



**BLACKBURN
DENTAL
GROUP**



NEWSLETTER

December 2009

2009 has been a challenging year for everyone, with the practice confronting the challenges associated with the difficult economic circumstances.

Our website continues to be a useful and effective information resource for patients new to the practice, as well as those already established. We would urge everyone to take the opportunity to browse the site. As well as generic dental information, there is some specific advice for our patients involved in ongoing care. Any queries should be directed to office@blackburndental.com.au

The cycle of life goes on.... Dr Sophia Richardson recently gave birth to Hannah, her first child. She has taken maternity leave from the practice, and also from the Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgeon training program. We expect her back on an occasional basis just before Christmas 2009.

Dr Wynne Yip, who has worked Saturday mornings for some years, this year joined the practice on a more regular basis. She juggles this commitment while maintaining a part time teaching position at the new Latrobe University Dental Auxiliary Program at Bendigo.

Environmental issues are uppermost in our thinking these days. We have enrolled in a new initiative, "Dentists for cleaner water". During the past year we have upgraded our suction systems to ensure that that we are not the source of any environmental contamination. Our other major initiative is the routine use of digital x-rays, which eliminates the use of toxic chemicals used in the developing process.

We note the recent magistrate's court ruling concerning the practice of tooth whitening by non-dental practitioners and urge all considering tooth whitening to think carefully and discuss it with one of our practitioners before proceeding.

As we approach Christmas our thoughts turn toward those less fortunate. This year, dentists and staff have decided to support the work of Berry Street, a local not for profit organisation working with homeless children. This is in addition to our ongoing involvement and support of the Rotary Australia-Vietnam Community Dental health project.

We shall be closed from Noon on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years day,

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and we wish you compliments of the season.

Best wishes

Jenny, Will and Tony and staff

Hours

Mon-Fri 8.00am-5.30pm

Sat 8.00am-12 Noon

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