



From the Editor

The holidays are well and truly over! Welcome to all our families I trust you all had a lovely Christmas and are feeling refreshed for the onslaught of 2010.

It is nice to see the children who have just started school in their school uniforms and even nicer when they give you a little wave or say hello as they are walking past. Time seems to go past so quickly as you watch the rapid growth of a child, so many changes seem to happen in such a short period of time.

The other day I was sitting on the floor in the baby area and one of our babies took their very first steps. Looking quite robot like with his little arms outstretched and legs spread wide, he rocked side to side to keep his balance. The look on his face was priceless, he was so pleased with himself. All the staff were so excited and everything seemed to stop just for a second as this little boy walked from one end of the room to the other. He looked up and we all cheered. What a special

moment. This is what is so great about working with children, we get to share in experiences like these. I can tell you lots of stories like these, each one just as special as the other.

Talking about our staff, we have a few changes this term. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Di Pratt who has been with us for the past 9 years. Di left in February to retire and move to the City with her partner David. On speaking to Di last week she is finding she is a bit lost, missing us all and is talking about coming to visit next holidays.

We also say a short farewell to Jess Hams who will be on maternity leave for a while caring for little Imogen. We wish them both every success in their future plans.

We welcome Suri and Roz to the Crèche team as our new Children Services Assistants. I am sure that they will be a great asset to our service and I look forward to working with them.

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STARplex 10 year celebration

STARplex is ten years old in June and staff and management are planning for our 10 year celebrations which are to take place on the 5th and 6th of June, 2010. You may have noticed some signs around STARplex counting down. We currently have three months to go and we are all very excited. Entertainment and activities are being planned which should prove to be a lot of fun for all the family. It will also give STARplex and long term members the opportunity to take a trip down memory lane and see how far we have come. We have some staff and members who have been with us since we first opened and they would have seen some significant changes over this time. More information on this event will be coming soon, so keep your eyes and ears open.

I can remember when we first opened in 2000. The crèche operated out of the now preschool crèche. We had 3 staff, with 2 staff rostered on each morning as our numbers were quite small. It wasn't long before we had grown to capacity and were providing a waiting list when we reached bookings of 30 children.

It was apparent with the renovations and expansion of the fitness centre several years ago, that this

space would not cater for the increased numbers of children which would possibly be generated as the fitness centre grew. When STARplex expanded we were lucky enough to take over the old STARstore and refurbished the room into the now front crèche. The staff and management also saw the need to keep the old crèche to use as an extra space for the spill over of children and the Kids Club which in the early days, we used to offer in the conference room upstairs.

Ten years on we are now providing a waiting list when we receive 55- 60 bookings and we use the old crèche as a preschool room. This room now receives up to 25 preschool children each morning. The younger crèche receives an average of 10 babies and 12 toddlers per morning and we now employ 12 staff, and roster six staff on most mornings. The crèche supports the other departments at STARplex and we have grown as a result of the development of these areas. It has been wonderful to see the growth of STARplex as a complex over these 10 years and I look forward to seeing the next 10 years unfold.

Special points of interest:

- STARfun Day Holiday Program Thurs 8th and Fri 9th of April, 2010.
- April 2010 Holiday Opening Times
- STARplex 10th Birthday celebrations 5th & 6th of June, 2010

Kids Club

Kids Club is a fantastic opportunity for parents to keep up their fitness and know that their children are fully supervised, occupied and are having a great time with friends at a very low cost. We all know how expensive it is to entertain children in the holidays and this way both parents and children have a good time, so everyone is happy.

Last holidays the children enjoyed making salt dough creations, modeling with clay, making masks, beading, court activities, construction, playing games, lots of craft making and most of all hanging out with their friends. Each time you entered the Kids Club room there was a hive of activity as children were busy creating amazing pieces of art. It is great to have the op-

portunity to do all these messy activities at once, which can pose a bit tricky at home, especially if you have children who really enjoy doing these activities all the time.

These next holidays which commence after Easter on Tuesday the 6th of April until Friday 16th of April, 2010 should be no exception.

Trinity College have a school closure day on Thursday the 1st of April, 2010. School aged children are welcome to utilize the STARplex Crèche on this day for a period of two hours as per the normal crèche usage time limit. There will be no Kids Club charge for this day, but a gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

If you have any recyclable items, old magazines, wool, material, old board games, or any other items that you think we can make use of, please donate them to the Kids Club. The children will always find a good use for these items and it assists us in providing interesting craft experiences.

Food Policy

If all families could please adhere to our Food Policy which is contained in our Information Package. We have some children with life threatening allergic reactions and to keep these children safe we please ask that NO NUTS, NO EGG OR NO DAIRY be brought into the Crèche. Also some hard foods present a choking hazard to some of our young children. So please NO POPCORN, RAW CARROTS, LOLLIPOPS, RAW APPLES ETC to be brought into the Preschool Crèche.

