



Kids Camps Chronicle

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- Step Into Respite Camp Success
- Fundraising Updates
- See what fun we got up to during the Term 1 weekends and the April school holidays

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First Step Into Respite Camp: Amazing Success!

From the Fraser Family:

In April this year, my two sons went on the Step Into Respite Camp so my youngest son Henry could experience separation from home for the first time.

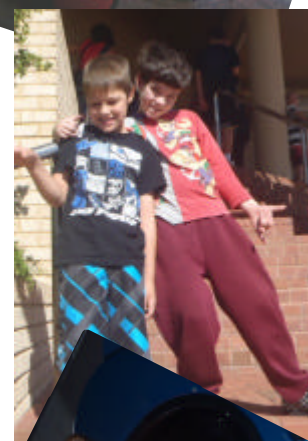
While the kids were gone, we had the opportunity for the first time in 11 years to do as we pleased. We didn't do anything anyone would find exciting, but it was exciting for us. We did the grocery shopping and all our errands over a whole day...because we could. We spontaneously changed our minds and went to different shops...because we could. We drove for a long time in the car to get to places...because we could. Here is the best part. We slept a whole night through, uninterrupted, from beginning to end...because we could.

And we couldn't have done any of this without the support of Kids Camp. It has given us great confidence in Henry's future camps and outings outside of home and it gives us hope for our future.

So thank you to all the volunteers at Kids Camp and in particular the carers who looked after our children in April this year. Without you, our children wouldn't be able to experience the world like other kids can.

Thank you all.

The Fraser Family.



From the Camp Coordinator:

The first 2 SIR camps have been a huge success. Kids' Camps would like to thank Tina Jansz who supervised both of these pilot camps, as well as all the wonderful Leaders who attended. The feedback we have received has been extremely positive and we look forward to continuing to run these camps throughout the future years.

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to phone or write to let us know what a wonderful time their kids had on camp. We have had a great response from families about the opportunity for their young children to attend their first overnight camp. The nerves all quickly disappear on camp with such fun and exciting activities planned!

Disclaimer: Kids Camps Inc. does not recommend or endorse any services, treatments or procedures reported in this newsletter. The information is intended to keep you informed and we suggest you discuss any information mentioned with your doctor or specialist.

Quiz Night!

Tables for the Quiz Night are now sold out!!

If you still wanted to support this great event and help raise much-needed funds for Kids Camps we are still accepting prize donations for the night. We are happy to receive anything, from movie tickets to a Mercedes (if you have one spare lying around).

Contact the office for more information. Thankyou in advance for your support!

Entertainment Books

Kids Camps are selling Entertainment Books this year, and so far they are going like hot cakes! These books are jam-packed with terrific bargains, from coffee to fine dining discounts.

They are also an important fundraiser for Kids Camps so grab your book and support a great cause today!

Contact Tony in the office for more information or see the information provided in the e-mailout.

CHARITY RIDE AND BIKE SHOW

We had a beautiful day for the second annual Charity Bike Ride in March. The bevy of bikies made their way from Trigg Beach to Whiteman Park, where the Japanese Bike Show was in full swing.

Overall, the event was a great success, raising around \$700.

An HUGE thanks to Mike for organising the entire day. Also a big thanks to the volunteers who came to help on the morning and to those who participated in the ride.



SAUSAGE SIZZLES

Kids Camps ran two Sausage Sizzles in April. They raised about \$1500. This was much needed cash for Kids Camps. The days were also a great way for us to get the word out there about who we are and what we do.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who gave up part of their weekend to help. We really appreciate your support (and cooking skills!)

Tony writes:

Welcome Tony!

"In 1997 after a successful career in the commercial world with the likes of Shell, Mobil and Argyle Diamonds (Rio Tinto), I wanted to "give something back" to the community so I started as a volunteer with Activ Foundation and CLAN. Who would have thought that I would still be "giving back" some 14 years on.



Tony- 10 years younger!

