

the children's hospital at Westmead  
**media release**

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**PARTY DAY – CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS  
AT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT WESTMEAD**

**On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, The Children's Hospital at Westmead will be throwing a Christmas style extravaganza where patients and their families are given the opportunity to celebrate the start of the festive season.

Many children at The Children's Hospital at Westmead are not well enough to attend a Christmas party so we bring the party to them. A very special touring party travels around the Hospital in four groups so every child gets a special visit and gift - **10am - 12 noon** .

Led by the Hospital's own mascot the Bandaged Bear, helping spread the Christmas cheer this year will be:-

MKR celebrity judge Manu Feildel and his wife Clarissa

Peppa Pig, Star Wars R2D2, Disney Princesses

Paralympian Legend Louise Sauvage, Paralympian London Silver medallist Erik Horrie and Silver medallist at Sainsbury International Match in Glasgow Sarah Walsh

Sydney Swifts Paige Hadley, Kate Eddy and Sophie Garbin

Many superheroes including Batman, Wonder Woman, Captain America, the Clown Doctors, Captain Starlight and of course Santa will all tour the wards.

There will also be face painting in the main foyer, plus party food for the patients on the wards.

The afternoon activities include the all important special holiday photo with Santa in his gorgeous chair, plus pony rides, nail painting and Christmas carols - **all from 1.30-3.00pm**

Many wards and departments will be joining in the festivities by decorating their areas in different themes and dressing up in costume to match, eg Wizard of Oz, Alice in Wonderland, The Grinch, Neverland, Star Wars, Bedtime Stories, Monsters Inc, Dinosaurs, Paddington Bear & many more.

We thank all the organisations and individuals who help us make Party Day such a wonderful day for our patients by donating gifts or providing fun activities and entertainment.

Please join us here on this very special day! Please let us know that you are coming.

Media should meet at The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Cnr Hawkesbury Road & Hainsworth Street, Westmead - Media contact on the Day Sarah Palmer, Public Relations, Ph (02) 9845 3364 or page via switchboard on (02) 9845 0000, Prior to the Day - Debra Fowler, Public Relations (02) 9845 3584

**PATIENT CHRISTMAS PARTY ACTIVITIES  
FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER**

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>What</b>
9.00 – 12noon	Main Foyer	Face painting
10.00 – 12noon	Wards	Santa leads a touring party of well-known characters and special visitors to all wards
		Party Food on wards
<b>AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES IN THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN</b>		
<b>On the grassed area under the shade sails</b>		
1.30 – 3.00pm		Photos with Santa and Fairy
		Pony rides
		Christmas nail painting
		Guitarist singing Christmas carols