



Merry Christmas to everyone!



We had a lovely time at Lambton Park on the 27th of November at our combined Xmas and Birthday celebration.

The children enjoyed the face painting, jumping castle and of course Santa with his presents. Thank you for those who attended in celebrating our 5th year of operation with a piece of lovely blue birthday cake—also thank you to all the families who have supported us in the first wonderful 5 years—you are all very special to us!

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES FOR THEIR LOVELY PRESENTS AND KIND WORDS EXPRESSED IN XMAS CARDS TO OUR WONDERFUL STAFF!



Family Dinner at Bar Beach

The Wallaby staff organised a lovely family get together at Bar Beach on Monday 30 November. April, Kim, Tahlia and Donna ordered lots and lots of chips from David at the Kiosk and with some bubbly lemonade and fresh juicy watermelon— "viola" a very easy dinner at the beach for everyone! The girls had planned a discovery walk along the beach, but not long after finishing their chippies, most of the kids couldn't resist and were off into the water on the lovely last day of spring evening.



Young Australia Workshop—Star Dances Wed 25 Nov 09

We were very lucky to have Troy and Gwenda come and visit us to share their Indigenous culture, stories and dances. The children were invited to have their faces painted with special white paint, Troy explained the meanings behind the Aboriginal flag, different areas and names of Aboriginal groups all over NSW and Gwenda taught the children lots of dances with Troy either playing the didgeridoo or tapping sticks and rocks.



Graduating Class of 2009

We have 23 successful preschool graduates all ready for school. After completing the School Preparation program for the last 8 weeks (not to mention that last 5 years of school preparation!), which involved a visit to St Johns school, lunch box week, performance week, team work week and much more, we celebrated their achievements with a lovely afternoon tea Graduation Ceremony. Thanks to the parents for attending and bringing lots of lovely food—the kids loved it!!!

Off to school for:

William Argyrakis	Laine Sanson	Millie Warham	Olivia Duck	Phoebe, Mackenzie & Charli O'Brien	
Katelyn Cormack	Rhys Berger	Nicholas Crisafulli	Nicolas Suba	Charlotte Costello	
Samuel McKenzie	Jack New	Madelyn Stevens	Jessie Cummins	Hugh-Angus Bright	
Leroy Sfeir	Abigail Liddle	Chloe Priestley	Therese Nasser	Shona Murphy	Sophie Tickle

All our love and best of luck at big school to our little friends—we will miss you all xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Final words for 2009.....

Accounts: All families were given an end of year statement with a final balance shown which is due by 10am Thursday 24 December 2009. Please ensure this is cleared so we can start all accounts with a zero balance in 2010. If you attend on a Friday and receive child care benefit, you would have received a hand written manual calculation for the final day of care. This last week of care will not reconcile until we return in 2010, so please do not be concerned if your receipt does not have a zero balance on it, we will be able to sort out any differences in balance when we re-open in January.

Clean up: The staff have been very busy cleaning up around their rooms in the last couple of week, please assist in this process by making sure you have taken home all **BEDDING, SPARE CLOTHES, DRINK BOTTLES, BELONGINGS FROM LOCKERS, ART WORK etc** so we can have the centre spick and span for the 24th of Dec 09.

Last day hours of operation: A reminder to all parents that our last day of the year (Thurs 24th December—xmas eve!!) will have a different closing time. **All children are to be picked up by 2.50pm so the centre can be closed by 3pm.** We only do this on years that Xmas day falls at the end of a working week and are mindful that some of our staff need to travel to have xmas with their families on that night or the following day.

ROSTER 2010

Our last newsletter detailed the staffing for 2010 and the days working, but just as a reminder the staff days off for 2010 are as follows:

Monday—Shelly day off

Tuesday—Tahlia day off

Wednesday—Kate & April day off

Thursday—Lauren day off

Friday— Karen day off

Kim—Thursday/Friday days off

Donna— only works Thur/Fri

For our first day back (Monday 11th January 2010) Kim and Karen will be on open and April and Tahlia will be on close.

FAREWELLS

Farewell to Jonte, Damon, Huxley and Austin and their families. We wish them all the very best for their future and thank them for being a part of the Elder Street community
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BIRTHDAYS

November babies:

Ayla turned 1
Mitchell turned 1
Olivia turned 3
Huxley turned 4
Charlotte turned 5

December babies:

Ruben turns 2
Ruby turns 2
Olivia turns 3

Sam turns 5

Jack turns 5

Happy Birthday everyone!!!



All the staff of Elder Street wish all the children and mums and dads a very happy and safe Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2010 xxxxxx

Love Mel, Kim, April, Georgia, Donna, Karen, Kate, Shelly, Tahlia, Catherine and Lauren

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