If you are unsure of what foods to pack for your child please see the list in our Information Package of suggested snacks.

For those children with a life threatening illness, we ask that you see staff in relation to completing an Action Plan and we will go through the correct procedures to follow regarding the storage of medicine etc.

“PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP ALL THE CHILDREN IN OUR CARE SAFE”

STARfun Holiday Program

The children always have a great time on these two days and it is always a good opportunity for them to try some different activities that they may not normally try.

The next STARfun Holiday Program will be held on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th April 2010. All children are fully supervised by qualified and experienced

staff.

Registration is in the Theatre from 8.45 a.m. and pickup is also from the Theatre at 4.00 p.m. Morning tea and lunch is provided and the cost is \$90.00 for the two days. Bookings can be taken at Reception from Monday 15th March, 2010.



Holiday Opening Times

Friday	2nd April, 2010	Good Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	3rd April, 2010		CLOSED
Sunday	4th April, 2010	Easter Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	5th April, 2010	Easter Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	6th April, 2010		8.30 a.m.— 1.00 p.m.
		(Kids Club)	9.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.
Wednesday	7th April, 2010		8.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
		(Kids club)	3.30 p.m.— 6.30 p.m.
			9.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.
Thursday	8th April, 2010		8.30 a.m.— 1.30 p.m.
		(Kids club)	9.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.
		(STARfun)	8.45 a.m.— 4.00 p.m.
Friday	9th April, 2010		8.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
		(Kids Club)	9.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.
		(STARfun)	8.45 a.m.— 4.00 p.m.
Saturday	10th April, 2010		8.15 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
Sunday	11th April, 2010		CLOSED
Monday	12th April, 2010		8.30 a.m.— 1.30 p.m.
		(Kids Club)	3.30 p.m.— 6.30 p.m.
			9.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.
Tuesday	13th April, 2010		8.30 a.m.— 1.00 p.m.
		(Kids Club)	9.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.
Wednesday	14th April, 2010		8.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
		(Kids Club)	3.30 p.m.— 6.30 p.m.
			9.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.
Thursday	15th April, 2010		8.30 a.m.— 1.30 p.m.
		(Kids Club)	9.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.
Friday	16th April, 2010		8.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
		(Kids Club)	9.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.



Please note that closing times may vary due to bookings. To avoid disappointment, please make sure you book your child in by accessing the booking diary or ringing the STARplex Crèche direct line on (08) 8523 874 or ringing STARplex Reception on (08) 85220622.

Fundraising

Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas Toy Hamper (Amanda Page) and our Christmas Food Hamper (Sandra Schmidt). Thank you to everyone who supported us in this fundraiser. We were able to raise a staggering \$470.00.

This term we have a Kyttons Hot Cross Bun and Lamington drive. Orders need to be returned to the STARplex Crèche by Wednesday the 24th of March, 2010 and orders will be available for collection on the morning of Wednesday the 31st March, 2010. These products freeze wonderfully and are very tasty, much nicer than the supermarket variety.

We also have an Easter Basket Lucky \$1.00 Squares raffle valued at \$60.00. All you need to do for a chance to win this great prize is give staff \$1.00 and put your name and phone number in a square of your choice. Prize will be drawn on Friday 26th of March, 2010.

We have also decided to have an Identi Kid Fundraiser, which are printed sticky labels. How much easier is it to purchase labels with your child's name on it, whether it is for labelling items for school, kindy, childcare or in the crèche. These are strong durable labels which do not smudge, peel off easily and my labels are still on the containers after six months and they go in the dishwasher. All you need to do is pick up a catalogue from the crèche and go on line, all the instructions are in the booklet or alternatively fill in the order form and post it off with payment. Make sure you quote the Fundraiser code stuck on the order form (1138) when you order and the STARplex Crèche will receive 10% of sales. So if you are after labels please consider the benefits and order through us, it is an easy way for us to earn some funds to provide some new equipment for the children.

Thank you to Petra Mills from Tupperware who visited us in February she will return mid March 2010. She is kindly donating to STARplex Crèche 20% of sales and \$20.00 for each party booking which is fantastic. Check out the new Autumn range, there are some beautiful colours and Tupperware has a life time guarantee.

If anyone has any fundraising ideas or wishes to assist us in our fundraising efforts, please contact staff.

Donations

As we are a free service we depend greatly on the generosity of our families and also to our fundraising efforts. We thank all our families for kindly donating money into our piggy banks, supporting our fundraisers and also to families who have kindly donated items that we are always in desperate need of.

