

1981 Opportunities for Families to Connect



Clinic annual picnics began to be held, starting with the first one at Parramatta Park on Sunday November 15, 1981.

Parent Get-Togethers

Parent get-togethers were organized every second month. For Northside parents it was the first Wednesday night and the venue was St Mary's Church.

On the alternate month, parents from the Western suburbs met at the Charles Street centre on the second Tuesday night. They were relaxed get togethers where many issues relating to parenting of children with a disability were discussed. (1981 newsletter).

Several parents also were happy to act as support parents for any parent who needed someone to call. Phone numbers for these parents were freely advertised in the newsletters. There were parents for particular areas and even one who was willing to talk to country mums as well. They called themselves Supporters of the Early Education Clinic (SEEC).

Financial support was available for parents who needed equipment (e.g. high chairs) if their finances were tight. Some community groups were also available to help such parents.