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Dear members,

First of all we would like to welcome all new members to TwinsPlus. It's great that our family in Singapore is growing! We hope we can provide you with some tips and tricks along the way of multiple parenting.

As our former Newsletter editor for 2010, Ruchi Gupta had to step down due to other commitments, Nicole Wittkopf, who did the Newsletter in 2008/2009 is on board again to spread the news about what's happening at TwinsPlus Singapore.

Herself being a mother of 3 with Jenna (9) and twins Leslie and Lennart (5) she's been a member since 2005 and we welcome her back!

You also might have noticed the new look of TwinsPlus! Our website is currently undergoing a long awaited revamping with the help of our dear member and mom of 9 month old triplets, Kirsten Ackland - who is also our member of the month - as well as Annaliese Cawood, herself a mother of twin boys Max and Joshua, born in March this year. Great job guys! We are looking forward to the new face of TwinsPlus online soon!

This newsletter is reflecting the new design and we hope you like it! We appreciate your feedback!

Until then, happy reading!

Your TwinsPlus Team

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Twins Plus annual Garage Sale 2010!

We did it again – another successful Garage Sale!

We well topped last year's sales from 33K last year to a whopping 42K this year! The new venue, Horsecity, was perfect for our purpose and proofed to be a crowd magnet (look at that queue)!

Thanks again to all the volunteers who helped to make this event possible! We might do it twice a year due to the overwhelming response by the public. The committee will discuss this and we will let you know soon. A possible date would be May 2011. This time we might give it a different theme, e.g. ONLY toys and clothes or ONLY 2nd hand items of every sort (not just kids related).

If you have any thoughts on that, let us know via email to nicole@twinsplussing.com !

Anyway, over the next year remember to put away those outgrown clothes and toys for next year's Garage Sale and make some extra money!



Christmas gathering



On Saturday 4 December, Kirsten Ackland and her husband Richard kindly hosted the inaugural parents only Christmas party.



We were treated to some fabulous wines (courtesy of Underground Wines) and nibbles under a perfect balmy Singapore sky. We exchanged tales of this crazy journey of raising multiples and discovered a whole closet full of Dr Foong lovers (husbands included).

It was a great night and hopefully grows in size each year.

Next family gathering: 16th Jan 2011

Mark your calendars: our next family gathering is just around the corner:

Venue: Botanical Garden – palm valley near the Symphony stage

Date: Sun, 16th Jan, 10 - 12 pm

BYO food and picnic mat and if you have, please bring balls, frisbees and other outdoor toys for the kids to enjoy and run around. We'll provide some beading activity for the little ones.

Please R.S.V.P to nicole@twinsplussing.com if you are coming so we know roughly how many people to expect. Don't miss this opportunity to have a talk with other members about our special role as multiple parents!

Welcome to our new members

A warm welcome to our new members:

- ❖ Anja Fischer – with her twins Chiara & Kian (2005) and baby sister Lenya (Sep 2010)
- ❖ Geraldine & Stephen Tamas – with twins Annabel & Benjamin (2009)
- ❖ Herda & Sharudin Puteri – with twins Ahmad & Adelia (2009)
- ❖ Sue Kim – with triplets Justin, Sharon & Taylor (Jan 2010) and big sister Jennifer (2001)
- ❖ Priyanka & Rishi Kapoor – with twins Aanya & Ayana (Mar 2010)
- ❖ Holly & Peter Stegman-Lye – with twins Sarah & Kate (Apr 2010) and older siblings Sam and Emily (2002/2005)
- ❖ Tonia & Colin Evans – with twins Ruby & Max (Aug 2010) and older sisters Poppy and Scarlett (1998/2003)
- ❖ Susanne & Philipp von Bueren – with twins Hanna & Maxim (Oct 2010)
- ❖ Camilla & Tim Gilbertson – with twins Alexander & Alicia (2008)
- ❖ Joycelyn & Andrew Toh/Cheok – with twins Josh & Brianna (2010) and older sibling Brennan (2002)
- ❖ Simone & Frank Brodbeck – with twins David & Hannah (2006) and older sister Jona (2004)

... and some expecting parents:

- ❖ Faithe & Nick Tho/Wu – with twins due in Feb 2011
- ❖ Rachael Peedom & David Griffin – expecting triplets in Feb 2011
- ❖ Mazilana & Muhammad Hairul – twins due in Feb 2011
- ❖ Pooja & Vinay Asdhir – expecting twins in Feb 2011
- ❖ Skye & Youri Yeo – expecting twins in Jan 2011

Welcome to Twins Plus!

