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Invites ALL families of local and/or Intercountry adopted children to join us for:

Jane Brown Playshops

For children aged 4.5 years to 12 years

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June 2009

Macedonian Club, Albert St North Perth

Children attend only one session either morning or afternoon, the sessions are broken into age groups, bio siblings invited to join in as well.

Each Session is for two hours and is preceded by a Parent Workshop evening on Wednesday 17th June which is compulsory for all parents of children attending the Playshops.

The topic is '**Adoption in the Schools**'.

Other adults: prospective parents, adoptive parents whose children are not attending the Playshop because of age or choice, foster parents, teachers, extended family of your child, and others who are interested in adoption are also invited to this workshop at a cost of \$25 per person.

Information about Jane Brown

Jane Brown is a social worker, an adoption educator and an adoptive parent. She has been involved in the field of adoption for over thirty years, first as a parent, later as a social worker/educator/play therapist.

She and her husband have eight children and a foster daughter. Five of their sons and daughters joined their family through adoption from Korea and China. Their children range in age from eleven to forty. Jane lives in Arizona.

Jane Brown originally trained as an educator and taught young children. She is interested in how children take in, process, and integrate information. After returning to school to obtain a Masters in Social Work, she applied her interest in how children learn generally; to how they integrate the information they receive about adoption and race. Her belief that children need to be part of a guided support group led to the creation of Adoption Playshops.

Jane has conducted her Adoption Playshops throughout the USA and Canada. In 2003, she also presented in Europe and 2005 Australia. She writes extensively about her passion, parenting adopted children.

What are playshops designed to do?

All Playshops have adult adoptees working with Jane.

- To encourage the children to deepen their understanding of adoption amongst their adopted peers
- To offer children a model of an older person who grew up adopted and is happy, successful and interesting - but who is still thinking about being an adoptee sometimes
- To arm children with skills that they will need to contend with stereotypes about adoption or race in a mostly non-adopted and Caucasian-dominated society
- To encourage children to talk more openly with their parents
- To build and utilize networks for parents and children
- To talk and share with each other for parents and children

Schedule of the Playshops

17th June

**Wednesday 7pm
Parents Information Session**

No children.

Approximate duration 3 hours.

No charge for parents of children attending the playshop.

Parents with children who are younger, extended family, PAPs are invited to attend at \$25 per person.

**18th & 19th June Thursday and Friday
Children's Playshops**

There will be a morning and afternoon session each day.

Approximate duration: 2 hours.

Children will be put into age sub groups so please be available both days until confirmation.

Parent follow up sessions will directly follow your child's play shop.

Children will be supervised during this time.

Approx duration: 1 hour.

Up to 25 children per session, 20 in the younger ages.

COST \$70.00 per child, \$60.00 subsequent child.

We will confirm all times and venue once registrations have been received.

Registration Form Jane Brown Playshops

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E: _____

Parent Workshop Only: \$25 per person **Number attending** _____

Play shops: \$70 per child, \$60 subsequent child

Name and Age on 1st June 2009 of Child/ren

Method of Payment Cheque / Money Order / Direct Debit

Direct Debit **Acc. Name:** Adoption Support for Families and Children

BSB: 066 161 **Account No:** 1016 4896

Description: Last Name JB

Registration Form must be either emailed to infoasfc@yahoo.com.au or posted to ASFC PO Box 122 Subiaco 6904.

Registration is not confirmed until payment received.

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