

# K.I.C.S News

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KICS Coordinator Mandy with son Liam at Kalala



Kalala



Tilly, the much travelled dog joins in at Bulla.



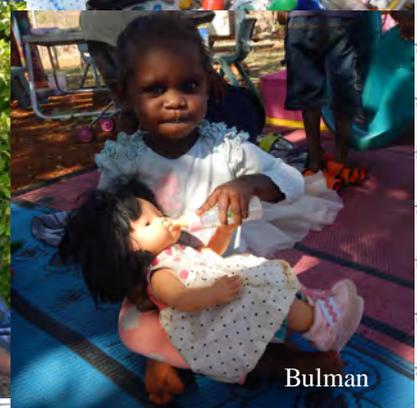
Kalkaringi



Pussycat Campdraft



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*Hello Everyone*

*Term 3 has been moving along at a fair pace for KICS as our playgroup Field Teams wind down for the October school break. Both Teams 1 and 2 have been very busy conducting extra playgroups at events where many isolated children gather: Campdrafts, Family Days, Ladies' Days etc. We have received some great feedback on the success of KICS Playgroups throughout the year. This is very gratifying especially for our Teams who truly enjoy the children and the outcomes of every playgroup. Their preparation and effort is well invested!*

*Our newest Toyota purchased with the Department of Social Services grant took some time to prepare for the road. It has been on the run since week two of Term 3. Vehicle and trailer maintenance, checks and repairs are ongoing as the Teams contemplate the great distances they travel in a week. Showing signs of wear and tear, the trailers have needed some major repair works to keep the Teams safe on the road.*

*Mandy has been overseeing all of this while taking up the reins in her position as Coordinator with quite a few facets of the job now in practice with a productive and busy few months behind her. Writing up submissions for further funding, preparing itineraries, purchasing educational resources, calling Board meetings and accompanying the Teams at the odd playgroup constitute some of her daily tasks.*

*Fundraising is ongoing as we offer our families Book Club, end of year Toy catalogues and the new 'Mugs & Bottles' products. See details on page 8 along with other items. Thank you for the support to our fundraising effort throughout this year.*

*To those who have notified us of new families in your area, thank you, as this is one reliable way of making contact and offering our playgroup service to newcomers. We don't want any isolated little people missing out on the fun! And thank you again for the hospitality extended to our Field Teams when they are out and about. Please see Field Team reports from Georgia & Kate, Leith & Dave in this newsletter. With the Itinerary for Round 4 prepared and the holiday break behind us we will look forward to a fun and productive time ahead.*

*Until next newsletter...Cheers from us all!*

*Royelene Hill*

***As promised, more old photos from the archives! L to R Linda and Jack Bowman at Delamere Station late 2004. Bev, Brian and Claire Stockwell at Mataranka 2005 and Lizzie Spiden at Kalkaringi 2005.***





Team 1 Georgia & Kate

Term 3 has treated us well, the nights have been cool and the days haven't been too harsh on Georgia's delicate Tasmanian disposition. We've been run off our feet attending camp drafts for both business and pleasure, making for some long weeks. It's been great fun having a similar gang of kids turn up and getting to see them all in action in the gymkhanas. The reactions of the kids as we roll into a community never gets old, the hectic dancing is probably our favourite. The wildlife spotting/dodging while we drive is continuing to amaze and a visit from Frank the Buffalo at our Urapunga playgroup completed Kate's life. The new car and its sick V8 turbo engine have made sure we're always at playgroup on time, except for that one time we took the wrong track to Nelson Springs ó thanks for being so understanding Annie! Thanks again for all the wonderful hospitality, looking forward to some serious water play in term 4, get your goggles, helmets and health insurance ready for the waterslide kids... we're coming for you! Georgia & Kate



Timber Creek Campdraft



Urapunga

Team 2 Leith & Dave

This Term has been the best time for camping: hence we are in fine form for playgroup next morning. We feel we are doing it better and enjoying the pleasure the little children get from every new activity. We've been really encouraging the mothers/carers to stay, with a few activities to engage them too. It has been working! KICS has supplied us with such good toys and buys even more, so that we can enjoy the changing activities also. Dave is really enjoying all the footy practice he is getting. The other day it was AFL, NRL and tennis! We will see you all on our rounds next term. Best wishes, Leith & Dave.



