

Neil Family Newsletter



Micah, Daniel,
Kim & Jesse
December 2011

Things for which we were **THANKFUL** in 2011

- Our beautiful boys who bring us so much joy
- Our fantastic friends & family who love us and challenge us.
- Micah had a fantastic year at Preschool
- Jesse grew out of his reflux
- We built a new deck
- Nanny & Papa came to visit twice!
- Financial support of our work with Fusion Sydney North
- Uncle Darren, Auntie Arlene, Leo & Alexandra move back to Australia to live.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from our family to yours!

Well, this year has been one of the most amazing years this little family has seen! Our boys have continued to grow and we have seen God's merciful hand at work in so many ways! Seeing the way family & friends supported Daniel's decision to leave a job in a project with guaranteed funding to take up one with none and Kim's miraculous healing from what certainly looked like breast cancer are just two ways we have seen His provision!

We pray that you and your family will be able to find joy in the small things and in the moments you spend with

Daniel's News

After making the move to Fusion Sydney North I have been working hard managing Jacks Youth Café and running a variety of programs at St Ives

High School. I have been thoroughly enjoying getting to know the young people who attend the café and have made some great relationships at school. Managing the café with so few volunteers has been an ongoing source of stress but, God-



Mealtime fun... teenagers Jacob Edgecombe (left) and Daniel Edgecombe with youth worker Daniel Neil cooking up a storm. Photo: JILL McINTYRE

Centre has recipe for success

TRACY FINLAY
SERVING UP SUPPORT
What: Community dinner
Where: Fusion youth cafe and drop-in centre, 5 Jersey St, Hornsby
When: Wednesdays, from 4.30pm
Who: Open to people of all ages
Cost: Free, no bookings required
Details: 9677 1110
ing up afterwards. "It's our busiest day by far so I think that speaks for itself," Mr Neil said. "They really enjoy being involved and the fact that it's a free meal helps as well but I think they really enjoy what they get out of it in terms of feeling they have a part to play and they are part of the family."
Mr Neil said organisers wanted to raise awareness of the dinner and let people know that it is open to all age groups. "It's meant to be a pretty broad range of people involved - little kids, grandparents, everybody."

Daniel was in the local paper with some of the young people at Jacks Youth Café.

willing, more workers are on the way.

I'd also like to thank all the fantastic people (you know who you are) who've made pancake





Daniel's News Continued...

mix for Brekkie Club this year! Enjoy The Christmas break! You'll hear from me in the New Year ☺

On the home front, we've had fun building and redecorating, on an endless search for more and more storage space! We absolutely love our deck (see pictures below) and are hanging out for some decent summer weather for outdoor entertaining. Kim has also remodeled the study to make more functional for work (she has been doing some bookkeeping work for her brother).

In June, I was able to go away to Melbourne on a 'boy's footy weekend' with some mates from church. It was a bucket list experience to see an AFL game at the 'G' as well as two other games at Etihad Stadium. Thanks boys for a great weekend!

I am looking forward to some rest and fun over the holidays and am eager to see what 2012 has to offer.

Micah's News

It's hard to believe that our 'little' Micah is off to school next year! Where did the time go? As you can see, he is pretty excited about it and looks good in green and gold! Micah has had lots of fun at KU Grevillia Preschool this year and has developed so much! He is such a creative kid (like his mum) and love drawing, painting and making stuff. Micah also likes to fix things with Daddy ☺ Very proud! Lego is another of Micah's passions and for Father's Day he bought me my very own Lego to play with. We built it together that morning! ☺ We look forward to continuing to watch Micah embrace Kindy and make new friends.



Micah in his new Hornsby Heights Public School uniform! Do you think he's excited about going to 'big' school?



Swans V Blues @ Etihad Stadium



Micah's Christmas Tree



My Father's Day Present





Kim with some of her art works she has sold this year. She displayed at a friend's CD launch. The two pencil drawings in the middle were designs she did for the album cover artwork.

Jesse's News

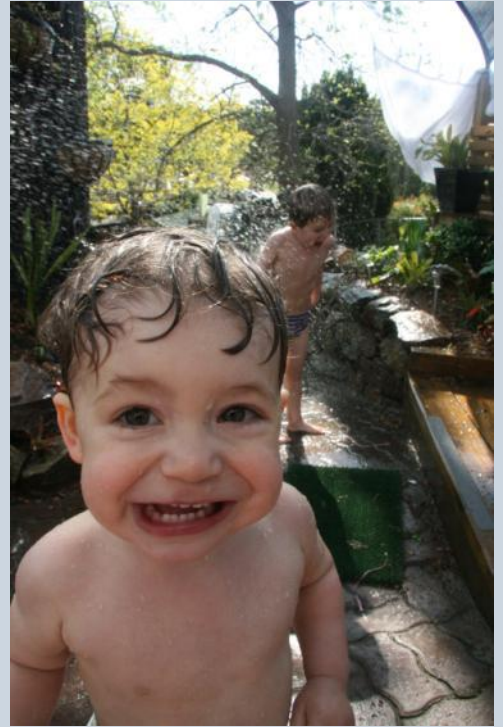
Well Jesse has just turned 2 and we can't quite believe what an independent little man he is becoming. This year has seen JJ grow out of his reflux issues allowing us (especially Kim) to get more sleep. Jesse is following in his big brother's footsteps with his love of all things firefighting, especially Fireman Sam! He is such an active little boy always on the go and wants to do everything Micah is doing. Both of the boys are sharing a room and they adore each other. Jesse is really going to miss having Micah around when he goes to school.

Kim's News

Kim has enjoyed a return to her art this year. There have been many different projects, but one particular highlight was the sale of the two larger pieces (above) after displaying at a friend's CD launch. Kim was asked to design the album artwork for Linda Wood's most recent album released on Valentine's Day. Aside from these four, there have been four others she has worked on this year.

Kim has also enjoyed the challenge doing some part-time bookkeeping work for her brother's business. It has only been minimal so far but is likely to increase as the business grows and with Micah going to school this year, there may be a little more time to put into it.

Kim's health has, for the most part, been quite good this year. However she has had some trouble with breast lumps, which, once she had stopped feeding Jesse,



Jesse and Micah enjoying the hose



Enjoying the sandpit!



Jesse's 2nd Birthday 29.12.11
'Shaun the Sheep'



Our own little 'Boyband'!

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Finances

If you would like to make a donation towards our work at Fusion Sydney North we would be most appreciative.

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were deemed to require further investigation. This all happened around the end of November/early December. Following numerous scans and about 25 needles, including four core biopsies, the doctors were convinced she had cancer. However, miraculously, the biopsy results came back negative for malignancy and she was given the all clear. This was an absolute miracle and an answer to prayer. What was also a miracle was the fact that Kim was able to completely trust God throughout the whole ordeal.

Final thoughts...

Our prayer for you all in 2012 is for a safe and prosperous year in which you are able to stop and take time for friends and family. God bless you and thank you for your continued prayers and support. We could not do this work without you!



