



Childhood Cancer Support's

# Heart to Heart

Monthly Newsletter

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# COMING UP...

## January

- 1 New Years Day
- 14 Essence of Time Photoshoot
- 26 Australia Day
- 23 Friday Family BBQ

## February

- 14 Valentines Day
- 23 Friday Family BBQ

## Ongoing

Wednesday: Coffee Cake & Chat

## A word from the GM...

"Welcome to 2015, a new year and a fresh start for us all. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break and took some time out to spend with your loved ones. December was a buzz of activity at Childhood Cancer Support with our family Christmas Party, Dreamnight at Currumbin Sanctuary and the usual silly season countdown and antics.

The office closed down for a short period between Christmas and New Year so that our hard-working staff could enjoy some quality time with their family & friends and recharge their batteries for the year ahead.

Reflecting on 2014, it certainly was a big year for all at Childhood Cancer Support. A year of change; of highs and lows and of memories made. A year in which we have been planning and preparing for the year ahead of us and the future of Childhood Cancer Support.

2015 is set to be a very busy year for Childhood Cancer Support - we are celebrating our 40th anniversary, a milestone that we are all very proud of!!! Plans for our 40th anniversary celebrations will be announced soon, so stay tuned!

We look forward to seeing you all in 2015 and celebrating our 40th anniversary year with you. "

- Lisa Godier, **General Manager**



## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

### Join us for our Friday Day-Time Movies!

**WHEN:** Every Friday from the 9<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January.  
**MOVIE SHOWING TIMES:** 9am and 1:30pm

Enjoy our entertainment system and popcorn machine in our air conditioned Community Room.



# Santa and friends

## pay a visit...

When the Childhood Cancer Support Team arrived at Vic Lucas Park in Bulimba on the 6<sup>th</sup> December to set up for the Kids Christmas Party, things were not looking up. The weather was not our friend as we stood in the relentless rain and debated what to do.

The decision was made – with relative ease and typical CCS candour – that “the show must go on!” We bundled up our marquees and scampered back to the CCS site.

Within a matter of hours, the end of the driveway was buzzing with laughter, the sound of popping popcorn and “ho ho ho’s”!

There was a feast of a lunch, with typical Aussie-Christmas BBQ and salad dishes, an accompaniment of slushies, popcorn and fairy floss for the kids.

The jumping castle squeezed in towards the back proved to be a great hit amongst the younger ones, who bounced out all that sugar from the sweets!

Although the water police were unable to offer their usual joy ride across the Brisbane River, the officers were kind enough to offer a ride to the man of the hour – Santa himself.

Some of the comments we received from the kids after opening their presents ranged from:

*“It’s like Santa read my mind!”; “This is the greatest Christmas EVER!”; “How did Santa know? This is now my favourite toy!”; “AHHHHHHHHH!”*

Needless to say, Santa was a very popular man.

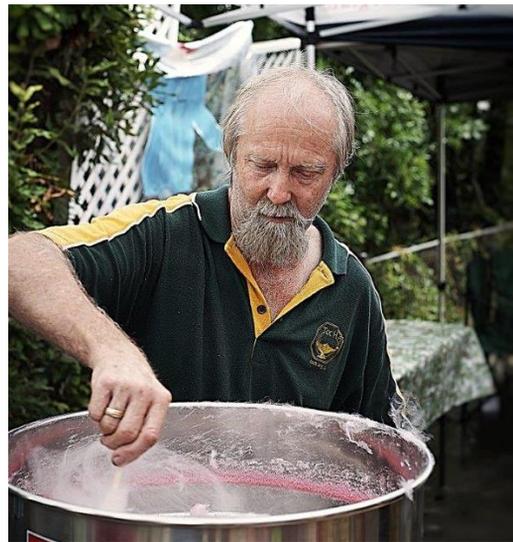
Childhood Cancer Support offers its heartfelt thanks to the ToCH team, who (as always) did an incredible job at ensuring the day came together and ran without hiccup despite the dreary weather.

We also send out a big thanks out to Glen Healy (aka Santa), the Water Police, the Clacher family, the Brisbane Girls Grammar students who did an A+ job of colouring in the kids faces, and the Elder family who cooked up a storm for lunch.

