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Celebrating Children's Week at North Buderim Early Childhood Centre

Ownership, responsibility and an appreciation of the environment was celebrated last week at the North Buderim Early Childhood Centre, with the launch of a new vegetable and herb garden.

In recognition of Children's Week, last week children from the day care centre planted the first seeds and plants of what will soon flower into a lush patch of herbs, vegetables and flora.

Churches of Christ Care's, Child Youth and Family Care general manager Jane Carter said the garden was 'Mark's Garden,' and that parents and family came along to a morning tea to officially launch it.

"Parents and family came along to show their support and donated some of the vegetables and herbs the children planted in the garden," Ms Carter said.

"It was a great day for everyone involved. The children also planted seeds and flowers, and we named it 'Mark's Garden' in honour of Mark Skuthorpe from Mansell's Landscaping, who donated the soil for it.

"The garden will provide a fun opportunity for the children to learn about ownership and responsibility, and sharing and working together for a purpose in line with the Early Years Framework to create a sense of belonging, being and becoming. The garden also teaches children about sustainability."

North Buderim Early Childhood Centre is a not-for-profit, community based service operated by Churches of Christ Care which provides the Queensland Government's Kindy Program. Churches of Christ Care operates a number of other early childhood services and is one of Queensland's leading providers of early childhood, child protection, affordable housing, retirement living and aged care services.

Enrolments are now being taken for 2011. For more information, or to enrol your child, please contact North Buderim Early Childhood Centre on (07) 5476 8333.

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Photo attached.

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Churches of Christ Care is one of Queensland's leading providers of early childhood, child protection, affordable housing, retirement living and aged care services. We are a not-for-profit organisation that supports more than 27,000 clients each year in urban, rural and remote areas.

We operate 137 services throughout Queensland with the support of more than 2,800 staff and over 700 volunteers.

Churches of Christ Care is built on a foundation of Christian values, commitment to quality care, and trust and respect for clients and the community.