At the moment we are running very low on play dough supplies, so if you are going shopping and would like to donate some home brand plain flour, cooking oil or food colouring it would be greatly appreciated. The children love to play with play dough and sometimes when we

think we will put something different out, they ask us to make some. They never seem to tire of it, it is such a great activity to provide at a very low cost.

As we have a large turnover of children and for hygiene reasons, we throw out the play dough that we make daily so find that we use quite a lot of these ingredients. By asking for donations from our families this cuts our expenses down considerably and enables us to use these funds to provide more equipment.

Basic Housekeeping

To make it easier for crèche staff to attend to your child's needs, could you please ensure that all items belonging to your child are labelled including drink bottles, prams, food and any clothing. This not only saves us time and takes the guess work out of what items belong to whom it also makes it easier to return items to you if they are left behind.

As we are now receiving large bookings again, please remember to book your child into the crèche. Our expert opinion is that we can only accommodate 25 children in the preschool room, 15 babies and 20 toddlers with the space we have available. We are receiving approximately 60 bookings per morning. Remembering also to cancel your bookings, makes a place available to someone who

is on the waiting list and allows us to meet current demand for peak times. If you no longer require your booking, simply ring the crèche direct line on (08) 85 238 784 and leave us a message either the night before or first thing in the morning.

Kids Club is also very busy in the holidays and to assist us with staffing, we would also appreciate it if you could book your child in and cancel any unwanted bookings.

If you find that you are unable to utilise the time that you require, please put your child's name on the waiting list together with your contact details and every attempt will be made to accommodate your needs.

Empowered Birth After Caesarean

What are your options for your next birth? An information night hosted by CARES SA.

Monday 29th March 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Registration from 7.15pm
Eastwood Community Centre
95 Glen Osmond Road Eastwood

Seats are limited, register now!
Michelle (08) 8280 6667
cares.sa.org@gmail.com
www.cares-sa.org.au
\$10 per person \$15 couples

Doulas/Midwives/OBs/GPs/
Student Midwives: Free entry
if you bring a client (or two!).
Babes in arms only please.
Become a member on the night
and receive 3 months free.

CARES-SA acknowledges with gratitude the assistance of Dr Duncan McFetridge MP,
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Caesarean Awareness Recovery Education Support

STARplex Creche Fundraiser



This certificate entitles you to a family portrait session
at Reminisce Photography.

Call Naomi on 0417 080 492
to arrange a time.

Certificate expires 30/09/09

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*Reminisce
Photography*

Is it time to update your family portrait?

Towards the end of last year we were lucky enough to have Naomi from Reminisce offer our families a special \$10.00 portrait sitting. This offer has been extended, so if you are looking at professional photographs all you need to do is take a certificate as pictured above, which is available from the STARplex Crèche and make an appointment with Naomi at her studio. The photographs are of a high professional standard and very reasonably priced. A price list is attached to the certificate for your consideration. The \$10.00 sitting fee is payable at Reminisce Photography prior to your photos being taken. Reminisce will then forward STARplex Crèche the \$10.00 fee as a donation.

If you are looking for photos to be taken, why spend hundreds of dollars when you can have professional photos taken close to home and at a similar or better quality.

Samples of photographs taken by Naomi are also displayed in the STARplex Crèche



STARplex Crèche

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The STARplex Crèche provides a high quality, safe, caring and fun environment, giving all children the opportunity to play and learn with age appropriate toys, activities and to interact with other children. We are a free service providing care for parents/guardians who are participating within the STARplex Complex.

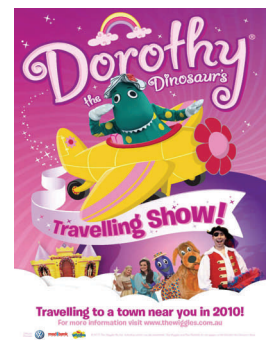
We provide suitable programs for all children aged between the age of 3 months and 12 years of age. Children between the age of 3 months to 5 years are welcome to utilize the Crèche for a maximum of 2 hours per session. School age children are also quite welcome in the afternoons and evenings during the term for a maximum of 1 hour and on Saturday mornings for a maximum of 2 hours per session. We also offer an excellent Kids Club Program and STARfun Holiday Programs for school age children in the school holidays.

The STARplex Crèche Team wishes everyone a happy and safe Easter for 2010.

Reminder:

We will be closed during the Easter period from Friday 2nd of April, 2010 to Monday the 5th of April, 2010 inclusive, reopening again on Tuesday 6th April, 2010.

Coming Soon to STARplex



STARgazer Journal

The Feb/March Journal is now out showcasing many interesting and good news stories coming out of STARplex. I encourage you to get your FREE copy from STARplex Reception, make yourself a cuppa and enjoy the read.

For more information and to purchase tickets please contact STARplex Reception.