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COMING UP...

February

- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 International Childhood Cancer Day
- 23 Friday Family BBQ

March

- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 27 Friday Family BBQ

April

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 6 Easter Monday
- 10 – 12 Camp Crystal

Ongoing

Wednesday: Coffee Cake & Chat



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A word from the GM...

"2015 has started off with a bang and the CCS team has been busy with plans for our 40th year. It's been a great opportunity for all of us to cast our eyes back to 1975 when CCS was nothing more than a lightbulb idea in the minds of a few families who were far from home and grappling with their child's cancer treatment. Very quickly this idea of 'a home away from home' took hold and, was transformed into reality with the purchase of a house (Nunyara at 17 Bramston Tce, Herston). Over the years a further four adjoining properties were bought and transformed to create the close, caring community we all know as Childhood Cancer Support.

2015 is our year to celebrate and we hope that all CCS families, no matter where you are, or when you stayed with us, will reconnect to share your experiences and memories with us. Stay tuned for more information about how we plan to commemorate this very special year.

During the past month we farewelled a couple of families who have been with us for a while: Bayley McKinnon and family and Anthony Kiely and family have returned home (to Atherton and Rockhampton respectively), with Bayley commencing his first day of school and Anthony zooming into Grade 2. While it's so satisfying to see families returning home, it is always tinged with sadness; saying goodbye can be hard.

We have also welcomed several new families to CCS since December. We look forward to getting to know these families during their time with us and to supporting and sharing some important milestones along the way.

Enjoy the back to school period and we look forward to seeing you around Childhood Cancer Support!"

Lisa Godier,
General Manager



Happy, New Year!

And welcome to 2015...

For Childhood Cancer Support, 2014 was a whirlwind of change...

In amongst welcoming new staff to the team, re-vamping the CCS website, piloting our Creative Art for Wellbeing program and tackling the transitional challenges presented by the opening of the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, CCS was a proud host to some truly inspiring families.

2015 presents some exciting opportunities for Childhood Cancer Support, and the team has hit the ground running with plans for our biggest annual Fundraiser, Talk Like a Pirate Day, and organising a self-funded transport service to the new hospital.

We farewelled a number of families in the last month, including the McKinnon and Kiely families – in the nicest way possible, we hope not to see them too soon!



The Kiely Family: (Left to Right) Anthony, Tamsyn and Emily.



The McKinnon Family: (Left to Right) Corey, Jamie, Teresa, Archie and Bayley.

Childhood Cancer Support is looking forward to establishing new relationships with various partners, and honouring those who have never stopped supporting us. Andy Graves from Essence of Time Photography will be continuing to hold free photoshoots once a month on a Wednesday, which will be advertised in each Newsletter edition, on our website, and Facebook page.

On a social media note, we are excited to report that Childhood Cancer Support has gained over an additional 1,000 likes since May 2014 on Facebook – which we're looking to double, so spread the word!

We're also getting excited for our Camp Crystal weekend, which will be held from 10 - 12 April this year – unsurprisingly, our inboxes have already been flooded with applications! We can't wait to reunite with old friends and families, and to also welcome new ones.

To sum up, Childhood Cancer Support has high hopes for the year ahead, and we hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and relaxing entry into 2015!

THROUGH THE STREETS OF YOUR TOWN

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

**NO CHILD DESERVES TO
MISS THE BUS.**



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For 40 years Childhood Cancer Support, based in Herston, has helped over 5,000 regional families while their child undergoes lifesaving cancer treatment.

Now we need your help.

The opening of the Lady Cilento Children's hospital means that all regional families staying in Brisbane during their child's treatment must now travel across town from Herston to Southbank, a distance of approximately 15kms round trip.

For many families this is a major and costly obstacle. Having a child diagnosed with cancer is heart wrenching and traumatic, not to mention expensive.

Taxis and public transport for children undergoing treatment are not options due to risk of infection and most families have no access to their own car. For those that do, parking fees at the new hospital are exorbitant and street parking is very limited.

Imagine having to pay for car parking, every day, for six months?

