

community newsletter

April 2009

Changes well under way at Blacktown Leisure Centre, Stanhope!

It's hard not to notice the recent building construction happening at Blacktown Leisure Centre, Stanhope, with the shape of the centre changing dramatically in recent weeks! The centre will soon become the ultimate in community leisure experiences, incorporating a variety of first class leisure, recreational and educational facilities and library resources, all under one roof.



The new look "Cafe Breeze" became the first of the 'new' facilities to open with a terrific new menu to tantalise your taste buds. The car park extension, which takes the total number of spaces to 300, is also now complete.

The steel frame of the Dennis Johnson Library has sprung from the foundations and walls are under construction. When completed, the new Library will feature a children's story telling area, youth lounge, technology area and Blacktown's first drive through book drop off point.

The gym extension is also well under way with walls popping up left right and centre for the new squash court, spinning room and extended gym. When finished, the gym facility will also include a social lounge area.

Construction is scheduled for completion in June/July this year.

Community Events – Opportunities to Get Involved & Meet People

This month we have organized a **Coffee Morning** for those at home during the day. During school holidays there is an **Informal Picnic** at The Plaza. And, book your diaries for **The Ponds Autumn Party – Movie Under the Stars**. See reverse side for details.

John Palmer Public School News

The Annual General Meeting and first P & C meeting for 2009 were held on 4th March. Elections were held for the executive of the P & C and committee members. A delicious supper was provided by The Ponds Community Development Programme.

Pictured are:
Nicole the Treasurer,
Sharon the President,
Michelle the Vice President and
Tony the Secretary.



We appreciate everyone on the P & C for giving time and energy to support the school community,

The Ponds Celebrates Harmony Day



We celebrated Harmony Day at our Meet Your Neighbour Night, held on 22nd March. People were asked to bring food from their country of origin. In addition to typical Australian fare, we were treated to food from India and Fiji. Thank you to all the chefs! We were privileged to be visited by Louise Markus, our local Federal Member (Greenway) & Shadow Minister for Veteran Affairs. We also had fun with our guest speaker, learning about different personality styles, helping us to understand ourselves and others.

More Event News and Photos

Please visit our website (address below) for more details and photos on news and past events. We also have a free Business Directory and Classifieds.

Community Events at The Ponds

Easter Fun

When: Wednesday 8th April from 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Where: John Palmer Public School (hall area)

What: afternoon tea, Feature Creatures show (Australian reptiles, amphibians, insects etc), Easter Bunny and chocolates.



The Ponds Autumn Party – Movie Under the Stars

When:
Friday 1st
May

Where: The Plaza, next to The Ponds Sales & Display Centre

The Party at 6.00pm

includes a free BBQ, coffee van, pop corn, face painting, games and more.

The Movie at 7.00pm Alvin & the Chipmunks

Party Dress Up Competition: Come dressed up (warmly) – prizes for best girl and boy dress ups.

Bring your own chair/blankets/cushions and warm clothes and of course your family and friends

Parking: if you are not able to walk there, please park along the streets behind John Palmer Public School

Wet weather venue: John Palmer Public School (you still need to bring chairs etc)



Coffee with the Girls

Great opportunity to meet others, make new friends

When: Wednesday 8th April at 10.00am

Where: The Ponds Sales & Display Centre



Picnic at The Plaza

Looking for something to do on the holidays?

Why not join us for an informal picnic!

When: Wednesday 22nd April at midday

Where: The Plaza (next to Sales & Display Centre)

Bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea & cool drinks will be provided.



John Palmer Playgroup at The Ponds

When: Every 2nd Friday from 9.15am to 11.15am

Where: Far end classroom, John Palmer Public School (access via gate on Pebble Crescent)

Meet new people, have morning tea, plus there will be plenty of activities for the children.

April & May Meeting Dates: 3 April, 1 May, 15 May, 29 May

Please pack nut free morning tea for your child.

Cost: \$5 per adult per term to cover morning teas.

Supported by The Ponds Community Development Programme.

EVENTS COMING UP:

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

When: Thursday 28th May

Where: Stanhope Village

Meet Your Neighbour Night

When: Sunday 26th July at 6pm

Where: The Ponds Sales & Display Centre

The Ponds Community Newsletter is prepared for the residents and friends of The Ponds by our Community Development Facilitator, Tuula Schaeffer, from Connections Community Development. We use this newsletter to let you know about activities, events and news in the area. If you have news or announcements you would like to share or feedback on events or community issues, please contact Tuula on tuulas@theponds.com.au or phone 9629 1212 or 0412 620 115 or visit The Ponds Sales & Display Centre.

