Embracing Ministries

An initiative of the Anglican church of Canberra and Goulburn

July 2019

Minnows Movement





Bend and Stretch

Embracing Ministries has had 2 trial sessions of Bend and Stretch. Bend and Stretch developed out of the need of families wanting a safe space for their child with special needs and their siblings to have fun and exercise safely.



We are so blessed that Malkara school has offered Embracing Ministries the use of their gym. With the use of this beautiful space, we can provide a safe, nurturing, and fun environment for kids and their parents to explore the gym equipment safely.





Bend and Stretch will provide opportunities for interaction, social skills development and fun physical activities for children with special needs and their siblings.



This group is a great example of how we can help all children grow and develop by providing an allinclusive setting. If you would like you child to attend the program booking is essential. Contact Andrea



This little boys mum said he had such a great time he carried his social story around all day.

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Important dates

17th July A Free Webinar Overview of Spiritual Needs in Disability 20th July Fundraiser Concert all proceeds go to therapies for refugee Kids and towards an accessible van.

2nd August Bubs and Tots Minnows Music Starts 8 wk term

10th August, Minnow Movement Bend and Stretch Commences 12.30pm Malkara School

10th August Minnows Music commences 10am Malkara School

26th-28 July Retreat at Long Beach



Andrea had a great time celebrating Pentecost at St Johns Anglican Church in Eden. A wonderful welcoming community.



We give thanks for the wonderful contribution toward an accessible van from the churches in Eden. Above is a photo of the committee and parents setting up for the Deb ball which was held 1st Jun. 2019. The Eden Catholic and Anglican churches have been running the Deb balls for 54 years with profits distributed between the churches and charities. Eden and surrounding districts take part.

Thank you so much!

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Sibling Program

Sibling care is a program to support siblings of families who have a child with a disability. We will meet the 3rd Sunday of the month from 2pm. Sibling Care program gives kids aged 6-12 years the chance to relax, have fun and just be kids! Once a month the siblings get to be the special ones and have a break. We organise activities they wouldn't normally get to do like the Zoo, laser tag, movie and pizza nights, picnics, and much, much more. At the program, children will meet others who share a background of disability and they learn they are not alone. They learn that Siblings matter too!

Sibling Care

We start Sibling care in August. A chance for upper primary school children to meet and have fun and share in experiences with others of a similar age

If you are interested call Andrea 0404256714

A Free Webinar Overview of Spiritual Needs in Disability



A webinar on the 17th July 2019 6:30-8:30pm. For more info contact mail.cotfa@gmail.com



Come out for an uplifting concert

The concert features Amber Nichols and Katie De Veau. Let's show a number of refugee families with kids with disability our compassion, care and support as they wait for their asylum and humanitarian visas to be processed.



Reverend Andrea de Vaal Horciu and her team work their hearts out to support kids with disability in Canberra. She's been a lifeline for hundreds of Canberra families, including mine.

Andrea and her team support a number of refugee families on bridging visas in Canberra who have kids with profound disability. Even after my most challenging days as a parent with a child with special needs, I think of the overwhelming hardship these families face. I often feel overwhelmed with the immense need in front of me and I ask what I, as one person, can do to help. My time for thinking is over. I am stepping up to appeal to you in the hope that you will do something, however small it may seem to you, to help. These families are not eligible for NDIS funding for their children's therapies. mobility chairs. communication technologies, continence and feeding supplies and equipment and specialised transport while their humanitarian and asylum visas are being processed.

These families live among us and to say they need our help is a massive understatement. I am bracing myself to talk to everyone I can to seek support for these families for the coming year (figures are approximate pending quotes):

\$25,890 for a powerchair with spex seating for one of the children \$35,000 for a year of physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy for the children who need it. \$15,000 towards nappies, baby wipes, barrier creams and gloves

In addition to these refugee families, I will also be helping to seek support for all that Andrea does for our broader community of families with kids with extra sparkle juice. For this event, our focus is on the refugee families. I hope to warmly welcome you to the Mosaic Baptist Church with Andrea on a cold Winter's night in July as we rally to show these families that we care.

Bri Heseltine A Mum in Canberra



The concert is on the 20th July at Mosaic Baptist church Church Dallachy Street, Page at 6.30 to start at 7pm. If you would like to support refugee children receive the care they need please donate Anglican Investment Development Fund (AIDF) BSB 702 389 Acc: 0520 9841 label it refugee fund.

To join us for an Evening of Music, Coffee and Cake purchase a ticket. Tickets available:

www.trybooking.com/BDCYT for more information contact Andrea info@embracingministires.org



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