Despite Childhood Cancer Support advocating to Children's Health Queensland for a dedicated bus service to be provided for families and their children with cancer, no funding could be found. Families were told to catch a cab or hop on a bus...

That's when Childhood Cancer Support stepped in and established a free Monday to Friday transport service.

On Monday 1 December 2014, two days after the Lady Cilento Children's hospital opened its doors, Childhood Cancer Support began offering all oncology families a transport service from Herston to Southbank.

Since then, demand has grown by 40%, and our bus service has increased to six round trips each day. Not one person has been turned away. Sometimes two buses have been utilised in order to meet demand.

Unfortunately, Childhood Cancer Support is struggling to meet the growing needs of our families. We're now calling out to the support and generosity of the public, because **no child deserves to miss the bus.**

Your donation would ensure Childhood Cancer Support can:

- Purchase a larger bus to assist an ever-growing number of families
- Provide a greater number of hospital trips per day
- Ensure children in wheelchairs can access a free, reliable and safe form of transport to the hospital

READ MORE HERE, AND SHARE ON
FACEBOOK: <http://ccs.org.au/no-one-deserves-to-miss-the-bus/>

Childhood Cancer Support presents

Camp Crystal 2015

Friday 10 April – Sunday 12 April



Camp Crystal gives families an opportunity to escape the world of hospital appointments and treatments for a long weekend away with other families who are on a similar journey.

Camp Crystal is free, and we consider applications from all oncology families*.

Submit your application today online by going to www.ccs.org.au/events-media/camp-crystal/, or request a hard copy form from the Childhood Cancer Support office by phoning (07) 3252 4719.

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*Limited spots available.



Want to make a real difference?

Become a Heartfelt Supporter for Childhood Cancer Support.

Heartfelt Supporters play a huge role in allowing Childhood Cancer Support to continue providing the facilities and services that families need. In the 2013-2014 annual year, our Heartfelt Supporters raised more than \$35,000, which has helped immensely in providing accommodation maintenance and improvements, implementing our Creative Art for Wellbeing program (art therapy), transport services and assisting campaign initiatives.

A Heartfelt Supporter of CCS agrees to make an ongoing monthly donation, starting a minimum amount of \$10. Your monthly donation will commence on the 1st each month and continue until further notice from you. All donations are tax deductible.

Sign up today at
<http://ccs.org.au/how-you-can-help/join-the-heartfelt-supports-club/>

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 of whether or not they are staying with CCS. We pick up from CCS, Ronald McDonald, and Leonard Lodge accommodation sites.

We have made some minor changes in January to accommodate children attending the LCCH school.

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 (SCHOOL BUS)	9:15am
10:45am (GROCERY DROP OFF AT WOOLLOONGABBA SHOPPING CENTRE)	11:15pm (GROCERY PICK UP FROM WOOLLOONGABBA SHOPPING CENTRE)
2:30pm	3:15pm (SCHOOL BUS)
5:30pm	6:30pm

*LCCH Pick up from Raymond Terrace drop off area

If a situation arises where we can't fit all the kids on the school bus, siblings are able to utilise the LCCH Bus that leaves CCS at 8.05am for the school run. 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/>

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CANCER A
GLOBAL CHILD
HEALTH PRIORITY.

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Feb 15, 2015



www.internationalchildhoodcancerday.org/

CHILDHOOD CANCER SUPPORT WINS LOCAL MATTERS



This month, Grill'd at South Bank presented our Fundraising and Events Manager Rona with a \$300 cheque, after winning November's Local Matters fundraiser! Local Matters is a fantastic campaign that assists so many local charities in such a big way. The team at CCS sends a BIG thankyou to Grill'd, and of course to all customers who stuck their bottle caps in our jar!

CREATIVE ART FOR WELLBEING PROGRAM: 2015



After the success of the pilot program, it is with great pleasure that Childhood Cancer Support can confirm that the Creative Art for Wellbeing program will be kicking off again in 2015.

Art therapy is a unique form of expressive therapy, that allows children and family members alike to unwind in a comfortable, secure and caring group environment. Many families find this type of therapy well-rounded and appealing through its ability to cater to those who wish to express themselves with or without words.