After running camps for Activ Recreation for 18 months, I moved on to Kids' Camps – yes, I've been here before (2000/2001). Later, in collaboration with a wonderful team of staff, I was able to transform RUCSN (now CHILD Australia) into the pre-eminent children's support agency in WA. I left RUCSN three years ago and accepted the challenge to try to keep Noah's Ark afloat and viable – within a 3 year contract! Having won sponsorship from Movies By Burswood, Cliff's Natural Resources, All Ford Day, and others, as well as securing significant funding from NGCS to expand and diversify the role of Noah's Ark, I am confident that this organisation is now set up to determine its own future. It was time to move on again.

When I heard that Kids' Camps was looking for a new CEO, I thought why not? I had enjoyed my previous short time at Kids' Camps and believe that I am ready to take on the challenge of growing the organisation and securing a stable future. There's a lot to do, particularly around improving the financial position of Kids' Camps, and I am excited at being given the opportunity to lead the organisation into a sustainable position. Thankfully we have a good base to build on – Kids' Camps has a great reputation in the children/disability field, and we have a great team of staff, volunteers and Committee Members to start with. I hope to meet up with most of you over the next few camps."

CAMP PROGRAM 2011

School Holiday Camps

Easter

21-26 April—Busselton

28 April-3 May—Port Kennedy

Winter

12-17 July—Geraldton

19-22 July—Keith Maine

Spring

4-9 October—Bridgetown

11-16 October—Katanning

MORE INFORMATION IS
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Weekend Camps

TERM 2

20-22 May-Bindoon

10-12 June-Keith Maine

24-26 June-Landsdale Farm School

TERM 3

12-14 August-Port Kennedy

26-28 August-Landsdale Farm School

16-18 September-Keith Maine

TERM 4

4-6 November-Keith Maine

18-20 November-Port Kennedy

9-11 December-Landsdale Farm School

CAMP APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Each term we receive more applications than available places on camp, therefore selections are NOT conducted on a first in best dressed system. Please ensure your application is received by us before the due date as late applications are not accepted. Selections address many criteria to ensure a fair process for you that also maintains our duty of care to your child.

- At the start of each term application forms are sent to:
 - Current financial members.
 - Education Support Schools and Units.
 - Regional and metro offices of the Disability Services Commission.
 - And posted on our website.

Non-financial members and families who have not paid for previous camps will not receive application forms.

- Approximately four weeks prior to camp, application forms must be returned to the Kids Camps office.
- Selections are then conducted. Unfortunately more applications are always received than available camp places.
- After selections, parents are notified whether or not their child has been accepted for camp.

5. All camp fees, Camper Information and Medication forms are due two weeks before camp as confirmation of acceptance and to allow staff to process data, assign groups and clarify queries to maintain duty of care.

6. A week prior to camp, copies of the camp program, clothing lists, receipts and relevant policies are sent to parents.

Then it's off to camp.

Kids' Camps has a policy of providing care on camp at a maximum ratio of 1:3 (carer : child). Unfortunately with some camps, this means that we cannot accept all children with 1:1 needs as we have to achieve a balance with both budget and volunteer carer availability to ensure proper Duty of Care is provided for the children.

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR KIDS ATTENDING CAMP – PLEASE READ

1. Several camp sites that we frequent require that each bed be covered with a plastic sheet, regardless of whether the child is a bed wetter or not. We have also had several incidents recently of children who were not known to be bed wetters at home having accidents on camp. Therefore, in the interests of simplicity we now require that **EVERY CHILD WHO ATTENDS A CAMP MUST BRING THEIR OWN PLASTIC SHEET TO PUT OVER THE BED, REGARDLESS OF THEIR TOILETING HABITS.** These are easily found at major department stores (eg. Kmart) or at specialty manchester shops.

2. You may notice next time you are accepted onto a camp that instead of receiving a 'Camper Information Form' you will be sent a 'Membership and Camper Information Form'. PLEASE NOTE – this does NOT mean you have to repay your membership.