Mataranka



## The Very Special Birthday List...

### August

21/08/2014 **Ada Burke**  
23/08/2008 **Matilda Johnston**  
25/08/2010 **Archie McKechnie**  
28/08/2010 **Tyron Cross**  
30/08/2010 **Savannah Lorimer**  
31/08/2012 **Chase Pracy**  
31/08/2007 **Henry Russell**  
31/08/2011 **Justin Andrews**

### September

02/09/2006 **Michael Skerrett**  
04/09/2014 **William Rains**  
06/09/2007 **Issabella Rasheed**  
07/09/2010 **Hayley Richter**  
09/09/2011 **Bibianna Bode**  
11/09/2003 **Tess Armstrong**  
12/09/2007 **Dakota Kruckow**  
13/09/2006 **Xavier Underwood**  
14/09/2003 **Emma Younghusband**  
15/09/2009 **Keely Hutchinson**  
20/09/2013 **Charlotte Jones**  
20/09/2007 **Chase Hutchinson**  
22/09/2008 **Lachlan Brett**  
27/09/2013 **Alexis Desreaux**



The Birthday Tree

### October

01/10/2010 **Caleb Gill**  
03/10/2012 **Jessica Dyer**  
04/10/2012 **Henry Johnson**  
04/10/2006 **Marney Jones**  
04/10/2010 **Sophie Brett**  
08/10/2014 **Brody Hoar**  
08/10/2008 **Liam Pepper**  
10/10/2012 **Dolly Paine**  
16/10/2012 **Betty Bethel**  
22/10/2010 **Joe Brown**  
22/10/2012 **Lucy Raynalds**  
26/10/2006 **Amy Schilling**  
31/10/2011 **Ella Rippon**  
31/10/2008 **Josh Armstrong**

**K.I.C.S is proudly funded by:**

**The Federal Department of Social Services**

*I've learned ... that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.*

Andy Rooney

## TOP SPRINGS

### LADIES DAY

17th of October

from 11-3pm

Buffet lunch 1-2pm \$25

Music from 7pm till late

#### STALLS

Haircuts by Jane Jewellery by Oriel

Massage Underwear Katherine West

Shellac Nails KICS Tarot reading

GYP\*C\*Cowgirl Face painting by Clancy

Camfield Collection Lajamanu Arts

Kalkaringi Arts

Lajamanu, Pigeon Hole

and Kalkaringi school

#### STALLHOLDERS WELCOME

Phone for application

89750767



shutterstock - 222557149

*You are invited to attend*

## *Barkly Women's Day*

*At the Barkly Homestead NT*

*Saturday 24th October 2015*

*10am*

*Champagne Luncheon*

*\$45.00*

*RSVP: Friday 16th October*

*Please RSVP - Danielle Doyle*

*Ph: 08 8964 5562*

*Fax: 08 8964 5574*

*Email: doyles@activ8.net.au*

*For accommodation bookings  
please phone  
The Barkly Homestead*

*08 8964 4549*

## Woolworths **earn & learn**

A big **'thank you'** to everyone who placed their **earn & learn** stickers in our box at Woolworths over the past weeks. Our grand total of stickers, each worth one point came in at 4,477. A fantastic outcome for KICS! Katherine locals and many tourists must have also supported us. These points will add up to KICS receiving educational resources through Modern Teaching Aids. We can now choose some new resources based on our unique needs, enabling us to deliver education through play to the many isolated children who benefit from our mobile playgroup service.

Encouraging Children ... from 'Parenting Ideas' by Michael Grose © 1997

If we, as parents continually encourage our children we can have a deep and positive effect on them. The messages that we send them do stay in their minds and influence the way they think about themselves and how they behave. If we let children know often enough they are inept or inadequate they will believe it, as we are significant reference points. Through the use of constant encouragement parents can promote



Bright ideas

\*Give children realistic responsibility. Through our actions we are giving them the message:  
-I know that you can do thisø

\*Point out children's strengths and achievements. When correcting a child or pointing out an error try focusing on a strength first. -I like the way that you write your letters. Now let's concentrate on spacing your words out a little moreø

\*Recognise improvements they have made or effort they are putting in at school and home. -Your reading has really come along ...øYou can't always praise their performance but you can usually make positive comments about their improvement, effort or attitude.

