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## February March 2007 Newsmagazine A Note from the Editor

As you can see, this edition the magazine looks at siblings and changing family dynamics when a new baby is on the way. As well as tips and practical ideas to help prepare children for being at the birth of a sibling, we also have included a big sister's recollections of a homebirth, plus reviews of some of the children's books available about babies and birth. We are also very fortunate to have a fantastic birth story written by WHBA member Kiley Turner, who gave birth to son Jovani at home in December. Kiley's four year-old daughter Simone was at the birth and in her story Kiley shares lots of ideas for things she found useful throughout her labour. Thanks Kiley, it is fantastic to have a home-grown birth story in the magazine again!

Thanks also to former magazine editor Sheryl Wright for allowing us to use her article on siblings at home birth, which is a perennial favourite. And special thanks to features editor Ruth Hungerford, who has done heaps of work both on the magazine and in resurrecting the mailing list since our last edition. Once again, thanks to all those members who have contacted us with corrections and updates for the mailing list, which as you know did not survive a disc melt-down. **If we still don't have your details correct, or if you are reading someone else's copy when you should be receiving your own, please get in touch with us so we can amend the list.** Our e-mail and phone details are on the inside front cover.

The next issue of the magazine (April/May) will investigate ideas such as "attachment parenting", "conscious parenting" and "connection parenting", and includes reviews of books on different approaches to parenting, plus excellent articles on going nappy-free and much more.

In the meantime, be sure to check out the notice board page (p9) - there's plenty going on! Keep those birth stories coming, as we'd love to have another local story next time. Also, we'd love any photographs you have of midwives at work, so that the coregroup can put together a display for international midwives day on May 5th. We'd also run some of the photographs in the magazine as a celebration of the special partnership between midwives and birthing families. Check the notice board page for details. Until next magazine, best wishes, Telisa