

the charlestown netball association and the cure our kids netball cancer challenge...

The Cure Our Kids Netball Cancer Challenge is an annual fundraising event for Cure Our Kids, a privately funded children's cancer charity dedicated to the Oncology Unit at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

In 2008, The Cure Our Kids Netball Cancer Challenge will consist of the following netball carnivals:

- The Baulkham Hills Netball Association – Sunday, 27th July 2008
- The Eastwood Ryde Netball Association – Sunday, 27th July 2008
- The Charlestown Netball Association – Sunday, 27th July 2008
- The Hills District Netball Association – Sunday, 27th July 2008
- The Northern Suburbs Netball Association – Sunday, 3rd August 2008
- The Manly Warringah Netball Association – Sunday, 3rd August 2008
- The Cobar Netball Association – Sunday, 3rd August 2008
- The Coffs Harbour Netball Association – Sunday, 3rd August 2008

Together, Cure Our Kids and each participating Association will do the following:

- Provide each Club with a Team Registration Pack
- Provide each Registered Team with a Team Pack including
 - o Team Bag
 - o One exclusive event edition wristband for each Registered Player
 - o One event participation certificate for each Registered Player
 - o Confirmed event information including the carnival draw
- Game day organisation and execution



invitation...

The Charlestown Netball Association invites your Teams to be a part of their All Age Carnival on Sunday 27th July 2008 which will act as their Annual Carnival with all proceeds going to Cure Our Kids.

To register your Teams, please fill out the enclosed Registration Form and return to the details outlined on the form. Please note that 10 Team Registration Forms have been included in this pack and they are to be filled in as one per Team. If you require more forms, please just photocopy and fill out as normal.

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about cureourkids

what we do...

Established in 2001, Cure Our Kids is a privately funded children's cancer charity dedicated to the Oncology Unit at The Children's Hospital at Westmead. Cure Our Kids raises funds and provides services to help ease the challenge for kids with cancer and their families.

supporting kids...

Cure Our Kids seeks every opportunity to grant children experiences which foster their happiness and wellbeing, making their time in hospital as positive as possible.

- Play Therapy
- Music Therapy
- The Fully Sick Kids Christmas Party
- The Dream Fund
- Bravery Beads Program
- Celebrity Visits

supporting families...

Cure Our Kids works to empower families to cope with the myriad challenges which childhood cancer presents. Our assistance helps ensure that families, in turn, have the strength and resilience to give their sick child the emotional support they need.

- Survival Kits
- Family Groups
- Inpatient Afternoon Teas
- Publications
- The Parents' Retreat
- The Computer Resource Centre
- Grocery Delivery

Cure Our Kids also employs an Oncology Liaison Officer who assists families to access our services. This position also provides practical advice and support to families at the Cancer Unit at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

upgrading the cancer unit at the children's hospital at westmead...

Upgrading The Cancer Unit at The Children's Hospital at Westmead... Over the years, Cure Our Kids has contributed to improving the Cancer Unit at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Our projects include:

- Play Room Refurbishment
- Clinic Upgrades
- Established the Computer Resource Centre
- Interview Room Renovations

Our ongoing support of the Cancer Unit helps shape the best environment possible in which the dedicated medical team can continue to deliver their expert care.

As the scope of our work at Cure Our Kids continues to increase, so too will our capacity to make a positive impact upon those touched by children's cancer and The Oncology Unit at Westmead.

For more information, please visit our website www.cureourkids.com.au or www.c4cc.org.au



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your local oncology family...

amelia nalder, 4 years...

Amelia was a very happy and precocious 3 year old in July 2007 when we took her to her local Doctor to find out why her stomach was starting to grow. She enjoyed going to Day Care and playing with her friends and older sister Sophie who had just started school that year. Our Doctor sent Amelia for a CT scan the next day and the following day he explained to us that Amelia had a rare form of liver cancer, Hepatoblastoma, and that we needed to go The Children's Hospital at Westmead immediately to confirm diagnosis and start treatment. We were terrified to say the least. Amelia did not look sick and her only symptom was a stomach that continued to grow on a daily basis. We later found out that the growth was a tumour that finally measured 11 cm x 10cm x 9cm.

