

Point Cook Playgroup Inc. **newsletter**

## **POINT COOK PLAYGROUP INC.**

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**March, 2010**

### **President's Report**

I wish to welcome all new families that are joining us for the first time in 2010. I hope that each of you find new friends and opportunities for your children to have new experiences, and develop new skills, but most of all to have fun as fun is what playgroup is all about!

This is my first year on our Playgroup Committee as President and so far we have had a busy term. We have five new Committee members this year, including myself: Kayla, Tracey, Narelle and Miriam along with Rachel, Kylie and Nicole who remain from last years Committee. A big thank you to the 2009 committee for all of their work last year and for their guidance and wonderful organisational skills that has made the beginning of this year flow nicely. Also a huge thank you to Miriam for her work as Activities coordinator during term one. Miriam has organised some wonderful activities and has been able to organise donations for prizes this year. Narelle will be taking over her role for term 2.

The Committee is made up of mothers from our playgroup. These ladies give their time voluntarily, and without their efforts our playgroup would not be able to run. The fee that each family pays per term assists in the day to day running of playgroup: rent, electricity, activities etc for our children. As we are a non-profit organisation the fundraising events, which are organised throughout the year, are what help to contribute to buying new toys, play equipment and the end of year Christmas Party for the children. I would strongly urge everyone to lend a hand with the small amount of fundraising that we do. At the end of the day, the more money we raise the more we can provide for your child. We are also looking for two new volunteers to join our committee – an assistant to the fundraising coordinator and an assistant to the activities coordinator. If you are able to help, please contact either myself, Nicole or Narelle directly.

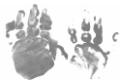
Our first fundraising event this year is the annual Bunnings BBQ. This will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July at Bunnings Hoppers Crossing. We will be asking each playgroup session to provide two volunteers to help on the day. More information will be provided about this at the beginning of term. Anyone with queries or who may be able to provide assistance please contact Nicole.

I wish everyone a very happy new playgroup year.

Warm Regards,

**Toula Papadimitropoulos**

**President**



# Playgroup 2010 Committee Members

## 2010 Committee Members

President

Toula Papadimitropoulos

Thurs 11.00am JWCC ph 0425 721 528

Vice-President

Kayla Hutchison

Fri 11.00am PCCLC ph 0466 589 165

Secretary

Racheal Priestley

Mon 11.00am JWCC ph 0432 021 962

Treasurer

Kylie Kennett

Wed 11.00am JWCC ph 0409 170 749

Enrolment Officer

Tracey Van Der Linde

Wed 11.00am JWCC ph 0414 332 794

Fundraising Officer

Nicole Watt

Mon 11.00am JWCC ph 0438 547 579

Activities/Purchasing Officer

Narelle Watt

Mon 9.00am JWCC ph 0433 495 441

## Vice President

**Kayla Hutchison**

Hi, my name is Kayla and I'm Vice president for the year. I moved to Australia from New Zealand in 2008. I have one gorgeous daughter, Maddison who loves her swimming lessons and time at playgroup with her friends. I'm a stay at home mum but thinking about starting up a home business. We attend the Friday 11am session at PCCLC. I'm looking forward to getting to know alot of new people this year.

## Activities/ Purchasing Officer

**Narelle Watt**

Hi, my name is Narelle Watt. I'm a stay at home mother with two children, Kevin 3 and April 7months, we attend the Jaimeson Way Monday 9am session. My favorite two things to do when I get free time are to cross-stitch and bake. Currently I am undertaking a project to stitch x-mas stockings to hang over the fireplace. Only 11 more to go. When I bake anything full of sugar or chocolate is most desired. Presently we are going through a phase at my house of making birthday cakes. Kevin has had about 5 fourth birthday cakes so far, and with his birthday not until November we should have it perfected by then.

## Treasurer

**Kylie Kennett**

My name is Kylie Kennett, mother to Thomas (4.5 - now at kinder), and Dean (2) from the Wednesday 11am session at Jamieson Way. My family and I moved to Point Cook from Mt Waverley in September 2006. My boys and I joined playgroup in May 2007 and have been in the same group ever since. I joined the playgroup committee last year initially as a fundraising officer, but switched to the Treasurers role when that became vacant. I was re-elected into the role at last years AGM. As well as looking after my boys, I am also the National Treasurer for a sailing association (of which my husband is current National Champion), an Avon consultant, shopping tour hostess, and a Chocoholics Anonymous representative (this is a chocolate party plan – think of a Tupperware party, but with all things chocolate!). I also bowl in a ten-pin bowling league once a week. How I manage to fit all this in and still have some spare time is a mystery.

