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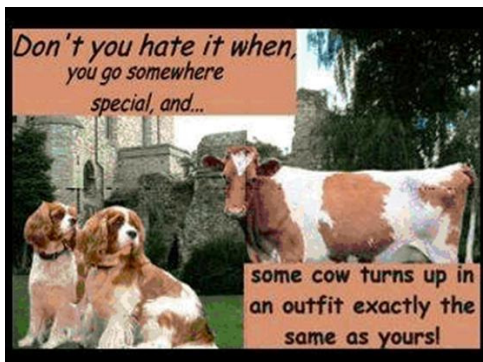
Welcome to our May/June Bulletin

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Education's purpose is to
replace and empty mind
with an open one.

*Malcolm Forbes
1919-1990*



EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE 2008 "BOORI PATHWAYS"

Thank you to all that attended this year's conference held at Wollongong. We had about 250 participants and special guests.

The responses we received from the evaluation sheets so far, have been positive and there have been some very good suggestions and comments that will help us in the planning of next year's conference. Please continue to provide us with feedback as we will take all comments - good and bad, on board. Please send back your evaluation sheet if you have not done so yet.

The evaluation sheets were sent with your Certificate of Attendance. Please contact us if you haven't yet received this package, as some have been returned to us due to incorrect addressing.

You would have also received an expression of interest for next year's conference. Please pass this onto anyone who you feel may be interested in being in our database for presenting workshops.

There are a few Conference follow-ups on page 2 of this newsletter. We will be including further articles and photos from the Conference in the next *Yarnin Up*. Please contact us if you would like to contribute articles or photos from the Conference.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mark DeWeerd (DEEWR) has received the Public Service Medal (PSM) for outstanding public service in implementing the Council of Australian Government's Whole of Government Indigenous Trial in the Murdi Paaki region.

CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UPS

OH&S

Dean Carey who presented the OH&S Policy Development workshop at this year's Early Childhood Conference at Wollongong is happy to visit centres and help with their policy development. He is willing to do this for free. If you wish to make contact with Dean, please contact the ATSIECSAG Secretariat.

T-Shirts

We have a few XL t-shirts left over from the Conference which we are selling for only \$5.00. Please contact us if you wish to buy a t-shirt.

Rod Smith - CD

One of the performers at the Conference was Rod Smith who was born & bred in Newcastle. Rod's family origins come from the New England area of Armidale and moved to Newcastle in the mid to late 50's following work on the railway. Rod's background is in performing arts. He is an actor, singer songwriter & performed songs of his coming Children's CD at the opening of the Wollongong conference. For those of you who where there witnessed an amusing but entertaining performance. Rod's music with his country influence includes songs about, "How to dance like an emu", "Moani the old kangaroo" & "Hey Mr Didgeridoo" which is cleverly done with Rod singing & the didgeridoo interacting. But for all those services out there looking for an upbeat very funky get those kids to clean up song, then Rod's song of "Pack Away Time" is just what your looking for. Overall this is a very interesting & entertaining CD to have as a part of your service or home.



If you are interested in ordering this CD please call Awabakal pre School on 02 49569132, fax 02 49549198 or email awabakal.pre-school@bigpond.com Cost of CD is \$20.00 plus \$5.00 postage & handling.

DONATIONS

We have received a number of donations in the form of books and games. There are too many to list here but to give you an idea here are a few titles. All are suitable for children and are in good condition.

Games:

- * AFL Trivia "Team Challenge"
- * Secret Sound
- * Chess (for Beginners)
- * Humdinger
- * Pokemon
- * Puzzle Arcade
- * Lottino: a Lotto Game for Young Children

Non-Fiction:

- * Science Encyclopedia
- * The Oxford Children's Book of Science
- * The Human Body: A Fascinating See-Through View at How Our Bodies Work
- * The Miracle of Birth: A Fascinating See-Through View of How A Baby Develops
- * I Wonder Why... (series 24 volumes)
- * Reptile: Discovering the Intriguing World of Reptiles
- * Insects
- * Whales and Dolphins: Our Friends in the Sea
- * Storms and Hurricanes
- * Ripley's Birds of Prey
- * Poisonous Australian Animals
- * Strange Creatures That Really Lived
- * Earthquakes and Volcanoes
- * What's Inside You?
- * Explorabook: A Kid's Museum in a Book
- * 101 Cool Science Experiments
- * Snakes
- * Dinosaurs
- * How to Draw Buildings
- * My First Magic Book: A Life-Size Guide to Making and Performing Magic Tricks
- * Australian Bushrangers
- * Australian Explorers
- * Greek Myths for Young Children

There are also some story books for young children and some novels (mainly sci-fi) for older kids.

