

## **AUTHOR MAGGIE HAMILTON TO SPEAK AT LYNDHURST EVENT**

LYNDHURST Early Learning Centre will welcome author and publisher Maggie Hamilton to a wine and cheese night on Thursday 5 November at 6.30pm.

Children First Director and owner of Lyndhurst Early Learning Centre Martin Corkery said that the evening would be a wonderful opportunity for staff and parents to meet a highly respected expert who has researched the challenges facing young girls and their parents in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

"Maggie Hamilton has spent years researching the ways in which young girls interact with each other, their families and the world around them," said Mr Corkery.

"She has interviewed dozens of girls, teachers, school counsellors, psychologists, law enforcement and medical personnel to get a clear picture of what girls are experiencing in today's society.

"Ms Hamilton has asked 'what is happening to our girls?' and 'why do so many girls lead secret lives, want to marry young, develop eating disorders and binge drink? What are their hopes for the future?'

"These are all very important questions for our parents and teachers and Ms Hamilton's observations and findings will provide an insight into the lives of our girls and young women," said Mr Corkery.

He said that Ms Hamilton has held a number of senior roles in publishing and at the ABC as well as having served on the executive of the Sydney Peace Foundation and advising to the Office of the Status of Women.

She has written a number of books including "What is happening to our girls?", "Business on a Personal Level" and most recently "What Men Don't Talk About". "What is happening to our boys?" is due out mid 2010.

**Mr Corkery said that the function was free and those interested in attending should RSVP to Kate or Michelle by Thursday 29 October on 3117 2222.**

The Lyndhurst Early Learning Centre is at 3 London Road Clayfield adjacent to Clayfield College.

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