

# 1981 Wide Reach of EarlyEd

Children attended in North Sydney from Northern areas of Sydney up to Hornsby, Palm Beach on the Northern Beaches, from the Eastern Sydney and country areas. The Western Sydney centre at Parramatta covered Auburn, Holroyd, Baulkham Hills and Parramatta area.

## Pre-school Preparation Classes Begin



Pre-school preparation classes with 4-6 children began at all centres. There were 46 children enrolled in these classes. Sandra Wearne worked as an assistant. Children attended at least twice a week, for 2 hour sessions. The parents were free to do as they liked. Some waited in the waiting room to chat to other parents or went for a coffee with friends or other clinic parents. Some even used the hours to have their hair done or would do the grocery shopping. It was their time.

There were also individualized one-to-one fortnightly or monthly sessions. Preschool pre-school support was undertaken by Judith Croll, the co-coordinator and Virginia Troy.

24 children were visited throughout metropolitan Sydney at various community pre-schools in 1981. Preschool support was available for the Western and Northern Suburbs on Tuesday and for the Southern, Northern and Eastern suburbs for Wednesday and Thursday (*p.28 1981 Newsletter*).

Intensive language classes were run by Lesley Walters. The clinic was now open 4 days. Cremorne was operating 3 days a week from 108 Parraween Street Cremorne, Cremorne Baby Health centre behind the NSW bank. In her holidays, Sandra Leonard set up a home programme for children who were not receiving help in country areas.