The information on the forms has been amalgamated into the one form. This means that instead of gathering the same information every camp your child attends, it will be gathered only at the beginning of the year on the Membership and Camper Information Form. Parents and carers will be required to notify us of any changes each quarter on the Camp Application Form.

There is some overlap at the moment while we move to the new system, so please bear with us and complete the form that is sent to you.



TERM 4 WEEKEND CAMPS

Landsdale 18th to 20th February



Port Kennedy 11th to 13th March



Landsdale- 1st to 3rd



Lost Property



Help us control lost property by labelling all clothes and bedding with your child's name either in permanent marker or with labels. If labelled we make every attempt to return lost property to its owners.

**Lost: One soft grey blanket from the 11th-14th Jan camp.
All lost property not collected will be donated to charity.**

Ph: 9420 7247

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

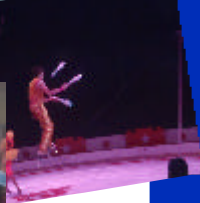
Busselton 21st to 26th April

After the long trip down to the Busselton campsite the campers all enjoyed a great time at the Donnybrook Apple Fun Park. After lunch it was off to the Country Life Farm. The long day was finished with a Disco where everyone let their hair down and danced into the night. Day 3 was spent in Yallingup, the Maze was first up with the teams all racing to the finish points. Off to the Shearing Shed in the afternoon where the campers all learnt about farm life. On the 4th day of camp it was off to Bunbury for the day. Ten Pin Bowling first which is always a great hit! The campers spent the afternoon at the wonderful Dolphin Discovery Centre. Everyone loves ice-cream.....especially from Simmos!! And that's exactly where day 5 of camp started. After lunch it was back to the campsite to prepare for the concert. The last day of camp was spent packing up and getting ready for the drive home. Luckily the Easter Bunny managed to find all the campers in Busselton and made sure he hid his chocolate eggs for a hunt!



Port Kennedy 28th April to 3rd May

The first day of camp was spent driving down to the campsite then off to enjoy the sand and surf, building sandcastles on the foreshore. After everyone had a restful night it was off to Marapana Wildlife park, our last visit before they close down! There was an awesome drumming session held in the afternoon with everyone having a smashing time. A great time was had by all at the circus! The Maritime Museum held a great session for the campers with everyone having a nice stroll around the centre. After lunch it was off to the South Lakes Leisure centre for a splash in the pool which is always a highlight of camp. Day 5 was started off with a strike at AMF Bowl in Rockingham, there was a lot of fun had by all on the last outing for camp. The afternoon was spent preparing for the concert.



A HUGE thanks to the camp Supervisors and volunteers who make each and every camp possible, especially to those who step up at the last minute to fill unexpected gaps in the camp team.

National Volunteer Week 9th to 15th of May

This week is the Nation's week to say thank you to volunteers for their time, dedication and passion.

So thank you, **thank you, THANKYOU** to every volunteer who has come on a camp with us this year. We couldn't do it without you.

