

community newsletter

October/November 2009

Digital Litter – New Public Art



Digital Litter, a visual representation of old emails and text messages, is the latest installation of art at The Ponds. The work, created by Tasmanian artist Marcus Tatton, is located in The Plaza, the park area next to The Ponds Sales & Display Centre. The 13 sculpted digits are made of corten steel and

designed as a reminder of the impact waste can have on our environment.

The New Bridge – Another Piece of Art

The new bridge along Stanhope Parkway is not just a bridge crossing Second Ponds Creek, but a celebration of a crossing. Watch this space for details of when the bridge will be completed and open to the public.



The Ponds Community Initiatives Fund

There are small grants available from The Ponds project team to support new community groups and local community projects. The John Palmer Parents' Group at The Ponds were the first to receive funding, enabling them to purchase toys and equipment. Please contact Tuula for an application form.

Celebrating Dads at The Ponds

The Ponds Community Development Programme organised a Fathers' Day competition at John Palmer Public School. Children were asked to write about their dads. The winners were announced at the Fathers' Day Breakfast, held on Thursday morning 3rd September, at the school. Pictured above is Tuula with two of the winning entries and dads with their prizes, compliments of Bunnings Norwest and The Ponds. See our website for more photos.



Walking School Bus Commences at John Palmer Public School

Monday 31st August was a special day for the students of John Palmer Public School as it was the first day they were able to "catch" the Walking School Bus to school. "Presently there are two routes with over 20 students enrolled with many more expected to join," says Ariel Tate, Coordinator of Walking School Bus, Connections Community Development.



The Official Launch of the Walking School Bus was held on Monday 21st September with a special assembly at John Palmer Public School. It

was attended by the students, teachers, parent volunteers and special guests from Landcom, Australand and Connections Community Development. The "passengers" were awarded medals, the volunteers received gifts and the school was given a Walking School Bus Trophy. The Walking School Bus is sponsored by The Ponds. Please visit our website for more photos.

Would you like to Host a Street Party?

Spring is a great time to get together with our neighbours!

If you would like to organise a street party, a limited number of \$50 vouchers are available to help with the cost. Please contact Tuula (see reverse side for contact details).

The Ponds Community Website

is where you will find photos of past events, news, event details and lots of useful information. Please visit www.thepondscommunity.com.au. Your feedback is also welcome.

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Baby Boom at The Ponds



Left: Olivia Rose (4kg, 50.5cm), born on 15th July to Sharon & Ben, sister to Bella & Elisha

Right: Nelson, born at home on 28th August (3.67kg), to Annemarie & Paul brother to Rick & Java.



Left: Joel, born on 17th July (3.6kg, 50cm), to Deirdre & Anthony, brother to Imogen,



Right: Daniel, born on 19th August (4.6kg, 54cm), to Pauline & Peter, brother to Phillip.



Above are some of the babies born recently, if you have baby news, please contact Tuula.

Community Events at and around The Ponds

The Ponds Spring Celebration

When: Sunday 18th October from 3pm to 5pm

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

What: Let's enjoy the outdoors together. Bring your bike, walking shoes, or just come to relax, meet people and enjoy the outdoors together. There will be lots of fun for all ages, including food, live music & more.

Fundraiser Movie Night

When: Saturday 7th November at 5.30pm

Where: John Palmer Public School

What: Come along & support our local school fundraiser. There will be food, coffee van, children's activities & movie "Bedtime Stories". Bring something to sit on.

Tickets: 3-18 yrs olds \$5, adults \$10 (includes entry, sausage sizzle & cold drink). Tickets need to be pre-purchased from the P&C. Email jppspandc@live.com or phone Michelle on 0438 058 704.

John Palmer Parents' Group at The Ponds

When: Every 2nd Friday. Term 3: from 10am to 12pm
Term 4: 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.

Meeting Dates: Term 3: 2/10; Term 4: 30/10, 13/11, 27/11

Please pack a nut free morning tea for your child.

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

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EVENTS COMING UP:

The Ponds Christmas Party

When: Sunday 6th December 5-7pm

Where: John Palmer Public School

Regional Carols by Candlelight

When: Sunday 20th December

Where: Parkland next to Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope, Sentry Drive, Stanhope Gardens

Have you been to the Markets?

Hawkesbury Harvest Farmers and Fine Food Market

When: Saturday 24th October & 28th November from 8am to 1pm

Where: Market Square, Rouse Hill Town Centre



Hills Craft Market

Arts, craft, plants & gourmet food.



When: Sunday 25th October & 29th November from 9am to 3pm

Where: Castle Hill Showground

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.