Thankyou also to Amanda Neilson from Neilson House Photography for ensuring the fun of the day was captured.

By all accounts, the Kids Christmas party was good fun for all involved. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and happy entry into the New Year!

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Christmas  
and a Happy  
New Year!





# Christmas baubles bring cheer to Coorparoo

In light of the Christmas season, Childhood Cancer Support held a 1-day Art Therapy Workshop with our Creative Art for Wellbeing (CAWB) Program Art Therapist, Tania Budd.

The Workshop entailed the creation of some truly artistic (and big!) Christmas baubles, which were then hung outside the shops of Vanilla House and Flute Café along Cavendish Road, Coorparoo.

"The baubles have been a hit," says Tania. "Within a week of the baubles hanging out the front of the shop, two customer offered to buy them. We've sold 2 for \$60! The funds will be going straight to CCS".

Tania also organised for customers to be able to write short Christmas messages to CCS families.

"For a gold coin donation, customers can write a kind message to the CCS

families," Tania explained. "We had so many covering the windows of the shop by the time Christmas came around!"

On the 16<sup>th</sup> December, CCS families were invited to dine at Flute Café and admire their own handy work. The feedback was extremely positive.

Vanilla House manager Ruth Raison says, "Its been an absolute delight to have the Christmas Bubbles outside my shop, they have bought so much joy to so many".

Childhood Cancer Support sends its heartfelt thanks to the staff at Vanilla House and Flute Café, for their support and kindness during such a special time of year. Special thanks also goes to our wonderful Art Therapist Tania who organised the workshop and visit to Flute.

# Childhood Cancer Support offers Transport Services to the new Lady Cilento Hospital

In light of the opening of the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, Childhood Cancer Support is offering free Monday to Friday transport services for ALL oncology families during this transitional period, regardless or whether or not they are staying with CCS. We pick up from CCS, Ronald McDonald, and Leonard Lodge accommodation sites.

ROUTE 1 DEPARTING FROM CCS (Stopping at Ronald McDonald & Leonard Lodge)	ROUTE 2 DEPARTING FROM LCCH (*Stopping at Ronald McDonald & Leonard Lodge)
7:15am	7:45am
8:45am	9:15am
1:15pm (GROCERY DROP OFF AT WOOLLOONGABBA SHOPPING CENTRE)	2:15pm (GROCERY PICK UP FROM WOOLLOONGABBA SHOPPING CENTRE)
3:45pm	4:00pm
5:30pm	6:30pm

\*LCCH Pick up from Raymond Terrace drop off area

To utilise these services, families must register. We'll get back to you generally within 24 hours to confirm, so try and book ahead as much as possible.

To register for our transport services, go to <http://ccs.org.au/what-we-do/transport-services/>

## ESSENCE OF TIME PHOTOGRAPHY FREE PHOTOSHOOTS



Living in an unfamiliar city for an uncertain period of time, when your child has recently been diagnosed with cancer, is not an ideal situation for anyone. It can be hard to find a “home away from home”, and building close support networks within your immediate vicinity can take time.

That’s why CCS has teamed up with generous supporter Andy Graves from Essence of Time Photography, who has put together a photography program for both CCS families and non-families who have children with cancer.

Professional photography can be beneficial in numerous ways, from allowing families to decorate their temporary lodgings with some beautiful family shots, to enjoying the therapeutic process of photography itself. Andy himself will be coming in to CCS to take relaxed, natural family photos as a free service to families once a month.

**This month, Andy will be visiting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January from 3 – 5pm.**

If you’re interested in utilising Andy’s services, please contact the CCS reception and secure a spot on 07 3252 4719 or email [info@ccs.org.au](mailto:info@ccs.org.au). To see more work by the **Essence of Time Photography**, go to [www.essenceoftime.com.au](http://www.essenceoftime.com.au)



# Childhood

CANCER SUPPORT

When your child is diagnosed with cancer, everything else in life takes a backseat.

Childhood Cancer Support provides something that every family needs in a crisis – a home away from home for the whole family; a place where the whole family can be together during a very challenging time.

Childhood Cancer Support is one of a kind – a family focused charity offering regional families a place to call home while their child is undergoing life-saving treatment.

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