

# KINDER NEWS

December 2008



## Hurstbridge Pre-school

Learning together

### Presidents Report

Dear Kinder Families,

As this is our last newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful Hurstbridge Preschool Committee who have committed their time and resources to the successful running of the kinder for 2008. It is due to your support and commitment throughout the year that Hurstbridge Preschool is in such a well managed and financially healthy state. I thank you all for a great year.

To Jenice, Carole, Kyla, Carlene and Dini, your commitment and dedication to the development and well being of our children is the backbone to the success of our kinder and I thank you for your excellent teaching.

I wish the new committee for 2009 all the best for the coming year. Thank you to those kinder families that have volunteered for positions in 2009.

My apologies for not being able to attend the Playground Opening (Family wedding in WA) on Friday 28th November. I hear that it was a fun night (in spite of the weather) and that all those who attended had a wonderful time.

Finally, thank you to all the kinder families for a great 2008. Keep safe over the holidays and I look forward to seeing you in Hurstbridge over the coming year.

Kind regards,

Kendra Whiteman

## **Wattle and Waratah Report**

Wow! The end of the year already! And what a wonderful year it has been!

Both Wattle and Waratah Groups have been enjoying the warmer weather with lots of water play outside - in the new river/creek bed, in the mud pit, in the water trough and in the sand pit. The past few weeks we have been looking at sea animals and reptiles. We had an incursion from Rockpool - where we could touch and see lots of animals such as sea stars, sea urchins, sea cucumbers, sea horses, crabs, etc. We have also had an incursion from Andrew Wegener - who brought with him his reptiles and Australian animals. Some of the animals were alive, and some of them were preserved. We saw snakes, spiders, turtles, blue-tongue lizards, frogs, koalas, possums, echidnas, etc.

We have been busy preparing for and performing (weren't they fantastic!) our Christmas Concerts and making Christmas presents and decorations. It is particularly lovely watching the children's play at the moment - they are very independent and confident, and the play is continuing for long periods of time and much of the play has many children involved.

It has truly been a wonderful year, and we would just like to thank everyone who has helped throughout the year. To all the wonderful committee members who give up so much time and effort - thank you very much, we can't do it without you. And thank you to the wonderful parents who help out throughout the year with fruit duty, laundry, washing dishes, cleaning, sweeping, tidying up, typing documents, cut/paste portfolio work, donations, fixing broken toys, shopping, photocopying, collecting mail, liaising with council/landscapers, etc, etc, etc.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas,

Jenice, Carole and Kyla.

## **Gumnut Report**

The children have been very busy with lots of wonderful play this term - role playing, fantasy, magnificent block building and lots of outdoor play with the warmer weather. Many sessions have had exciting experimentation with mixing colours and changing them. Our safety series has continued with dams, swimming pools, the beach, roads, playgrounds and stranger danger. Planting seeds at home and kinder has been the subject of much discussion.

Merry Christmas,  
Carlene

## **First Aid**

An Emergency First Aid course (Level One) is planned to be held at the kinder on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March next year. It will be advertised in both the kinder and Hurstbridge Primary School newsletters.

## *Social/Fundraising*

### KINDER FUN'D'RAISING FINAL REPORT.

Great years figures: RITCHIES SUPERMARKET COMMUNITY BENEFIT CARD	\$ 372.18
CLOTHING RACK	\$ 139.50
EASTER BRUNCH	\$ 499.31
TEA TOWELS	\$ 505.00
MELOMINE PLATES	\$ 588.50
SOCIAL EVENT	\$2670.00
OLYMPATHON	\$ 396.50
WATTLE FESTIVAL	\$ 373.60

Thank you to all who helped me throughout the year, to my great team - THANKYOU, it has been a pleasure working with you this year and accomplishing so much.

Have a great Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Rebecca Rowe

Ex-Fundraising Co-Ordinator.

## *Maintenance Report*

With this being the final maintenance report for the year I will use this opportunity to summarise our maintenance achievements for the year. Firstly, I wish to thank all of the parents that attended our final working bee for the year back in October. This was another very successful working bee with tasks such as a wonderfully new sign-in shelf (thanks to Geoff) installed, exterior painting, computer work and a big clean-up of sand-pit and garden completed. Without the help all of you who have participated in working bees this year simply our preschool would not be in great condition that it is in. Over the year many parents braved the weather and fatigue (arriving at kinder at 9am on a Sunday morning!) and achieved results such as the removal of all shade-sales and poles, placing new tan bark in play area, lugging wheelbarrows full of sand to place in the sand-pit, cleaning windows, etc., etc.. I cannot thank-you all enough but I think the real pleasure is seeing our children's faces the next day (I won't forget the joy in new 'soft' sand in the sand-pit).

On a final note I would like to extend a huge thank-you to our maintenance man for this year, Geoff Hall. Geoff like myself has been new to the job this year and has completed each job with much motivation and precision. He has also had his own health challenges and in his own words 'not the best of years' but despite this has continued in the role with much enthusiasm and a drive to get the job done. 'Thanks so much'

I encourage any of you who are at the preschool next year to participate in a working bee as it provides a great opportunity to meet other parents and 'chip in' to help our preschool.

Danielle Lonsdale

## Website

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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**Best Wishes to All for a Very Merry Christmas  
and Safe and Relaxing Summer Holidays!**