Happy Birthday!

... to our December birthday multiples! They are turning:

- 8** Haziqah & Hazirah Mohd Yusri
- 7** Ron Haziq & Rudy Hakim Mehboob
- 5** Alexander & Nicolas Jeffs; Jerrell, Jade & Jarrett Liew; Daya & Dayan Tan/Lang
- 4** Jaylen, Joven & Chloe Goh
- 3** Jai and Avi Gupta; Luciano & Leandro luorno
- 2** Joshua John & Michael Seamus Haughey
- 1** Alexander & Lewis Davis



Jai and Avi Gupta

Here is a picture of our boys Jai and Avi who will be turning 3 on Dec 13th. They are big Diego fans, so we are doing a Diego themed party for them. We always get them 2 cakes to cut separately as we like to keep their identities apart. I am sure others do the same, but they enjoy the process of selecting their own cake and blowing the candles and cutting it and clapping for each other!

- Rachna Gupta -

Buy and Sell

Until our website is relaunched again we will post selected buy and sell items in our monthly newsletter. So please email a picture of your items for sale to nicole@twinsplussing.com for the time being. For Jan Newsletter the deadline is **Jan 16th 2011** to hand in your ads.

Once the website is published, please post it in our Buy and Sell Forum online.

Contact Gez Brogden: Hp 97885464 gbr@uwcsea.edu.sg

1. Duo bassinets for a double mountain buggy. Hardly used and nearly new. Selling at \$300 for the pair (less than half OP). Includes free rain covers!



2. Swedish Kiddyguard fabric safety stair gate \$50.

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Contact Kelly Bassett: Hp 9620 2032 kelbassett@gmail.com

Mothercare Stockholm Cotbed with mattress-- cot that can convert to regular bed. Bought for \$924 in 2007, selling for \$250 (only one available!)



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Travel Cot with bassinet, change table, overhead cover and travel bag.
Excellent condition. \$120



Double Maclaren - well used
but still has a lot of life left!
Pretty good condition, except
some fading on the fabric,
and one side of top cover does
not attached tightly.

\$140

Members of the month: Kirsten Ackland / Richard Clarke



Name:	Kirsten Ackland
Spouse:	Richard Clarke
Children:	Dylan (3yrs old) + Rory, Jasper & Hywel (10mths old)
Time in Singapore:	9 years
Other Places I've lived:	UK & Australia
Career:	Advertising
Favourite Restaurant:	Imperial Treasure Super Peking Duck Restaurant
Favourite Play Place:	Mana Mana / East Coast – great for kids.
Favourite non-kid Activities:	Sailing
Last holiday/vacation:	A parent's only retreat to Africa (we needed it!)
Best thing abt Singapore:	The food.
Worst thing abt Singapore:	The price of wine.
Best thing about TwinsPlus:	Meeting and bonding with other couples in the same situation.
I never expected...:	To have such a large family, and more specifically all at once, but it is wonderful!
Cutest multiple thing:	Watching them become more aware of each other and chatter away in baby speak.

Event Calendar 2011

We are happy to announce we managed to reserve a room at **Camden Medical Centre, Level 9, Function Room** for our Twins Plus gatherings for the following dates in 2011.

The room is provided to us for free! It's airy and spacious and has proved to be a good centrally located spot to meet. So please mark your calendars with the following dates!

2011

29.1. Sat Family Gathering 10 am-12 pm

23.2. Wed Playgroup 2:30 – 4:30 pm

26.3. Sat Family Gathering 10 am-12 pm

27.4. Wed Playgroup 2:30 – 4:30 pm

28.5. Sat Family Gathering 10 am-12 pm

29.6. Wed Playgroup 2:30 – 4:30 pm

30.7. Sat Family Gathering 10 am-12 pm

31.8. Wed Playgroup 2:30 – 4:30 pm

24.9. Sat Family Gathering 10 am-12 pm

26.10. Wed Playgroup 2:30 – 4:30 pm

26.11. Family Christmas Gathering 10 am-12 pm

03.12. Parents Christmas Gathering 8 pm onwards – venue yet to be confirmed

That's all folks!

We wish all our members a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year!