

## ~ Merry Christmas from the Campbell Family ~

### News for 2006

This year has been pretty hectic for our family. I guess the year kind of started for us just before 2005 Christmas with moving into our second home. It's a small duplex in Lockridge (east of Morley) three bedrooms and a decent sized yard. It was definitely a step up from our cute, but little townhouse!

Seeing in the New Year with good news of another baby on the way, we also celebrated with Thomas' 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. We had a big party, which was great fun.



I started a new business with Intimo Lingerie early in the year as well, unfortunately I had a rather hard pregnancy with Alythea and the doctors recommended that I cut down all non-essential things. So I had to stop working and just concentrate on looking after my family and myself.

Tristan has continued at Geoforce and is doing very well. The company is growing having gone from 2 employees (of which Tristan was the first one) in 2003 to have over 25 people on the books in 2006. The workload is a lot, but Tristan really enjoys the work and has been given a lot of responsibility and has been acting GM a couple of times when the bosses have been away. He is hoping to finally finish his Diploma in Environmental Studies this coming year so he can officially work in the environmental sector.

Alythea Ruth Bramwell Campbell was born on 28 August 2006. She was 8 pound, 1 ounce born. She suffers from colic so the first two months were pretty yuck with sleeping at night and so on, but now that it is under control things are good. Alythea is growing really well, smiling lots, attempting to crawl and now she is teething! Thomas was not impressed with me for leaving him for a week while I was in hospital but he warmed to Alythea quickly and is now very proud of his baby sister. He kisses her lots and gives her toys now that she is grasping things. He also insists that guests come and have a look at HIS sister when they arrive. He is saying her name now, amongst a lot of other words. His speech development slowed a bit when Alythea first came, but now that she is older and settled into the family, he is talking much more, with his first sentence the other day... 'Hello Dad' (Al-lo Da)!



We bought a camper trailer. From the trailer an enclosed tent pops out so that we can camp in style with a queen sized bed. A kitchen is attached to the back of the trailer and a full annex extends out over it. We have only been on a couple of trips so far, and will be staying close to Perth for a while since the kids are so young. But it means that we can get away for a weekend with the kids easily. Thomas LOVES being away and seeing new things. Alythea doesn't seem to mind it either! We are spending Christmas away this year up at Club Capricorn in Yanchep. Tristan used to go there as a kid! Since it's being a pretty hard year this year we wanted to have some family time and thought we would try a longer camping trip.



I'm doing aerobics every week now and slowly getting back into shape from having had to babies in less than 2 years (whose idea was that?!) When I have time I am working on curtains for the kids rooms, having done Thomas', I am trying to get to Alythea's finished also. My main outlet of creativity is in the garden. I am working hard on my roses and really enjoying being able to potter around outside. Thomas loves helping as well and gets very indignant if we don't spend at least an hour a day outside!



We have a lot of different projects going on around the house, including mulching the garden, painting the house and building a cat cage for the cats to have outside time (since they are indoor cats). Tristan is getting a little time to do some wood work in his fancy new shed and making picture frames, toy cupboards for Thomas and lots of other bits and pieces.



Well that's about it for us for this year. We have a web site with some photos. I post new photos on Monday.

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We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope your year is blessed with lots of happiness, laughter and good times. Lots of love

Tristan, Blaine, Thomas and Alythea

