

# KINDER NEWS

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## Hurstbridge Pre-school

Learning together

If you wish to communicate information to the wider kinder community via the newsletter, please e-mail Melissa McGrath (Vice President) on [melissamcgrath2@bigpond.com](mailto:melissamcgrath2@bigpond.com) or place a message in Samuel McGrath's pocket (Gumnuts) or call me on 0404488204.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER.....**

**Working Bee** on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May.

**Mothers Nights:** Wattle Group Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.  
Waratah Group Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Picture Plate** Final orders taken on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> May.

**Dean and The Carruthers Night Out** Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May.

### **Presidents Report**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 2, I hope that you all had a relaxing break. We certainly did with many days spent in our pyjamas!!

There's not much to report so far except to say a big thanks to the Social/Fundraising Committee for organising the Easter Brunch, it's always a lovely way to catch up with other families.

Last year the Pre School received a substantial grant to improve our front entrance and make our Pre School "access for all". The planning process for this has been underway for some time however we have had many obstacles to deal with. After many on site meetings with council the final plans have recently been submitted, and hopefully works will begin soon. A big thank you to Kendra Whiteman (last year's president) for securing the grant and for continuing to oversee the project this year, it's been a lengthy and very time consuming process and I very much appreciate all of her invaluable input.

Hopefully most of you will be able to come to the Dean and Carruther's night. Last year it was a huge success with much fun had by all. It's important to buy your tickets early though as they sell very quickly.

That's it from me, but please remember I am always available if you have any concerns or queries, you can contact me via e mail [paige@netspace.net.au](mailto:paige@netspace.net.au), via telephone 0419 507 553 or via Katelyn's pocket (Gumnuts).

*Yasmin*

## **Gumnut Report**

Congratulations on the success of the Easter Brunch! I was very proud of the kinder children, they looked and performed fantastically! A special thank you to Diane Cross for coming along and being such wonderful help with the children.

Prior to the holidays our very busy kinder program was all about the chicken dance, Easter bonnets and talking about new life; what hatches out of an egg e.g. chickens, ducks, spiders, crocodiles, turtles, tadpoles, caterpillars etc.. were all discussed. An exciting finish to our first term was an Easter egg hunt where we discovered big bunny foot prints on the verandah and a basket full of eggs!

A special thank you to our wonderful Sam Di Benedetto for becoming our relief assistant when Diane Cross was unable to work with us towards the end of term.

There will no doubt be a few children to resettle after the term break though we are looking forward to a very busy 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

*Carlene Youl.*

## **Wattle and Waratah Report**

We finished last term focusing on Easter – making Easter baskets, cards, bonnets, etc. We also had an exciting ‘visit’ from the Easter Bunny – creating a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt following the footprints, leading to their baskets full of chocolates! All of the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy the Easter Brunch – it was a wonderful morning. Well done to all involved in the organisation of the day, and to all the wonderful helpers on the day. We have begun this term looking at Autumn, and will start our Mothers Day gifts this week. We will be inviting our mums to have Mothers Night at the kindergarten – a very special night for the kinder children and Mums to celebrate Mothers day. The Wattle Mothers Night will be on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May and Waratah on Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May. The children will bring home an invite with more details.

Looking forward to a great term,

Jenice, Carole and Roz

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## **Fruit Duty**

Please remember to fill in the fruit duty roster!!! It's a great way to spend some time with your child, see what goes on in their kinder time and see how they interact with others in a learning environment! It also allows the teachers more time with your children, your help is much appreciated.

## **SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING**

### **DEAN AND THE CARRUTHERS**

We are very happy that again this year Dean and Carruthers can play for our social event on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May at 7.30pm at the Hurstbridge Primary School.

The night includes games (bring your gold coins), there will be food available for purchase and all drinks are at bar prices. Please no BYO.

Tickets go on sale this week, at \$20 pp. There are limited tickets available, so make sure you don't miss out.

This is a fantastic night to meet and catch up with other parents, without the children and in a great atmosphere.

**Invite all your friends and make it a fantastic night.**

I have put up a sign on the notice board looking for RSA (Responsible Serving of Alcohol) trained parents, if you have RSA could you please contact one of the Fundraising committee members or put your name on the board and we will contact you.

We are also after your old CD's and DVD's (scratched-unplayable) for decorations, there is a box at kinder for you to put them in.

Helpers will be required on the night, I will put up a helper sheet closer to the date.

### **PICTURE PLATES**

The notices have gone home for picture plate orders. Each year we offer the children a wonderful opportunity to preserve their artwork onto their own plate or mouse mat.

These make a beautiful and treasured personalised keepsake of your child's kinder year or a wonderful gift for grandparents.

Your child's drawings are made into a high quality, durable and useful plate, which is very strong, resists chipping and will last forever.

**Order close Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Late orders cannot be accepted, so mark your diaries!**

### **CLOTHES RACK**

You may or may not have noticed the clothing rack outside the kinder.

All clothing on the rack is for sale, only \$2 per item. Please place money in the tin on the rack.

If you want to de clutter your child's wardrobe, please hang your clothes on the hangers provided, and wait for the bargain hunters.

The money raised will go towards buying much needed equipment for our kinder.

### **RITCHIES**

Ritchie's Community Benefit cards are hanging on the notice board. Just grab one and start shopping.

Present your Ritchie's card, which is already programmed to donate to Hurstbridge Pre School and 1% of your total will be donated to the kinder. Also they have weekly specials for CB cardholders.

### **BAKERS DELIGHT**

Buy a loaf of bread at Bakers Delight Diamond Creek, mention Hurstbridge Pre School, they will swipe our special card and donate 10cents per loaf back to the kinder.

## **Maintenance Report**

Don't forget the dates for our working bees:

Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May  
Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August and  
Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

Remember that you will get back \$80.00 of your \$100.00 maintenance levy fee for attending just one working bee. The money will be refunded to you in term 4, just in time for Christmas!

## **Find us on the Web!**

Website – [www.hurstbridgepreschool.com.au](http://www.hurstbridgepreschool.com.au). Be sure to check the website regularly for updates. If you happen to have misplaced any forms you should be able to download and find them all online. For any new contributions to the website please let me know!



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Do you want to know what is happening at the kinder this week/month? Have you looked at the website recently?

You can find all you are looking for on the website. All forms, newsletters along with a full calendar of events are all available online. We encourage you to use it.

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