We travelled to The Children's Hospital at Westmead, where her condition was confirmed, she

had a biopsy and a Central line inserted and began 9 months of treatment. Amelia would need to have chemotherapy and an operation to remove the left side of her liver, arteries, veins, gall bladder and lymph nodes. After her operation she would also need more chemotherapy.

Amelia started chemo on July 27th 2007 and immediately had severe side effects. She was constantly vomiting, had high fevers and her hair fell out. She lost over 25% of her body weight and had to have a nasal gastric tube inserted to feed her. She eventually needed to be nourished through TPN which is delivered via her veins. She had kidney problems, mouth ulcers and insomnia, but throughout all of this she kept her sense of humour and the chemotherapy worked in reducing the size of the tumour.

On 18th October 2007, Amelia underwent a 6 hour operation to remove the tumour and affected areas. The operation was successful

and she was up and running around 10 days after. She began more chemotherapy 2 weeks after surgery and her last round of chemo was given on 12th February 2008. Amelia's last day in hospital was March 20th 2008.

Since her discharge from hospital Amelia has had 2 cancer free scans and is now in remission. She is starting to return to a normal life of a 4 year old and will hopefully be beginning Pre- School soon. We have moved back to Aberglasslyn and are settling back into life living with her 6 year old sister Sophie who had to live with her grandparents throughout treatment. Sophie is also learning how to live with her mum and sister again after such a long separation.

Cancer has affected Amelia's hearing and she is mildly to severely deaf. She wears hot pink hearing aids and will need speech therapy. However, in the great scheme of things this is minor.

Throughout this journey as we call it now, Cure Our Kids and other groups have provided support and assistance to our family. From food in the hospital ward kitchens to a friendly face to listen and help, it truly makes a difference when you are struggling. We can't thank them enough.



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team registration form



On behalf of Cure Our Kids and The Cure Our Kids Netball Cancer Challenge, The Charlestown Netball Association invites you to participate in its All Age Carnival to be held on Sunday 27th July 2008 at the Essie Toneguzzi Courts, Riawena Park, Bula Street, Charlestown commencing at 8.30 am.

Team Name: _____

Association Name: _____

Team's Current Grade: _____

Team Contact Name: _____

Team Contact Number: _____

Player's Name	Player's Date of Birth

\$50 Team Registration Fee:

- Cheque (please make cheques payable to Cure Our Kids Inc.)
- Cash

Receipt Details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I acknowledge that the above named team wishes to enter in your carnival and that all information supplied is correct. We acknowledge that this will be an all age carnival and that we must supply the following:

- One Non-Playing Umpire to officiate our own games and to be correctly attired in white with own whistle
- Once Scorer to score for our team
- One Game Ball
- One Set of Bibs/Patches

Signed: _____

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entries to be forwarded to the Charlestown Association Carnival Convenor on the details outlined below by 5pm 19 July 2008:
Ms Lil Harrison
Carnival Convenor
Charlestown Netball Association
PO Box 471
CHARLESTOWN NSW 2290
2. A Tax Deductible Entry Fee of \$50 per team to be forwarded with a completed Registration Form.
3. All players in each team must wear identical uniforms; identification patches and correct underwear.
5. Each team to supply a non-playing umpire, scorer, whistle and ball. All umpires are requested to be correctly attired in white.
6. Matches will start and finish on the bell, as indicated by the umpires and the captain of winning team to return score sheet to recording table.
7. Matches will be conducted; as per NSWNA Carnival Rules and NO injury time will be allowed.
8. Once a player has played with a team, she may not play with another during that day.
9. No disputes will be entered into.
10. Charlestown Netball Association Inc. and Cure Our Kids Inc. will not be responsible for any injuries incurred during the Carnival, but First Aid will be available.
11. Teams withdrawing from the Carnival after the fixtures have been completed will be liable for a fine of \$50.
12. Medals will be presented to the winners and runner up.
13. Full canteen facilities will be available on the day.



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