Please contact us if you are interested in any items and we will send them to you.

POSITION VACANT LITTLE YUIN PRESCHOOL

Little Yuin Preschool is seeking applicants for the following position.

Teacher assistant: Permanent part time

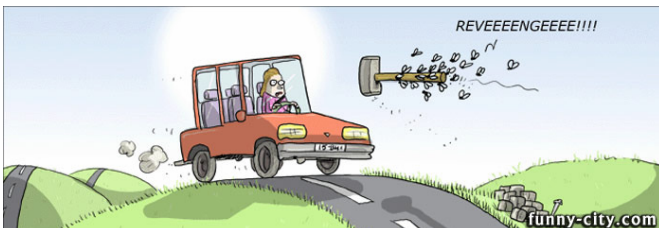
Essential Criteria:

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultures, societies and the issues affecting Indigenous people in contemporary Australian society
- Demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively, and ability to consult and negotiate with Indigenous people in relation to the delivery of education services to Indigenous people
- Ability to work with children 2-6 years of age
- Minimum 18 years of age
- Willingness to undergo a police clearance and working with children check
- Proven ability to work in a team
- Certificate III or 12 months experience and willingness to commence training upon employment

Desirable Criteria:

- Indigenous person
- Holder of current First Aid Certificate
- Ability to support children with additional needs
- Ability to relieve Authorised Supervisor if required
- Holder of Child Protection Certificate

Applications close Monday 30th June 2008



Parent Line



Phone: 132 055

Parent Line is a telephone counselling service funded by the NSW Department of Community Services and managed by Centacare Sydney - Catholic Community Services. It is a confidential service - we do not trace calls, nor do we attempt to identify callers in any way.

Parent Line has been in operation since 1994, and during that period has seen a steady increase in the number of calls received each year. In 2000 we received 7500 calls.

Our callers are roughly 50% Sydney metropolitan and 50% country areas. Country callers are often from areas where there are no local services, long waiting times, or concerns about privacy.

The average time of calls is 35 minutes. Many of our calls are considerably longer and some are shorter.

We have a comprehensive database with 4,500 services throughout NSW listed, this database is constantly updated to ensure that information is accurate. We are able to provide parents with information about services in their local area.

Since October 2007, we have been funded to operate a 24 hr. 7 day per week service.

Lavina Warner
Centacare



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

NURSE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: RURAL AND REMOTE UNDERGRADUATE SCHEME

These scholarships are funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing and administered through Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA).

Scholarships will be available for the start of the 2009 academic year for people living and working in remote and rural Australia wishing to become a Registered/Division one nurse.

For Applicants studying in a full time capacity, the scheme provides financial assistance of \$10,000 each year and applicants who are studying in a part time capacity it provides financial assistance of \$5,000 each year to a potential maximum of \$30,000 per applicant, during their nursing studies. There are 110 scholarships available and of these at least 10 are designated for awarding to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants.

For enrolled nurses upgrading their qualifications to the level of a Registered/Division 1 Nurse, the scheme provides financial assistance of \$10,000 each year if studying full time and applicants studying part time it provides financial assistance of \$5,000 each year to a potential maximum of \$25,000 per applicant, during their nursing studies. There are 20 scholarships available for enrolled nurses studying towards their Registered/Division one nursing qualification.

Information regarding this Scheme and application packs are now available on the RCNA website www.rcna.org.au. This scheme closes on Friday 11 July 2008.

COMPUTERS FOR SALE

ATSIECSAG still have the following computers for sale for \$200.00 each.

- 3 x eMac with OS X v10.3.3, 256mb RAM
- 1 x iMac "Flower Power" with OS X v10.3.3, 512mb RAM

Please contact us if you are interested in purchasing a computer from us.

TRAINING UPDATE

Donna Ingram - Project Officer

Earlier this year, I sent a Training Survey to pre-school Directors to begin to establish training needs for pre-school staff, committees and parents. I had a very good response and I would like to thank those pre-schools that took the time to complete and send the surveys back.

Now that the conference is over, I will be conducting an analysis of the information I have collected and begin the process of organising training as indicated on the surveys. I have begun to collect information about training courses, venues, facilitators etc.

Over the next few weeks, I may phone pre-schools for further information. Alternatively, please feel free to call me if you wish to discuss your training needs.

If you haven't yet sent the survey back please do so by the end of June.

SAFE KOORI KIDS

A great website for children. Please visit

www.uow.edu.au/wic/safekoorikids

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

Please let us know if your postal address, email address, phone and fax numbers change.

YARNIN' UP

The next edition of Yarnin Up will be in June, please let us know if you would like to contribute to Yarnin Up or the Monthly Bulletin.