damage caused by the hail storm in early December. We have now got fresh new carpet in the 2 cot rooms that were damaged and the ceilings will be fixed shortly.

## Sunscreen and hats

It is extremely important that you put sunscreen on your child in the morning as you arrive at the centre – the stamp on their hands then lets staff know that they are protected. We also have antibacterial gel available in the foyer. Getting your child to wash/clean their hands upon entering the centre is also a great habit to get into as it will help prevent the spread of any germs and therefore reduce the spread of infection. Finally, don't forget a hat and remember that you can always purchase one of our great Norwest hats from the office if you want.

## Staff News:

Congratulations to Louise who finished her Associate Diploma late last year. We now have three other staff studying there Associate Diploma and are due to finish over the coming year.

Colleen, who has been with the centre since early 2004 has decided that it is time for a change and is moving on to another centre. Colleen will be greatly missed by staff and children and we wish her, and Summer, lots of luck with their new centre. Her last day will be the 4<sup>th</sup> February. We are currently interviewing a number of great candidates to fill Colleen's position.

Amanda F has also finished up her traineeship and has been given the opportunity to move to a centre right next door to her house – an offer she couldn't refuse and will be finishing up on the 4<sup>th</sup> February as well. Amanda F will be replaced in the short term by Lauren N who has been working with us for casually for a few years now. Amanda's completion now means we are currently recruiting for a new trainee, so if you know any eager, young men or woman who are wanting a great opportunity to enter the profession, please give them our details.

## Dates for your diary:

6 <sup>th</sup> February	New Parent Breakfast
4 – 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Vietnamese and Chinese New Year celebrations
26 <sup>th</sup> February	2007 School reunion



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## New website

As we already mentioned, we have a great new website. You will notice that we have a section for forms that will make it very easy for you to fill communication sheets out before you come to the centre. So, why not add us to your favourites and remember to let us know any suggestions that you may have.

## News from the Kitchen

Please remember to bring back your All About Me Forms so that all of our information is as up to date as possible. If you have any concerns about food allergies for your child, please speak with Michele.



## Reminders

- Please bring back your child's portfolio as soon as possible
- Make sure that everything that comes to the centre is labeled. Stuck on You brochures are available in the foyer.

## Open Door Policy

Parents and family are always welcome at the centre at any time. If you would like to come in and do an activity with the children, speak to the staff in your room and write your name on the calendar at the front of the room or near the entrance of the room.

## Fundraising

Thank you to all of the families who helped us with our fundraising events last year. With the money we raised we were able to purchase heaps of great things for the centre, including some great new furniture for the rooms, additional computers for the rooms, some great new outdoor equipment and heaps of toys. Thanks again for all you support.

## Referrals

With a group of new starters to welcome into the centre, we thought we would remind you that if you refer someone to the centre and they enroll –

you are eligible for a free day of child care. If you have encouraged someone to come to our centre and they have enrolled, but we have forgotten to give you your gift certificate, please come and see Jayne or email her.

## Entertainment Books

We are planning on trying a different fundraising event this year instead of the usual chocolate drive – we will be selling the Entertainment Book. Details will come in a couple of months.

## Ocean Room

A big welcome to all of our families joining us in the Ocean Room for 2008. To give the room a fresh start for the year, we have decided to re-arrange the room slightly – with the Rainbow Fish located in the middle of the room, the children are enjoying a much larger view of the whole room. Balls and music (especially bells) appear to be a huge interest at the moment and it's fantastic to see some of the children at different stages of the day spontaneously show off their dance moves. We were very busy making some Australia Day craft, including didgeridoos, some of which is now on display in the room. .



## Rainforest Room

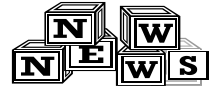
Everyone has settled into the Rainforest room very nicely and we are having a lot of fun exploring our new environment. It has helped seeing some familiar faces from last year, but it has also been exciting meeting some new ones.



We have got many interesting activities happening already. The playdough is very popular, we're enjoying making different patterns in the playdough with cookie cutters, rolling pins and even our own hand prints. Home corner is always busy with many of us in there cooking up a storm.

We now have a computer in our room which is very interesting as we all love watching our pictures on the computer. So keep watching for more daily photos of fun exciting things happening in the Rainforest Room.

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## Bush Room

It's great to see many families back into the Bush Room this year and welcome some new families as well.



As January nears to the end, we wish that last of our 2007 Kangaroos good luck as they begin their school journey. We have enjoyed watching them all learn and grow from babies in the Ocean Room. In the Bush Room so far, it has been a time of settling in and getting used to things. The Joey children have all adapted well in their new surroundings, whilst the Wallabies and Kangaroos have spent their time catching up with friends.

The current interests of the Joeys and Wallabies include the beach (a travel destination of many over the break) and tea parties and picnics (the result of the teddy bear's picnic). The Kangaroos have begun their year exploring their new environment, finding the computer and school uniform dress ups in home corner the places to be. We all hope the rest of the year goes as smoothly as January has.

## Parent Directory

Welcome to our parent directory, where we have the opportunity to support our families and their businesses. If you missed out this time, we will be doing another directory later in the year.

### CN Global Pty Ltd

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## Universal Magazines

*Dogs Life* is the top dog magazine in Australia and New Zealand. It also has a popular Kids Club segment with activities, drawings, pictures and competitions/giveaways for kids only. It's great fun for the young ones and they also learn about responsible dog ownership and how to act around a dog. I would be happy to organise a special discount subscription for Norwest parents who have dogs, if you are ever interested.

Call Caroline Zambrano, the Editor on 02 9887 0360 or email [czambrano@universalmagazines.com.au](mailto:czambrano@universalmagazines.com.au), [www.dogslife.com.au](http://www.dogslife.com.au)

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## McGrath Northern Districts

Contact Health Dockary on 0411798479 or 98690888 or via email on [heathdockary@mcgrath.com.au](mailto:heathdockary@mcgrath.com.au).

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## **The Embroidery Guys**

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Please contact Steve Hockey on 0412 504 194 or 1300 88 57 37  
You can also check out the website at [www.theembroideryguys.com.au](http://www.theembroideryguys.com.au) or [blueribbonmarketing.com.au](http://blueribbonmarketing.com.au)

## **Catalyst Marketing, Medical Workshop Services and How TEK**

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