I have made some great friendships through playgroup, and am confident that these friendships will continue for many years as our kids start kinder and then school. I will be attending playgroup until the end of 2011 at which point Dean will head off to kinder.

## TOY CLEANING

Thank you to everyone from the Monday groups at JWCC for cleaning the toys at the end of the term.



## Term 1 2010

### Group Leaders

#### JWCC

**Mon 9.00-11.00**

**Group Leader:** Deanne Jones  
**Assistant:** Coralie Firth-Zsembery

**Mon 11.00-1.00**

**Group Leader:** Kelly Carter  
**Assistant:** N/A

**Tues 9.00-11.00**

**Group Leader:** Paula Gray  
**Assistant:** Kirsty Evans

**Tues 11.00-1.00**

**Group Leader:** Chantel Walker  
**Assistant:** Alexis Ben Ezra

**Wed 9.00-11.00**

**Group Leader:** Sreekanth Sarikonda  
**Assistant:** Cassie Dullard

**Wed 11.00-1.00**

**Group Leader:** Peta Maddaluno  
**Assistant:** Nicole Fahey

**Thurs 9.00-11.00**

**Group Leader:** Claire Farmer  
**Assistant:** Cheryl Slimmon

**Thurs 11.00-1.00**

**Group Leader:** Rachael Barrand  
**Assistant:** Catalyna Gellatly

**Fri 9.00-11.00**

**Group Leader:** Lisa Peatling  
**Assistant:** Tina Solano

## Fundraising

We are having a learning ladder fundraiser during the first couple of weeks of term 2. Tracey from learning ladder will attend all sessions at PCCLC and JWCC. All commission will go towards books etc for Playgroup.

The Bunnings BBQ has been booked on Sunday 25th July. We need volunteers on the day. Also any donations of sauce, mustard, barbeque sauce and cans of drink will be gratefully accepted if unable to volunteer on the day. Anyone aware of any butchers or bakeries prepared to donate sausages and bread please contact Nicole (fundraising officer) or any other committee member. This is our major fundraising event and we need support in order to make it work on the day.

Next term the Playgroup Victoria Raffle in conjunction with KPV will be run. First prize is a car and tickets are \$2 with \$1 directly going to playgroup towards fundraising. Books will be handed out during next term. This is an easy fundraiser for us, so please support us in selling tickets.

Remember all funds raised throughout the year go towards our Christmas party and presents for our children. Without support for these events we would be unable to hold our Christmas party.

Further Fundraising events throughout the year will be Photos (Early October) and the Shopping Tour (Mid to late October). I am also hoping to gain Mattel tickets to sell.

## Weekly Craft Activities for Term 2

Week 1: Threading  
Week 2: Stamping/Paints  
Week 3: Families  
Week 4: Flower Pots  
Week 5: Cats and Dogs  
Week 6: Play dough  
Week 7: Lolly Pops  
Week 8: Picture Frames  
Week 9: Suns  
Week 10: Crowns  
Week 11: Collage



## Special Thanks To:

### Term 1 2010

### Group Leaders

### PCCLC

**Mon 9.00 – 11.00**

**Group Leader:** Kim Boukouvalas  
**Assistant:** Joanne Bogic

**Mon 11.00 – 1.00**

**Group Leader:** Eva Loader  
**Assistant:** Lisa Simpson

**Thurs 9.00 – 11.00**

**Group Leader:** Vanessa Di Battista  
**Assistant:** Carrie Silke

**Fri 9.00 – 11.00**

**Group Leader:** Kerry Casey-Fisher  
**Assistant:** Tina Bestwick

**Fri 11.00 – 1.00**

**Group Leader:** Vanessa Summers  
**Assistant:** Kayla Hutchison



Playgroup resumes  
week commencing  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

**K. Demetriou**

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**Paula Lekkas**

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activity random prize draw.

**Wayne Davis**

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For his donation of a 24  
pack Twist crayons for  
second prize in the random  
activity prize draw.

### 2010 Term Dates

**Term 1:** 1<sup>st</sup> Feb-26<sup>th</sup> Mar

**Term 2:** 12<sup>th</sup> Apr-25<sup>th</sup> Jun

**Term 3:** 12<sup>th</sup> Jul-17<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Term 4:** 4<sup>th</sup> Oct-17<sup>th</sup> Dec

### 2010 Public Holidays

#### **Australia Day:**

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> January

#### **Labour Day:**

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Good Friday:**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

#### **Easter Sunday:**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Easter Monday:**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> April

#### **ANZAC Day:**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
(Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April is the  
substitute public holiday)

#### **Queen's Birthday:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Melbourne Cup Day:**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> November

#### **Christmas Day:**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec  
(Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec is the  
substitute public holiday)

#### **Boxing Day:**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December  
(Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Dec is the  
substitute public holiday)



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