

# Greenhills Neighbourhood Centre Newsletter Semester 1 2011

A big welcome back to all childcare families and course participants familiar with our Centre and a special welcome to all our new members.

For our childcare families I have listed below the dates for the first and second term, so you can mark them on your calendar now. Towards the end of each term I will issue re-booking forms for the following term. You will have first choice to pay a \$20 holding deposit for the next term. If you do not intend returning I would appreciate knowing a.s.a.p as we still have a waiting list for positions.

## **DATES FOR TERM 1 2011 – CHILDCARE AND COURSES**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> April  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – 8<sup>th</sup> April



## **DATES FOR TERM 2 2011 – CHILDCARE AND COURSES**



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April – 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> July

## **OFFICE HOURS**

The Office is open the following hours:-

**Monday**      **CLOSED**  
**Tuesday**    **8.45am – 4.15pm**  
**Wednesday** **8.45am – 4.15pm**  
**Thursday**    **8.45am – 4.15pm**  
**Friday**        **8.45am – 12.15pm**

All course and childcare fees can be paid during these hours either by dropping into the office or you can pay over the phone using your master or visa cards.

## COURSES AND ACTIVITIES

Please make sure you get a copy of the Semester 1 brochure to see all of our ongoing programs along with the new courses and activities we have on offer.

If you have any suggestions for programs to be included in Semester 2, please see me in the office.

Christine  
Co-ordinator



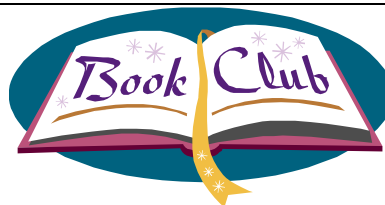
**A.G.M - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 - 7.30p.m**



Please don't bury your head when the A.G.M comes up. Centres such as ours, can only continue to provide services, courses and childcare to the community with your support. Skills shared and gained are invaluable. We need new committee members, new ideas and new skills. If you benefit from the services we provide why not give back a little and help support the Centre.

## HIGH FIRE DANGER

This Centre is listed on the 'High Fire Danger' Register which means that on days declared "*CODE RED*" we are not permitted to open for either courses or childcare. PLEASE do not attend the Centre on these days. If for any reason there is a need to evacuate the Centre, our evacuation point is **4 Willis St, Greensborough**. To evacuate the Centre, you need to leave the building, walk across the car park and through the back yard of the second property backing onto Community Drive. No. 4 Willis St is the first white weatherboard house on the other side of the road. All children will be evacuated from the Centre and can be collected from there.



Don't forget to keep an eye out for the range of books that are often on display in the Childcare Room and the Office. We have two companies who leave a display of books at different times. These books are usually quite a bargain and can be ordered on the displayed form and money left at the office. We receive 10% of sales to spend on books for our childcare room or to include in our end of year Christmas Hamper raffle.

**CHILDCARE**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Kristen our new Childcare staff member. Kristen is qualified in Early Childhood Education and will assist Elaine in delivering the program.

Staffing in Childcare will be as follows:-

<b>Monday</b>	Elaine and Donna
<b>Tuesday</b>	Elaine and Antoinette
<b>Wednesday</b>	Kristen and Antoinette
<b>Thursday</b>	Elaine and Donna
<b>Friday</b>	Elaine and Kristen

Just to recap some important issues we need to remember for childcare:

- Please remember we have a **nut free policy**.
- Please remember to label everything your child brings into care.
- Please supply sunhat and apply sunscreen at home before coming.
- Please make sure suitable footwear is worn so as to avoid accidents.
- Please supply change of clothes as we have only a very limited supply.
- Always remember to inform staff about anything you may think we need to know about your child and please feel free to approach Elaine or Kristen (whoever is in charge of your session) with any concerns you may have.
- There is a communication book at the sign in table if you wish to request a moment to talk to staff and haven't been able to. Please keep the communication between staff and yourself open and understand that everything spoken about is kept in the highest confidence.

This makes for a more settled year with everyone working well with each other.

We look forward to a great first term, and a super year.  
Thank you

Elaine, Kristen, Antoinette and Donna



*For our 'old' childcare families we would like to let you all know that Gina has settled well into her new home in Singapore.*

## **2011 Census Job Opportunities**

The Bureau of Statistics is recruiting Area Supervisors for the 2011 Census on 9 August. If you are interested in a flexible, short term position and would enjoy managing your own workload and a team of Census Collectors, you can apply at [www.abs.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.abs.gov.au/recruitment) or by calling 1800 420 182. Applications are now open and close on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

## **COMPUTER UPGRADE**

We would like to thank Colin Leake for assisting us in upgrading our computers over the Christmas break. We are also grateful to Small Business Servers Australia (26 Louis St, Greensborough ph 9432 8056) who specialise in deploying and maintaining computer networks.

Please support any business that supports our Centre throughout the year.

## JOKE OF THE DAY

*Three women die together in an accident and go to heaven.*

*When they get there, St Peter says*

*“We only have one rule here in heaven –  
Don’t step on the ducks”*

*So they enter heaven and sure enough*

*There are ducks all over the place*

*It is almost impossible not to step on a duck*

*And although they try their best to avoid them*

*The first woman accidentally steps on one*

*Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest man she ever saw*

*St. Peter chains them together and says*

*“Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to  
Spend eternity chained to this ugly man”.*

*The next day,*

*The second woman steps accidentally on a duck*

*And along comes St. Peter, who doesn’t miss a thing*

*With him is another extremely ugly man.*

*He chains them together*

*With the same admonishment as for the first woman.*

*The third woman has observed all this and*

*Not wanting to be chained*

*For all eternity to an ugly man is VERY*

*VERY careful where she steps.*

*She manages to go months*

*Without stepping on any ducks,*

*BUT*

*One day St. Peter comes up to her*

*With the most handsome man she has ever seen*

*Very tall, long eyelashes, muscular*

*St. Peter chains them together without saying why*

*The happy woman says,*

*“I wonder what I did to deserve being  
Chained to you for all of eternity?”*

*The guy says,*

*‘I don’t know about you,*

*But I stepped on a*

*DUCK*