

“The World’s greatest shave”

At Roly-Poly Educational Child Care, we have been supporting the Leukaemia Foundation Charity Event “The World’s Greatest Shave”

We have had a child in our service who had leukaemia, and we experienced what it was like for the child but also for the whole family going through such a tough time. We understand the support that is required as we spent many hours comforting the parents and assuring them they will get through it. It was a time for us to also make the child feel comfortable with the changes that were occurring. We aimed at making the child’s peers aware of what was going on with his body, and that losing his hair was part of the treatment. That it was “how the medicine worked”.

That whole experience made us aware of the importance of support and compassion by the broader community. This child is now, thankfully, in remission.

One of our pre-school class rules is ‘helping hands’.

We use this rule to describe the way we treat our friends at pre-school. For ‘Crazy Hair Week’, our pre-school class discussed ‘helping hair’

– styling our hair in lots of silly styles to raise money and awareness for leukaemia. The children learned that there are lots of people in the world who are sick and do not have the money to pay for doctors or help make them better. They also learned that children who were sick with leukaemia, often lost their hair, which did not make them feel very happy sometimes. The children recognise that they are helping sick people by wearing crazy hairstyles to



creating a rainbow head

school and telling family and friends to help by donating money for ‘The Great Shave’.

To get into the spirit of the event, on Thursday March 11, the staff and children at Roly-Poly Bankstown had the fun of colouring and then shaving the hair of Mark Camilleri - one of the centre licensees.

To date we have raised \$2000 amongst all Roly-Poly centres and we aim at



Louay, Eleni and Abdulaziz taking turns in spraying Mark’s hair.

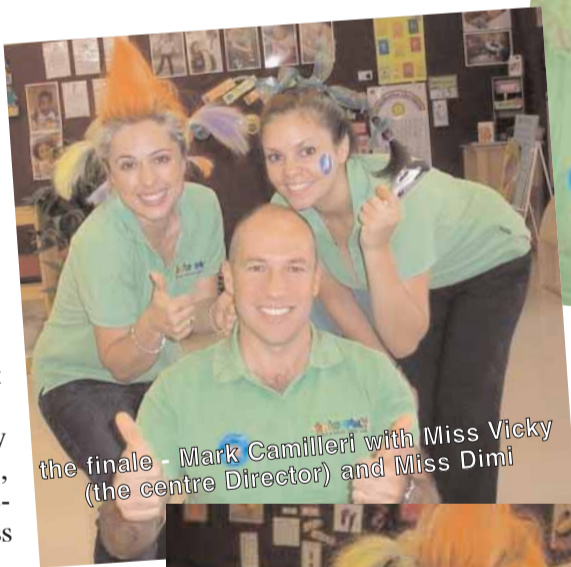
raising more.

We will continue collecting donations at each centre until April, 2010. We welcome everyone from the community to come in to any of our centres and make a donation to such a fantastic cause.

The centres are located in Bankstown, Canley Heights, Fairfield, Fairfield Heights and Merrylands. For more de-

tailed information on their location please contact 9709 2999 or online at www.rolypolykids.com.au. Alternatively, donations can be made directly to the Leukaemia Foundation on www.worldsgreatestshave.com.au where you can find Mark Camilleri as he was an official participant who was sponsored to shave his head.

Dimi Simitzis



the finale - Mark Camilleri with Miss Vicky (the centre Director) and Miss Dimi



Nicolette concentrating to give an even trim!



Eleni with Miss Dimi shaving Mark’s head

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