

KINDER NEWS

March/April 2008



Hurstbridge Pre-school

Learning together

If you wish to communicate information to the wider kinder community via the newsletter, please e-mail Lucy Uren (Vice President) on lucyuren@bigpond.com or place a message in Mia Giddy's pocket (Wattle) or call me on 9436 1135. Also please check out the website at www.hurstbridgepreschool.com.au.

Presidents Report

How quickly is this year going? I can not believe it is nearly May.

Firstly, a big thank you to Geoff Hall and Danielle Lonsdale for kicking off our first "official" working bee for the year on Sunday 20th April. Thank you to all the parents that helped out. I am sure you would agree the kinder is looking great.

Over the holidays I have been working on a grant application for the Preschool. The application includes the beautification of the front entrance area, to enable disable access and to define the southern grounds between the cemetery and the kinder with a boundary fence. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we are successful!

Playground update - the final stage is being negotiated with the landscape contractor at the moment. We will keep you posted.

Open Day for our kinder will be held on Saturday 17th May between 10am and 12noon. This is really an invitation for prospective parents to visit the kinder and see what we have to offer and hopefully enroll their children. Rebecca Mason our Public Relations volunteer is heading up the event. We are holding this open day in conjunction with Ferguson Park Preschool.

Some great social events are on the calendar for the month of May. So make sure to put these dates in your diary...

Friday 2nd May - Mum's night out at the kinder. Cocktails and pizza provided. This is a great chance to catch up with other kinder Mums, and

Saturday 31st May - Dean & Carruthers Band night. Held at the Primary School. This is the kinder's only major fundraiser for the year. So please come along and show your support and have a great night as well.

Regards,
Kendra

Wattle and Waratah Report

The Wattle and Waratah groups have had a very busy start to Term 2. We began the term with a visit from Thingletoodle (the road safety mascot) who taught us how to cross the road safely, car safety, pedestrian safety, etc. The children really responded very well to Thingletoodle, and the road safety messages seemed to have been thoroughly understood. We have practiced our road safety skills with our first excursion - to the Hurstbridge shops to purchase items! All of the children did a fantastic job 'looking-after' their adult on our excursion! BIG thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers - it was great to have so much support for our excursion.

This week the children will enjoy a performance from the Lightening Creek Band - who have a wonderful reputation for entertaining children with music, dance and musical instruments. We will also begin our preparations for Mother's Day this week. We are looking forward to seeing all of the wonderful Mums at our Mother's nights coming up soon (Wattle - 7th May, Waratah 8th May).

Cheers,

Jenice, Carole and Deb.

Gumnut Report

The children have settled back well since the holidays and are hard at play. We have introduced Autumn and Autumn activities and a transport theme. We are reading about Albert Herbert Hawkins - the naughtiest boy in whole world - which they all love and are playing and listening to rhythms with the Konga drum.

One of our families has moved back to America so we have a place for an older 3 year old if anyone knows of someone wanting a place.

Maintenance Report

A big 'thank-you' is extended to all parents who attended last Sunday's working bee. Some of the jobs our hard-working team achieved were re-mulching garden beds, placing new sand in the sand-pit, removing shade-sail poles, hanging shelves in bathroom and re-painting safety strips on stairs. An absolutely wonderful effort for three hours work!

Our next working bee will take place on Sunday 27th July. A reminder that participation in a working bee not only helps to make the kinder a better place for our children to play but also entitles you to receive a refund of \$80 from your maintenance levy. This refund is deducted from your Term Four fees, which is fantastic timing with Christmas approaching.

Social/Fundraising Report

FUN 'D' RAISING NEWS

MOTHERS NIGHT

ONCE A YEAR us MUMS get a whole day to celebrate the 364 other days, everyone else claims is for them!!!! So we feel it important to take the chance to run! But alas we can't run far so we would like to invite you to join us in celebration on the 2nd of May. The Mothers Night invitation is also extended to your girlfriends who might like a night out as well. This great event will be a cocktail party held at the kinder at 7.30 pm next Friday (the week before Mothers' Day). There will be an entry fee of \$25 at the door which includes cocktails, soft drink and pizza. BYO best girl friends, wine or mixed drinks and plastic wine glass. Come and dance the night away in you finest.

SOCIAL EVENT

The Social Event (Dean and Carruthers) on the 31st May is coming up quick. This is a must attend if you enjoy some fantastic live music and a get together with friends. The kinder families will have first ticket options for the month of April before they go on sale to the school community in May. All tickets can be purchased at the Hurstbridge Video Store. There is no limit at this time as to the number of tickets you buy for you and your friends so I really do suggest you get in early.

MELAMINE PLATE AND MOUSE PADS

You will have all seen the piece of paper in your pockets about ordering plates and mouse pads. This has been a very successful part of the kinder program for years and I myself have 4 of them in the cupboard which I cherish. They are a symbol of my child's kinder year as well as a very functional item at dinner time. The mouse pads are new this year and they are perfect for dad or mums office as well as a great gift idea. The orders will need to be in by the 23rd May to be delivered before Fathers' Day later in the year.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

What a beautiful day we had sitting in the Autumn Sun. The children ran off some holiday energy with their friends and the parents had a chance to meet and mingle in peace, (helped by a large amount of complementary hot chips and cordial!). Thank you to all who attended and to the Committee mums who put it all together. I look forward to seeing everyone again at the next set up day.

Thanks

FUN'd'raising Co-Ordinator
Rebecca Rowe.

PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 17TH May

Pre-School Open Day

10am - 12pm

Helpers wanted! If you are able to help out at the open day either by packing 'show bags' the week prior or helping out on the day please fill in the attached form!

Website - 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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\$55 annual advertising for pre-school families. Would you like to advertise your business? For only \$55 (+\$25 set up fee) current pre-school families can advertise their business. Forms can be downloaded online at www.hurstbridgepreschool.com.au or email rebecca@mrchocolate.com.au

Dates to Remember

- **Friday 2nd May** - Mothers' Cocktail Party 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 7th May** - Mothers' Night (Wattle)
- **Thursday 8th May** - Mothers' Night (Waratah)
- **Saturday 17th May** - Open Day 10am - 12pm
- **Saturday 31st May** - Dean & Carruthers band night
- **Friday 13th June** - Term 3 fees due
- **Sunday July 27th** - Working Bee
- **Friday September 5th** - Term 4 fees due
- **Sunday October 19th** - Working Bee

HELPERS WANTED for Open Day Saturday 17th May

We are having an Open Day on Saturday 17th May here at the Pre-School and we are after helpers both prior to and on the day!

- On the day we will just need your help for 2 hours
- Prior to the day - take home some 'Show bags' to pack

Please indicate below if you can help out and return to fundraising box.

Thank you! *Rebecca Mason* [Promotions]



Name:

Childs Name:

Childs Group:

OPEN DAY

YES

NO

Packing 'show bags'

YES

NO