\*Express your confidence and faith in their abilities. -I know you can do it.ø

\*Promote positive self-talk. When children do something well ask them how they feel about their efforts. -That's a terrific drawing, Sarah. What do you think about it?ø Encourage them to make positive comments about themselves and discourage them from putting themselves down.

\*If you need a reminder to encourage your child consciously develop the habit of offering a positive remark when they leave for school in the morning and when you say good night.

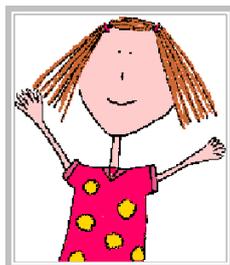


How to discourage children

\*Compare them with sibling:  
-Why can't you keep your bedroom tidy like your sister?ø

\*Continually criticise or put them down: øYou are a real dope!ø

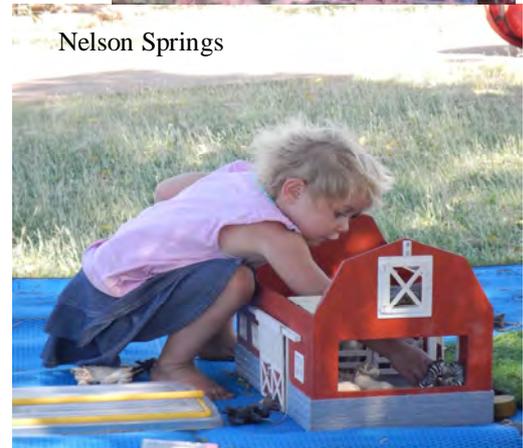
\*Focus on their mistakes and errors: -Oh no! You've made a mistake again. How many times do I have to remind you?ø



Kidman Springs



Urapunga



Nelson Springs



Tanami Downs



**KICS has a lovely new office at 9 Third Street Katherine which we have settled into nicely. Behind this office, we have a furnished granny flat available for short-term wet season rental until February 2016.**

**Please contact the KICS office for more details on 8971 0196**

**Notice Board**



**Scholastic Book Club**

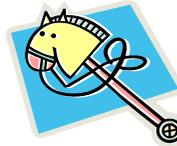
Thank you for your support to our Book Club fundraising. Issue 6 has been circulated. Issue 7 will be with us after the holiday break.



**Chalk, Parent Direct & Educational Experience Fund Raising Toy Catalogues** were circulated recently.

We hope you enjoy shopping at home through the pages of these catalogues. K.I.C.S will receive a voucher for 20% of the total value of all orders which we can then use to enhance our toys and resources.

*Thank you* for taking part in this fundraising opportunity for another year.



**Vegetable dye**

powder in the primary colours, **Red - Blue - Yellow** for the home classroom can be expensive. We have packaged smaller amounts of the 3 colours to accompany our Kidø Recipes / Activity Card.

At \$5, this handy little kit will be an asset when preparing daily, fun activities for the little people.

A **win, win** situation, as you will be supporting our fund raising effort as well!



Our **Mugs & Bottles** Fundraiser has been well received. Your childrenø artwork can be preserved on stainless steel bottles, travel mugs and unbreakable plastic mugs as shown below. Order forms and payment are to be in by mid October. Please contact KICS for further details or ask our Playgroup Teams when they are out your way.



**Great for campdrafts-camping-school rooms-playgroups.**  
**K.I.C.S**  
**Indoor / Outdoor Waterproof Mats.**  
**Made from 100% recycled plastic.**  
**Road tested by K.I.C.S Playgroups.**  
**1.8 x 3 m**  
**\$90 each**



**Also comes in green.**  
**Reversible, Foldable**  
**Contact K.I.C.S 08 8971 0196**  
**kics@bigpond.com**

Our Field Teams carry some of these great mats with them in case you want to purchase one at playgroups. Alternatively, you can contact the KICS office or call in when you are in town.

