

community newsletter

May 2009

New Toys for Parents' Group



The children thought Christmas had arrived when they came to Parents' Group on Friday 3rd April. The developers of The Ponds donated funds to John Palmer Parents' Group at The Ponds and the funds were used to purchase a variety of toys and equipment suitable for boys and girls of various ages, including building blocks, train sets, dolls, doll house furniture and much more.

To make the morning even more special, there was a birthday celebration, being the first ever celebrated by the group. (See our website for more photos). John Palmer Parents' Group at The Ponds meets every second Friday at John Palmer Public School. See reverse side for more information. All welcome.



Coffee Mornings

We will be holding regular coffee mornings at The Ponds, giving those around during the day a chance to connect with other residents. In April we enjoyed hot cross buns and chocolate on the deck. See reverse side for details on the next Coffee Morning.

Easter Fun at The Ponds



An Easter Fun event was held at John Palmer Public School at 3.30pm on Wednesday 8th April. After a delicious afternoon tea of hot cross buns, cheese, crackers and fruit, we were treated to a reptile show by Feature Creatures. Some even had the opportunity to touch snakes! The show was followed by the arrival of the Easter Bunny with chocolate eggs for all. See our website for more photos. Thank you to the mums who helped and to the school for a great venue.

Did You Know

The Ponds has been making lots of headlines in local papers recently with a record of 51 lots sold in March. There are about 75 homes occupied at The Ponds. Blacktown City Council has an informative and useful website. Check it out: www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Free Sustainable Living Workshop Natural Cleaning

Learn how to make simple, effective and cheap cleaning alternatives and investigate some of the hazards associated with everyday cleaning products.

When: Monday 11 May 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Where: Blacktown City Council, Nirimba Room, Level 5, Civic Centre

To book your place at the workshop, or for more information, please contact Donna Rattenbury at Blacktown City Council on 9839 6131.

Please note that places are limited and bookings are essential.

The Ponds Community Facilitator, Riverbank Drive, The Ponds.

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Community Events at The Ponds

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 Morning

Great opportunity to meet others, make new friends

When: Thursday 21st May at 10.00am

Where: The Ponds Sales & Display Centre



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

When: Thursday 28th May

10.00am to 12.00pm

Where: Stanhope Village

Great food, face painting and balloons for children, large raffle. Come and support the Cancer Council. Organised by Connections Community Development. Children's entertainment sponsored by The Ponds.



John Palmer Parents' Group at The Ponds

When: Every 2nd Friday from 10.00am to 12.00pm

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.

May Meeting Dates: 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:

Regional Fireworks Spectacular

When: Sunday 11th July at 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Where: Reserve next to Blacktown Leisure Centre, Stanhope, Cnr Stanhope Parkway & Sentry Drive

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.

