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**WELCOME BACK!** Hope everyone had a great festive season and the New Year has started well.

Karen has taken over information compilation for the newsletter from Cherie so if you have any interesting stories, photos or info you would like to share please send through to the coordination unit or email at [klewis@samaritans.org.au](mailto:kewis@samaritans.org.au) once approved we can look at publishing your items.

### **Dates to remember:**

<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	- Most schools start term 1
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	- Scheme Meeting
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	- Chinese New Year
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	- Margaret's farewell ( <b>RSVP – by the 4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> )
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	- International Aspergers Day
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	- National Playgroup Week

### **Farewell Margaret**

With sadness we bid farewell to Margaret one of our CDO's as she takes a new path on her professional journey. She will be missed by everyone, especially the children who were fortunate enough to enjoy a story with Margaret on Home Visits and those children and their educators who attended play session in Singleton and enjoyed the great programs Margaret had created; including group time with stories, songs, music and dancing. We have all benefitted from her extensive knowledge and experience. Best wishes Marg for all that lays ahead.



### **A Huge WELCOME to Kell**

Kell is the Scheme's new CDO and we are happy to have her on board and a member of our FDC & IHC family. Kell will soon begin monthly visits to FDC homes to support educators and the children in their care.

## **Samaritans Scheme Meeting**

7pm Wednesday February 2nd 2011

Singleton Coordination Unit

"The Stables"

Opposite 26 Bishopgate Street

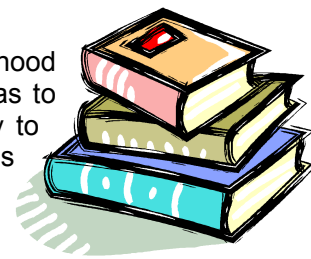
Singleton

RSVP: 1st February 2011

All registered Families are encouraged to attend!

### **Children's Books Needed**

Elaine down at SINC (Samaritans Information and Neighbourhood Centre) is putting together a collection of books to be sent overseas to assist in teaching young children to read. So take this opportunity to have a clear out and see what you can find. All appropriate donations are gratefully received.



### **Title Changes**

Family Day Care and In Home Care carers are labeled as 'Educators' in all written material in regards to EYLF and the National Quality Framework. This is consistent with all child care workers across all services. In our scheme, educators will be known as an FDC educators and IHC educators.

Child Development Officers are also undergoing a name change to better describe the role they play in the service. They will be known as Child Care Coordinators or CCC (Three C's, Triple C) If anyone has a better suggestion for an abbreviation we would be most appreciative!

### **Understanding Inclusiveness**

A man told his grandson: 'A terrible fight is going on inside me – a fight between two wolves. One is evil and represents hate, anger, arrogance, intolerance and superiority. The other is good, and represents joy, peace, love, tolerance, understanding, humility, kindness, empathy, generosity and compassion. This same fight is going on inside every other person too.'

The grandson then asked: 'Which wolf will win?'

The old man simply replied: 'The one you feed.'

Anon.



### **KINDERGARTEN: Here we come!**

Best wishes for all the children who are taking their first step into formal education. May the confidence, self assurance and positive outcomes you have achieved in Family Day Care carry you into a bright and joyful school experience.



#### **The Coordination Unit Staff**

Janine Voigt - Authorised Supervisor  
Karen Lewis - IHC & FDC Child Care Coordinator  
Sandy Hart - Child Care Coordinator  
Kylie Ledger - Administration Manager  
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Cherie Pauling - Placements and Support Officer  
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Kell Smith - Child Care Coordinator  
Kim Bates - Administration Assistant