**Bring out the old clothes...!**

It would be advisable to dress your children in old clothes when attending K.I.C.S Playgroups. K.I.C.S use non - toxic paint for art activities but cannot guarantee that paint stains will wash out. We have been advised that to work on these stains you need to use warm water without detergent.

**Or**, K.I.C.S **colourful**, cotton Tø Shirts @\$15 ea would be the appropriate outfit when attending our Playgroups. The K.I.C.S Teams do carry a supply of these T øshirts with them.

**Sizes 0 to 12**

**Check them out!**



As a Fundraiser K.I.C.S has a supply of Legionnaire caps bearing the K.I.C.S logo. This type of cap has a broad hood and a flap that covers the back of the neck and ears. They are 100% cotton and Velcro adjustable to fit. Colours /navy or black.  
**@ \$8 each**  
 or  
 we are offering a package deal of a K.I.C.S Tee-shirt (100% cotton, various colours) and a Legionnaireø cap for:  
**\$20**  
 Both the cap and tee-shirt have the full K.I.C.S logo.  
*(for the sake of the small sketches the full logo is incomplete)*  
**The tee-shirt also has a map of the NT on the back.**



# K.I.C.S Cluster Groups

Could you please look over the Cluster grouping below and decide if you would like to be placed in other clusters. In many cases some families are in travel distance of more than one cluster area, giving the opportunity to attend extra playgroups. Please fill out this form and return ASAP.  
*If you are unsure of your cluster areas, please contact us.*

Name:ô -

Station / Community:ô -

Preferred Cluster / Clusters:ô --



**Clusters**

**Barkly**  
**Newcastle Waters**  
**Kiana**

**Daly Waters**  
**Gorrie Loop**

**Limmen**

**Kalkaringi**  
**Lajamanu**  
**Riveren**

**WA Border**  
**Timber Creek**

**Mataranka**  
**Roper**

**Ngukurr**

**Numbulwar**

**Top Springs**  
**VRD**



The K.I.C.S Web Site can be found at [www.kics.org.au](http://www.kics.org.au)

*Check it out!*



*Thanks to Mick Elligett from [www.tropics.net.au](http://www.tropics.net.au) for designing this fabulous site for us.*

We have a vast collection of photos from the K.I.C.S. Playgroup albums and would like to give you the opportunity to browse through them by including them on our web site. This would make the photos available for public viewing. We need your permission to place your child's photo on our web site and face book. The photos will not disclose personal details (names etc.) other than the Playgroup venue and date.

There would also be occasions when K.I.C.S need visual material for broader publication to promote the Service to a wider community eg. media articles and presentations at Conferences.

Before K.I.C.S can go ahead with this we need you as parents or guardians to complete the following form and return to us ASAP. If you have already completed a permission form you would only need to do so again if you have new children to add.

Many thanks.

**PERMISSION FOR USE OF VISUAL MATERIAL**

I give approval for visual materials containing my children/family to be used for the purpose of promoting K.I.C.S. to the wider community through our web site, face book, media articles and children's services conference presentations.

Parent/s/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Children's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Station/Community \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*K.I.C.S is a non profit organisation.*

To enhance our funds and to enable us to purchase resources we fundraise throughout the year.

The *Scholastic Book Club* is our ongoing fundraiser, raising credit coupons to purchase books for our ever growing library.

We also sell Indoor/Outdoor waterproof mats, *K.I.C.S Kid's T-shirts, adult polo and chambray shirts* and *Kid's Fun Stuff recipe cards/with vegetable dye.*

We have tried different fund raising ideas over the years which have been well received.

Our end of the year *Toy Catalogue Fundraiser* gives families the opportunity to shop for quality toys and educational resources. K.I.C.S receive 20% on all orders placed allowing us to purchase resources with the money earned.

**In order to keep mailing costs at a minimum** we need to ascertain who is interested in receiving *fundraising information* throughout the year.

Could you please take a moment and fill in the form below and return at your earliest convenience.

*Thank You.*

I do  I don't  wish to receive: Book Club

I do  I don't  wish to receive: Toy Catalogues

I do  I don't  wish to receive: information on other fund raising ventures as they arise.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_