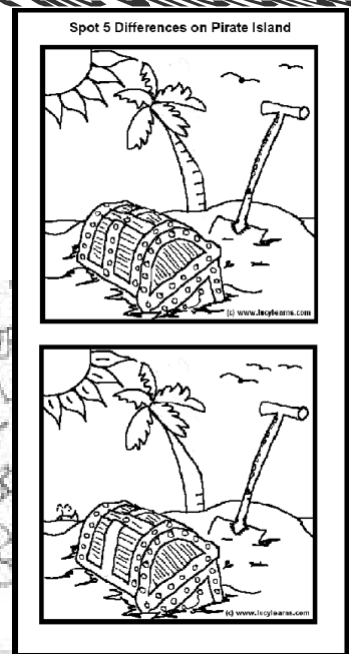
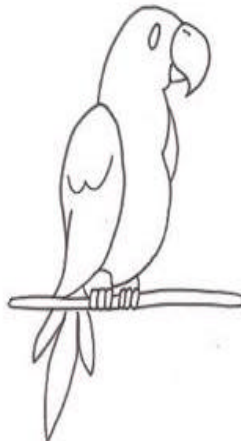
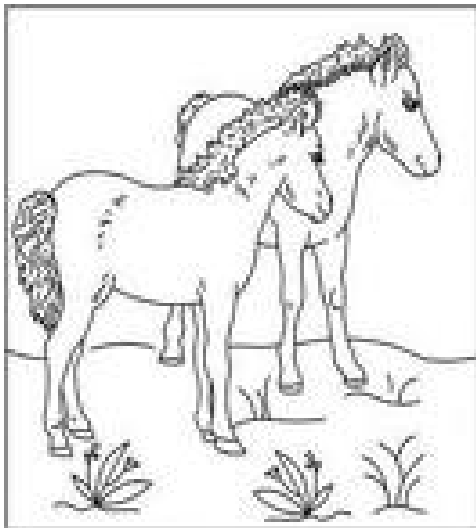
Take the opportunity this week to thank the volunteers in your life as well, from your Saturday footy coach to grandma the babysitter. They make such a difference in so many people's lives.

ACTIVITY PAGE

Spot the Difference

Do you have a favourite pet?

Colour in these furry friends!



Crispy Potato Skins with Salsa Dip

These delicious, crunchy potato skins are easy to make. Fantastic at your next barbeque or as an afternoon snack!



Ingredients:

- 4 large (about 1kg) sebago potatoes, scrubbed
- Olive oil spray
- 1/2 cup (50g) grated cheddar
- Mild tomato salsa, or a dip of your choice

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Place the potatoes on shelf in oven and bake for 1 to 1 1/2 hours or until tender. Set aside to cool slightly before handling.
2. Cut the potatoes in half lengthways. Use spoon to scoop out the soft potato flesh, leaving some close to the skin. Cut each piece into 2 or 3 pieces lengthways.
3. Line a baking tray with nonstick baking paper. Place the potato skins on the baking tray and spray generously with olive oil. Sprinkle with cheddar. Bake for about 20 minutes or until skins are golden and crispy. Serve with the salsa or dip.

Prizes Proudly Provided by...



BARBAGALLO

Volunteer Awards

This edition we welcome two more leaders into our **5+ Club**, meaning they have now joined us on 5 of our 6 day camps! The two leaders are:

Claire Williams

Caitlin Barrow

Fantastic job girls! Thanks for all your commitment and support. You will receive your awards at the next volunteer recognition event.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CAMPERS

May

Elli Hendriks
Mason Used
Alicia Holliday
Oscar Banks
Raid Hurkala
Kevin Dang
Brayden Regan
Patrick Dace– O'Neil
Zahrion Nelson
Mikaela Powell
Kirri Broughton
Justin Cox
Lachlan Duffus
Izabeau Boylan
Matthew Francis
Harry Kent
Nathan Ryan

June

Sharon Anderson
Curtis Halley
Luke Halley
Nicole Garner
Jozaiiah Marshall
Darrin White
Adane Abegaz
Thomas Borrell– Batty
Errol Cruden
Amy Van Pelt
Benjamin Govan
Jacob Ryder
Zoe Wilson
Declan Chamberlain
Jesse Crispin

Liam Horton
Travis Kemp– Noske
James Taylor
Beth Wilkin
Daniel Wilson

July

Joshua Farrell
Shantelle Quartermaine
Gabrielle Sawyer
Jamie Murray– Beecham
Mitchell Carter
Chris O'Brien
Adele Moore
Jeremy Hay
Cahir Doherty
Kelly Owen
Christopher Smith
Mickayla Kelly
Zac Bilby– Lossie
Jacinta Anderson
Karlee Griffiths
Natasha Davis
Derek Eldridge
Emily Kossen
Piers Patterson
Samantha Perrie
Andrew Porter
Perry Sturcke
Sarah Wardle

