

# YPP Camp

By popular demand, we are planning a camp! It will be at Rollingstone, which is just beautiful at the moment and only about 45min from town. The camp will be held from **Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> August** and will be suitable for both experienced and first time campers. Families wishing to come can be assisted with camping equipment and transport if needed.

The camp will be **free** and activities can include swimming, fishing, a bush tucker info session, fire twirling workshop, bushwalking, toasting marshmallows on the fire or just lazing around the creek relaxing. One thing is for sure, it will be heaps of fun!



We are also looking for **volunteers for the Camp Committee**. We need help from those who have experience camping and first timers. Info you might be able to help with include: What to bring when camping with kids, suggested food for cooking on fires, suggested camp activities and the items needed for them, questions first timers might have about camping etc etc. If you would like to help, please let us know. There will be a committee meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>, or you may just like to volunteer for a small task in your own time.

The camp will be **open to all young parents** in Townsville so feel free to **invite your friends** if they are a mum or dad 26yo or under.

**More info coming soon!**

## Happy Birthday!

7th August: Kenyn

29<sup>th</sup> August: Jennifer

We hope you have a wonderful day!

If your birthday is not on the list, please let us know.



## Full Moon Drum Circle

The Full Moon Drum Circle happens at the Strand every full moon from 6pm -7:30pm and we are going as a group on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by The Rhythm Connection, this mass drumming workshop is great fun for the whole family. Bring your drum if you have one, borrow one at the event or just kick back and enjoy the music. Let us know by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> if you need a lift, or just meet the group there.

## Featured Service

**Us:** Did you know, if you are having issues with child safety we can help. All info is, of course, confidential.

**Them:** Wee Care

Wee Care provides free emergency and respite accommodation for children up to 12 years of age. Great for those who don't have family or friends who can babysit if you are ill, in hospital or even if you just need a bit of time out for a break or night out. Wee Care is a not-for-profit org, just like us and does not notify just for using their service (I had to say this bit as there were some rumours that they were associated with a certain government organisation). Give them a call on 47724499.

## Smart Kids Literacy

**'Drawing & Scribbling Lead to Writing'**

**'What we do and what it means'**

Letting children scribble and draw helps them to learn to write. Over time, children learn that writing is a particular kind of drawing that carries a message. Later, children will learn that writing can be used to make lists, fill out forms and to tell people about things in stories and letters.



## Numeracy

**'Grouping things together' is about noticing if something is the same or different.**

**'What we do and what it means'**

Mum: Adele, come and help mummy with the laundry.  
Adele picks up a sock.  
Mum: Oh good.  
You've found the other one?



Children learn to group things together when they notice if something is the 'same' or 'different'. Lots of experiences with 'same' and 'different' help children later on with describing how something may be different (eg. Has three more), rather than just how things look.

## Join us on Facebook

Link up with other young mums, keep up to date on what's going on, have your say and share your view, most of all, make new friends. Search for us as Munchkins Playgroup, or join the group Munchkins Online

# Diary Dates for August

5<sup>th</sup> - Big Smiles in the Park. Activities for bubs and toddlers, hosted by Queensland Health. Queens Gardens from 10-12.

6<sup>th</sup> - Full Moon Drum Circle. Family event 6pm to 7pm Strand Amphitheatre at the end of Gregory St. Bing the dads along too. Why not bring a picnic tea? Free Pizza for families that RSVP by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>.

10<sup>th</sup> Careers Expo @ Iggy Park School. Unsure what direction you'd like to take? Come along for some ideas. 10:30- 12:30

13<sup>th</sup> - Immunisation Clinic, QLD Health Kirwan. Having trouble getting to the doctors for the kids shots? Come along with us.

14<sup>th</sup> Cultural Fest at the Strand. Activities for all the family and a lovely day in the park.

20<sup>th</sup> Camp Committee Meeting 10:30- 12:30 TWCC. Come along and give us a hand in organising the most fun event for 2009

27<sup>th</sup> Camp Prep @ Rollingstone. Lend a hand setting up tarps, pegging out our own private space or even just getting in early to set up your special spot in the shade.

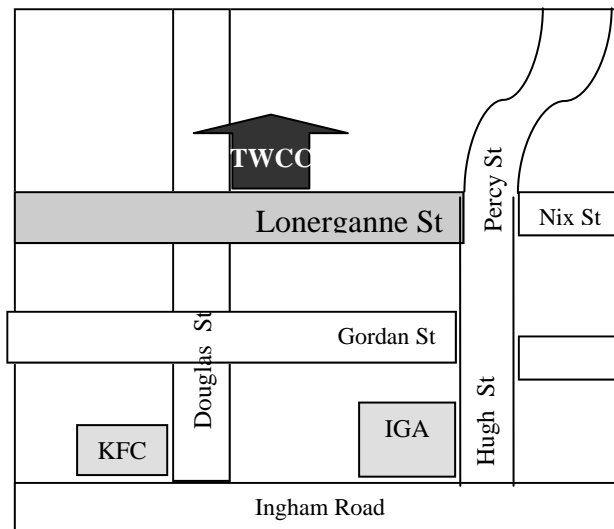
28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> - The best event in 2009- The Young Parents Camp. Plenty of info on this is yet to come.

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# TWCC

Munchkins playgroup, and some of our workshops and courses, are located at the Townsville West Community Centre, 15 Lonerganne St. Garbutt,



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# Young Parents Newsletter July '09



Young parents (25 and under) meeting every week. All activities are free. Catering is provided. If you need a lift let QYS know by 8:30am 47713648 or 0418721464 Places on the bus are limited so book early!

**Munchkins Playgroup:**  
Tuesdays 10:30am-12:30pm

**Munchkins on the Move:**  
and

**Young Parents Group:**  
See timetable for various dates and times