"In the 10-week program I ran throughout 2014, the feedback I received blew me away," says Art Therapist Tania Budd. "I also witnessed quite a change in many of the children during this time; many who arrived shy and withdrawn, exited with big smiles and a spring in their step. Art therapy really is such a fantastic way for children who may not know how to express their feelings in words, to instead share their emotions through a fun, creative and empowering therapeutic approach".

The Creative Art for Wellbeing program is looking to kick-off again in 2015 at the beginning of May, and will run for 6 to 10 weeks.

Confirmed dates and times will be released by the end of February, so watch this space! Registration forms will go live online around this time, which you can fill out at <http://ccs.org.au/what-we-do/creative-art-wellbeing-program/>.

"Both staff and CCS Board Members are very excited to see the Creative Art for Wellbeing program become an integral part of what we offer," General Manager, Lisa Godier, explains. "Tania works extremely hard in organising the sessions, marking each day with a fun theme".

"With the challenges ahead during the transition over to the Lady Cilento Hospital, we believe the Creative Art for Wellbeing program couldn't come at a better time," Lisa says. "We hope this program will continue to provide families with something to look forward to amongst the weeks of hospital appointments and treatments".

If you would like to read more about the Creative Art for Wellbeing Program, or see first hand some of the fun we get up to by watching our Virtual Tour video, visit <http://ccs.org.au/what-we-do/creative-art-wellbeing-program/>.



The program is funded entirely by Childhood Cancer Support, and as such its continuation relies largely on the generosity of the public. If you'd like to make a donation, go to www.ccs.org.au.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT BEQUESTS?

A bequest (also known as a legacy) is a gift of money or assets that you leave through your Will. Bequests assist us to continue providing long-term support to families dealing with the impacts of childhood cancer.

You can choose to make a bequest in the following forms:

The Residue:

This is what is left after you have made provisions to your family and friends. You may choose to have this residue donated to Childhood Cancer Support Inc.

A percentage:

You can state in your Will that you wish to leave a percentage of your Estate to Childhood Cancer Support Inc.

A Specific Sum:

You can state in your Will a specific sum to be donated to Childhood Cancer Support Inc. NB: Considering inflation and changes in circumstances, it is necessary to regularly review your will.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A BEQUEST TO CHILDHOOD CANCER SUPPORT INC.

Childhood Cancer Support Inc. strongly recommends that you consult a qualified legal adviser when making a Will. Whilst Childhood Cancer Support Inc. is not providing you with any legal advice the following wording could be considered by your legal adviser:

If you wish to make a residuary gift:

"I give all the rest of my real and personal property whatever and wherever situated to Childhood Cancer Support Inc. for its general purposes and the receipt of the Secretary or other authorised officer of Childhood Cancer Support Inc. shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor or trustee."

If you wish to donate a percentage of your estate:

"I give ___% of my estate Childhood Cancer Support Inc. for its general purposes. The receipt of the Secretary or other authorised officer of Childhood Cancer Support Inc. will be a sufficient discharge to my executor or trustee."

If you wish to donate a specific sum:

"I give the sum of \$_____ to Childhood Cancer Support Inc. for its general purposes. The receipt of the Secretary or other authorised officer of Ronald McDonald House Charities Australia will be sufficient discharge to my executor or trustee."

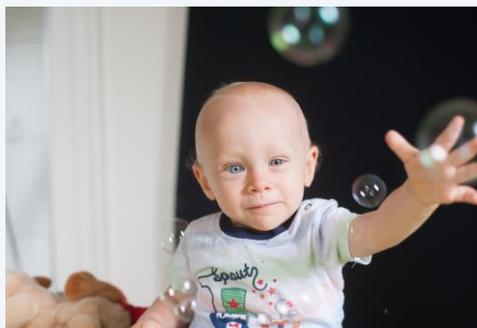
Childhood Cancer Support Inc. respects the fact that your Will is a personal matter and that making a bequest is a significant act of generosity. If you would like more bequest information or clarification, please contact:

Lisa Godier
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ANDY GRAVES



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 18th February 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. To see more work by the **Essence of Time Photography**, go to www.essenceoftime.com.au



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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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