SUPERVISORS

May

Glen Williams

June

Jacqueline Taylor

VOLUNTEERS

May

Amirah Abdul Rashid
Andrea Miller
Elise Coffey
Sarah Tassiker
Claire Williams
Natalie Simcock
Jessica Townsend

June

Aaron Burne
Azzedine Beddiar
Jessica Sharratt
Florian Saelzer
Gabriele Jurasek
Claire McKersey
My Nghi Ngyuen
Alice Doudle
Rhea Hajek
Brooke Collins
Laura Wilkinson
Prudence Myers
Ruby Hoherz
Seth Brown
Samantha Adams
Lisa McGrechan
Julia O'Brien

July

Jenny Newhouse
Bethany Throns
Benita Harris– Brown
Louise Millward

Yeng Yeng Kuan
Lauren McKenna
Helen Philpott
Mark Ellis
Mikayla Holt
Hannah Pruy
Rose Weldt
Maria Castagnette
Renee Blatchford
Gemma Moody
Ashlee Ibbotson
Kristen Lindsay
Luke Sells
Sarah Forster

We hope you have a
very special day!!!



Kids Camps Values

- We believe that all children are unique, and all children should have the opportunity to grow and learn in a way that is meaningful to them.
- We believe in the value of self-determination – that children and their families have the right to choose what support best fills their needs and our role is to help them find it.
- We believe in the value of community, and that individual needs are best met within their community.
- We believe in the value of diversity and seek to listen and learn from each other, being proud of what we hold in common and respecting the value of our differences.
- We believe in the value of working together, and commit to working collaboratively with individuals, families and other organisations to help families to achieve their goals.
- We believe in the right of all people, regardless of belief, culture or physical condition, to be treated justly and fairly and to feel included.

Kids Camps Commitment

- Our commitment to quality ensures our services are always of the highest standard.
- Our commitment to accountability is reflected in the transparency of all that we do.
- Our commitment to safety ensures that campers can explore new experiences and extend their boundaries in a supportive environment.

Thanks to our supporters!



Variety
Funding donated for the purchase of new Commuter Bus

Disability Services Commission
Service agreement funding for Co-ordination costs.



Lotterywest
Purchase of new office photocopier in 2009. Continued support of our camp program every year.



Team ANZAC

Team ANZAC
Donation of funds raised throughout 2009 from Charity Canteen at the Department of Defence.

Gerry Gibbs Camera House
Donation of new water proof camera to be used on camps



DONATIONS

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT to continue our service in support of the disability community and to keep our camp fees minimal for families. You can donate online using a credit card, or via mail, EFT, phone or fax.

Your donation can help provide:

- \$60** - provision of outings and activities for one child on camp.
- \$260** - Ten Pin bowling outing for an entire camp of 30 children.
- \$170** - catering for a child on a 6 day camp.
- \$950** - the provision of an entire weekend camp for 5 children.

If your social or sports club, school or workplace are looking for a community group to support please contact the office to obtain information on how this can be arranged. The humble sausage sizzle can provide five families with a weekend off from their full time carer role and put smiles on the faces of some wonderful children.

Yes I want to help make a difference.

ABN: 61 107 589 574

My donation is for:

- \$60
- \$90
- \$30
- \$120
- Other amount \$ _____

My cheque is enclosed (payable to Kids' Camps Inc)
 I prefer to pay by EFT into the account below.

Account Name: Kids Camps Inc

BSB: 036041

Account Number: 176330

Reference: KCNFirstnameLastname

Please charge my credit card: Visa / Mastercard

No. _____ Expiry __/__/__

Name on card: _____ Signature _____

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MISSION

To provide fun and affordable activities and camps for children and young people with special needs, and to enable respite for their families and carers.

VISION

A community where children and young people with special needs are fully accepted and able to reach their potential, and where families and carers have the support they need.

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