

At a birthday party at the Mia Mia Hotel local kids were kept entertained with a drawing competition. These are some examples of the great talent we have in Newman. Could one of these children be the next Picasso?



Joshua



Carri-Anne



Gemma



Courtney



Mums and bubs (back) Belinda and James, Tenika and Jay, Camille and Mitchell, Jo and William, (front) Myrna and Imogen, Yvette and Matylda, Natasha and Sierra. Photo: Brydie-Lee Sheen

Together making parenting easier

CHILD health nurse Melissa Williams invites mums and dads to join the New Parents Group. The group sessions provide vital information to new parents. The meetings are ongoing and cover topics such as child safety and

first aid, emotional health and wellbeing, feeding and introducing solids. There is even a session on baby massage. If you would like to join or find out more contact Melissa on 9175 1152 or 0419931920.



NPS councillors: L-R Wendy Lester, Cecilia Tavita (Head Girl), Neil Marx, Jordan Becker, Joshua Hudson (Head Boy) and Nathaniel Ryan. Photos: Brydie-Lee Sheen

NPS council elections

NEWMAN Primary School students in Years 4-7 elected their councillors and leaders recently. Ballot papers followed campaign speeches, and the contest saw sports captains and vice captains positions hotly contested.

2008 school leaders: Cecilia Tavita (Head Girl), Joshua Hudson (Head Boy), Wendy Lester, Jordan Becker, Neil Marks and Nathaniel Ryan. Red faction captain: James Ash, v/capt Shaydon Ash. Blue faction captain: Henry Fisher, v/capt Caitlin McCarroll. Green faction captain: Joshua Hudson, v/capt Caelan Murphy.

All student councillors have the chance to fly to Perth for The National Young Leader's Day. Congratulations!

Lily Coverdale & Jade Rutty (Yr 7)



Faction captains: Henry Fisher, James Ash, Shaydon Ash, Caitlin McCarroll, Caelan Murphy and Joshua Hudson.

Children's wellbeing a priority

AMONG items up for discussion at the Newman Early Years Action Group's (NEYAG) first meeting for 2008 was the position of a paid part time coordinator (flexible eight hours per week with little training or experience required) now that BHP funding was available. (Anyone interested please check the advertisement on page 7.)

NEYAG is part of WA's Early Years Strategy, a government program

devoted to supporting children, families, carers and communities to improve the wellbeing of children aged 0-8 years. Newman has a high newborn rate and NEYAG is a community service offering young families the back up they may require when facing the challenges of raising children.

Child health nurse Melissa Williams was at the meeting and was able to report that, due to last year's strategy

meeting, information on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FADS) is now available at the library. She also advised that her Positive Parenting Program was underway again this year (for information phone 9175 1152).

Again, Jenyce has offered free use of Newman Neighbourhood Centre for NEYAG meetings and projects for the year. The next meeting will be held there on March 6, at 9am. Rainie Luckie