

# 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 Lucy Uren (Vice President) on [lucyuren@bigpond.com](mailto: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](http://www.hurstbridgepreschool.com.au).

### Presidents Report

Phew....what a long term! I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a well earned break. The Preschool had an action packed month of May. So firstly, a big thank you to Rebecca Mason, Jenice, Carlene, Dini and Deb for all their efforts on the kinder Open Day on 17 May. Despite the weather, it was a successful day. As was the Dean & Carruthers band/social night. Rebecca Rowe and team did such a great job organising the event, everyone was in a party mode from the moment the doors opened and had such a great night. A lot of effort goes into organising such events and Rebecca and team did a great job, raising over \$3,500 for the Kinder.

With much sadness, in the month of May, we said goodbye to Deb Tarpey who has worked for the kinder over the past 2 years and will be greatly missed. A sub-committee will be conducting interviews for the position over the next weeks, hopefully appointing someone permanently soon.

Term 3 will see the return of our much loved Carlene Youl, who has been following Doctors orders and taking the rest of the term off, whilst recovering from gall bladder surgery. Thank you to Melissa McGrath and Jenice for filling in for Carlene and Dini for steering the ship in her absence.

Don't forget the working bee coming up on Sunday 27th July.

Have a safe and restful break. See you all in term 3!! Where is this year going???

Kendra

## **Wattle and Waratah Report**

The Wattle and Waratah Groups have been focusing on families (following on from Mother's Day), including having a Grandparents Day at kinder! We have also had the Pet Education Program at kinder - where a real dog was brought to kinder to teach the children about dog safety, etc. We are currently focusing on the children's interests of pirates, story telling, story re-enactment, and games with rules. The children have been enjoying acting out the stories of Goldilocks and the 3 Bears and The 3 Billy Goats Gruff! Waratah group also had the pleasure of watching Abi's new brother Angus have a bath at kinder!

We have also unfortunately had to say goodbye to Deb who has resigned as our 4 YO Assistant. We have advertised and expect to appoint a new Assistant soon. During the past few weeks we have been very lucky to have Di and Ros relieve with the 4 YO Groups.

We also had our License Renewal Inspection from Dept of Human Services last week. This is an unannounced on-the-spot inspection to ensure the kinder is running according to the government regulations. We are very pleased with the results - with the fence height being the only concerns raised. The DHS Advisor actually commented on how she likes coming to Hurstbridge Preschool because it is such a lovely kinder, and has such a lovely warm feel about it! The staff and committee are really pleased with findings of the visit.

## **Gumnut Report**

During the past few weeks the Gumnuts Group have enjoyed play with rice, cut/pasting, playdough, train sets, block building, Lego, cog/wheel set, using the felt board to tell stories, magnetic blocks, etc. The children were absolutely delighted to have a real bat brought into kinder by Mrs. Youl and the children got to see it up-close! The children then thoroughly enjoyed the story Stella Luna. The groups have coped very well with several teachers relieving for Mrs. Youl (who is recovering very well from gall bladder surgery). Mrs. Youl will be back for Term 3, Jenice (our 4 YO Teacher) will take the Gumnut sessions until the end of term. A BIG thank you to Lisa and Melissa who have helped with the Gumnuts Group, and Mrs. Shepherd who has provided the stability and consistency for the children during the past few weeks.

## **Reminder**

Please remember to keep your details up to date at all times. This includes address, phone numbers, emergency contacts details, immunisation details, current health care card details, etc. Please see one of the teachers to up date your details.

Thank you.

## **First Aid Course**

Last year many parents attended a Level 2 First Aid Course (including CPR) which they have found to be very useful. If anyone is interested in attending such a course this year please let me know at [lucyuren@bigpond.com](mailto:lucyuren@bigpond.com) , 9436 1135 or drop a note in Mia Giddy's pocket (Wattle).

## Maintenance Report

The next kinder working bee will take place on **Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> from 9-12am**. Your attendance is vital to ensure that we can continue to maintain the natural landscape of our kinder that so many of us appreciate and admire. In addition your participation not only makes the kinder a safer and more enjoyable environment for your children to play but also entitles you to receive a **discount of \$80 from the maintenance levy (\$100)** that you paid at the beginning of the year.

A list of jobs that need to be completed on the day will be posted soon but we already know that three eager parents will be needed to help remove all shade-sails and poles in the playground to help make way for the next stage of development. If you can participate on the day please return the slip below and place it in the attendance box outside the kinder (next to the children's sign-in book) prior to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July or make contact via email or phone (details below). **You will be rewarded with morning tea on the day for your hard work.** If you are unable to participate on the day we have one more working bee for the year (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October) or *we often have jobs that can be completed from your home at a time convenient to you.* At the moment these jobs include;

- re-type policy and procedures handbook
- cover new books with contact and stamp with HP logo
- cut out photos
- cut and paste children's sign in/out attempts

You will receive the same discount (\$80) from your maintenance levy for your efforts, contact Jenice or I for details.

I look forward to meeting many of you on the 27<sup>th</sup> July!

Danielle Lonsdale (Maintenance Secretary)  
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## Website

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