

# District 9650 Weekly mailing update 33

19 February 2012 – February is World Understanding month

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"REACH WITHIN TO  
EMBRACE HUMANITY"

**Secretary – please ensure this and all future enews are distributed to all interested members of your Club for their information. – send it on using [Forward](#) button.**

- ✓ **“IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO SEND IN YOUR RYLA APPLICATIONS.... CONTACT IVANA ON 0404 056 278 TO SECURE YOUR PLACE NOW”.**
- ✓ **BOOKS FOR BABIES – LITERACY MONTH MARCH 2012**  
After a very successful National Books for Babies program in 2011 we are again holding the project in March which is Rotary’s Literacy Month providing clubs in District 9650 with a very affordable and readymade Literacy project.  
The District through the Rotary Club of Tamworth was successful in receiving a District Simplified Grant to pay for the books written by Mem Fox “Ten Little Fingers, Ten Little Toes” so the cost to clubs in the District is NIL, ZERO, NOTHING, NIX.  
Assistant Governors have been contacted and will organise books for their cluster to be delivered to babies born in maternity units by the Clubs at local hospitals during the week of 12<sup>th</sup> March – Commonwealth Day. Watch this space for more details or contact you Cluster Assistant Governor.
- ✓ **Nominations for Rotary district governor 2014-15 will close this weekend with the district secretary, Laurie Barber. As stated previously, he will wait until Monday’s mail, in case some nominations happen to be delayed in the mail, and will then announce the nominations he has received.**
- ✓ Two boxes of Australian Rotary Health facts books for 2012 have arrived at the home of next year's district chairman, Glenda Barber.  
They will be distributed at the presidents-elect training weekend next weekend. Featured on the front cover is Kevin Sharp, our Bowelscan leader from Taree who has done a great job over the past several years and who is disappointed at the interruption to this year's Bowelscan program.
- ✓ **Rotary Bowelscan Health Awareness Program -**  
“March is Rotary Bowelscan Month, promoting annual checking for those without symptoms who are over 40 years of age. Bowel cancer symptoms may not appear until later stages of this disease.”  
Rotary is unable to supply kits at this time of our awareness program.  
However if you have;
  - close relatives who have had colorectal cancer or polyps,
  - Abdominal pain,
  - Observe Blood mixed with the stool,
  - Unexplained weight loss or fatigue,
  - A change in bowel habit, e.g. constipation or diarrhoea,Then see your Medical Doctor NOW. Annual screening for faecal occult blood is the KEY to early detection. 90% of bowel cancers can be cured if detected early. It is predicted 12,000 cases of bowel cancer will be diagnosed in Australia each year. Check stories at [www.rotary9650.org.au](http://www.rotary9650.org.au) .

✓ Greetings from all of us at St Jude's!

We warmly wish all the members of the St Jude's family a very Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. January has been overflowing with joy and celebrations as you will see in the latest [St Jude's Newsletter](#). Our new Primary Standard 1 and Secondary Form 1 have settled in so very well. You can read about four of these very talented young Tanzanians in the newsletter. With so many new students there is call for more wonderful Sponsors to become an important partner in changing the lives of these very bright and exceptionally poor youngsters. Everything you need to know about Sponsoring our students can be found [here](#).

As you will read in this newsletter there are a number of promotional tours happening this year. The School of St Jude Deputy Director, Kim Saville, will be venturing all over the globe to share the St Jude's story with as many people as possible. We also want lots and lots of people to pay us a visit in Tanzania during 2012, what better year to do it than our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You can find all the details here at [St Jude's Tours](#).

Also the very special Anniversary Book has gone to print and will be available in a few weeks time (we have a sneak peek or two and it is gorgeous). Visit the [St Jude's Online Shop](#) today. Wishing all of St Jude's family members a wonderful 2012 and we hope you can join us in our celebrations whether you are near or far, from all of us here at St Jude's!