

CHILDREN'S WEEK

Valuing families, communities

and each other



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IT IS WONDERFUL to look back at one's history and one's present, as both shape our today.

They shape our future and how we continue to positively impact the lives of children, youth and families within the scope of the work under the Kentish umbrella.

Twenty one years ago, in August 1990, the Palmerston and Rural Family Day Care scheme was set up by the Federal and Territory governments in preparation for the Australian Defence Force's move to the north.

The scheme was set up under the management of Smile-a-Mile Fun Bus and the Toy Library for three years, until July, 1994 when it became incorporated as Kentish Childcare.

Some years later it had a name change to Kentish Family Day Care Inc in order to better reflect what is actually provided for families and the community.

Under this name, the organisation developed its education and nurturing services, training, mentoring and resourcing educators (carers) and community engagement initiative and celebrations.

On this journey, it also developed its reputation as a provider of high quality/boutique childcare, as well as a reputation and a strong advocate for high-quality outcomes for all children,



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young people and families. Since the introduction of quality assurance for Family Day Care nationally, Kentish has managed to achieve the highest grading of high quality three times out of four.

This has been very pleasing for the organisation, but there is always a great deal to do and learn when one is engaged in the education and nurturing of children, youth and families. This work is a serious and challenging business and certainly not for the feint hearted.

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This program is called Absolutely Top Care with Kentish, which is a combination of the learning of life skills and nurturing each child and youth individually in family group settings 24/7.

To be able to do this care type effectively one has to be resilient, resourceful, open minded and willing to learn new world views, keep abreast with up-to-date knowledge as well as a heart for children and young people.

It is exacting work but one that gives a high level of satisfaction personally as well as bringing richness into one's own family and group.

Kentish's journey has been rich, memorable, and challenging, but it is now 'of age' and celebrates the journey with a name change yet again.

The group invites everyone to celebrate the organisation's journey and achievements through the years with its new name, Kentish Lifelong Learning and Care.

The centre welcomes you to join it to cater for your child care and the learning needs of your children and young people. You can contact either of its offices at Palmerston on 8932 2457 or Darwin on 8981 8777.

2011 Children's Week
 Animals
 Date: 22/10/2011
 Sausage Sizzle
FREE
FAMILY FUN DAY
 Everyone's invited to our Free Family Fun Day, celebrating Children's Week for 2011.
 Come and enjoy a Free Sausage Sizzle, Face Painting, Jumping Castles, Merry go Round, Rock Climbing, Animals, and Lots of Fun Art Activities plus lots more.

Frances Mall/Goyder Square
 PALMERSTON
 9:00am – 11:30am

Jumping Castles
 Face Painting
 Rock Climbing



KENTISH FAMILY DAY CARE

RESOURCE OFFICER (Full time position – urgent start)

DUTIES:

- ▶ To resource and mentor Educators to be the best person that they can be for the children and youth in care for all programmes in the organisation;
- ▶ To ensure that the Kentish Adjunct Care Programme for strengthening families operates effectively and efficiently with community and departmental partners.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ▶ Relevant experience in leadership role, at least a Diploma in Childcare and/or other humanities;
- ▶ A heart for children;
- ▶ A high level of skills in computer applications;
- ▶ An ochre card and a current senior first aid certificate and own vehicle for work use.

Wages & Conditions are above award (NT Childcare Award)

For more information contact Director on 0407 322 457

Applications to the:

Director, PO BOX 1325, Palmerston, NT 0831
 By 31st October 2011

