

# 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](mailto:lucyuren@bigpond.com) or place 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

A big thank you to Rebecca Rowe and the fundraising/general committee team for all their efforts in making Sunday's Easter Brunch a great success. In spite of the heat, we all had a great morning watching the children perform and play in their wonderful kinder environment. Another big thank you to (Easter Bunnies) Jenice, Carole, Deb, Carlene and Dini in coordinating the children's Easter canvasses. Thank you also to all the parents that helped out on the day with buttering buns, face painting, setting and cleaning up and general helping. Many hands make light work and it was a great team effort.

The first working bee for the kinder year is on shortly after we get back in term 2 (April 20th). Don't forget to fill in a slip if you are able to make it so supplies and activities can be coordinated. Slips can be found on the working bee blue box near the children's sign in box and at the end of this newsletter.

Don't forget, if you wish to receive the newsletter electronically, (and cut down on your paper war) please fill in the attached slip and place in Mia Giddy's (Wattle Group) pocket.

I hope all kinder families had a safe and restful Easter break/school holidays and see you all in Term 2.

Kendra

## Wattle and Waratah Report

Term 1 flew by so quickly - it was amazing! The children have really settled down and their play is beginning to reflect this. Our program has been mostly focused on Easter - activities, artwork and preparation for our Easter Brunch. Thank you to all who attended the Easter Brunch - it was a fabulous morning! It was lovely to meet so many families, the children's performance was fantastic, and we hope you enjoyed their 'surprise' artwork!

We hope you all had a happy and safe holiday, and look forward to a wonderful Term 2!

Jenice, Carole and Deb.

## Gumnut Report

All the children have settled happily and are playing and working fantastically. They are now used to the kinder, feeling secure with Dini and I and happy to be with the other children. The program has been focused on settling in skills and reinforcement that Kinder is a great place where it is fun to come and play. Our themes have expanded to include block building, transport, colours and Easter leading up to the Easter brunch for which we have been practising the birdie/chicken dance.

## Maintenance Report

Just a reminder that our next working bee will take place on Sunday April 20th from 9am-12pm. A box for all attendance slips has been placed next to the children's sign-in book at the entrance to kinder, and will remain there until the RSVP date (14th April). For those that have not cited an attendance slip and wish to attend the bee please make contact via email or phone (dlonsdale@netspace.net.au or 0412750497). A list of jobs to be undertaken will be available soon for those wishing to nominate for a task prior to the bee. Please make sure that you also inform us if you have any special expertise that could be utilised on the day.

Look forward to seeing you there

Danielle Lonsdale

## Social/Fundraising Report

### FUN 'D' RAISING NEWS

**Firstly I would like to thank the 9 mums who have volunteered to help put together all activities for the kindergarten families and our kinder children this year. With 50 families involved with 4 year old and 20 with the 3 year old group we are sure to have some great get togethers throughout the year.**

The focus this year is largely aimed at the Social aspects of the kindergarten community. We have a fun calendar of events planned, which we are very excited to present to you.

If you would like to help us throughout the year, even the little things would be greatly appreciated.

With most large events there will be a volunteer sheet available at the sign in book. Please consider helping those 9 mums out when you can, the workload is very light and the team is a great one! You can email [rrowe2@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rrowe2@optusnet.com.au) or just let the teachers know if you will join us in making the kinder year ahead enjoyable for all.

### **Clothing Rack**

Most of you will have noticed a clothing rack outside in the waiting area and one in the viewing room. Please have a look regularly at the clothing available. The quality is good and for \$2 it is a great opportunity to grab a bargain. If you wish to contribute some clothing please make sure it is clean and stain free then just hang it on the racks provided with a coat hanger.

### **Set Up Day Picnic – Everybody (Wattle, Waratah, Gumnuts & families) Welcome! Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 12.00pm**

The first day of the term is what the kinder call 'Set up Day'. Most children (and Parents) are keen to get back to kinder after the holidays. With the kinder closed so that the teachers have a chance to get things organised for the term, we would like to invite you to a picnic in the park behind the kinder. It will start at 12.00pm and we will have hot chips and drinks provided by the kinder. BYO picnic rug, chairs etc. It will be a chance to catch up after the holidays and let the kids have some playtime with their friends. Please put it in your diaries, we look forward to seeing you there.

### **Scholastic Book Orders**

Scholastics is a great way to get regular new books that your children will love as well as great present ideas. Please keep an eye out for the catalogues.

### **Bakers Delight Loyalty**

Bakers Delight Diamond Creek have a loyalty system available to Hurstbridge Pre-school families. Just mention the Kinder when buying a block loaf and the Kinder will receive 10 cents from your purchase.

### **Website**

The website is a great source of information with regards to our plans for the year. Please have a look at this great site and fill in your diaries with the up and coming great events.

### **IGA Supermarket Community Card**

This key-ring will be in your pockets next week. Please attach them to your key-ring and every time you shop at the IGA your kinder receives a percentage of your sales. This is a great way to support both your local business and your kinder. Thank-you.

## Website

Please check out the website at [www.hurstbridgepreschool.com.au](http://www.hurstbridgepreschool.com.au) and support the businesses that support us by logging on to [www.hurstbridgepreschool.com.au/sponsors](http://www.hurstbridgepreschool.com.au/sponsors)

## Treasurer's Report

Fees for Term 2 are now overdue. Please pay them as soon as possible or call me to make alternative arrangements for payment. *Thank you to all families who have promptly paid all their kinder fees.*

**Tip for paying fees - When paying your fees at the Bendigo Bank or paying via internet please ensure your child's name is documented with the payment so that we can record your payment. Otherwise we do not know which family have paid their fees.**

Don't forget that once you have attended a Working Bee, \$80 from the \$100 Maintenance Levy which you paid in Term One will be reimbursed to you. This is normally taken off your fees in Term 4 however if you have already attended a Working Bee you may contact me and arrange to have the \$80 refunded to you earlier.

### Due Dates for Fees 2008

Term 2 Fees – Now overdue

Term 3 Fees – 13<sup>th</sup> June

Term 4 Fees – 5<sup>th</sup> September

### Kinder Fees 2008 – Per Term

3 Year Old - \$220

	Short Day	Long Day
4 Year old	\$150	\$305
4 Year old with HCC/Pension	-	\$122.50

Thank you again for your cooperation with payment of fees.

If you have any questions about fees please call Sharon (Assistant Treasurer) on 9718 2479.

### *Dates to Remember*

- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April** - Set-up Day Picnic 12 pm
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** - Committee Meeting 7.30pm
- **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April** - Working Bee - 9am to 12pm
- **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May** - Dean & Carruthers band night
- **Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>** - Working Bee
- **Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>** - Working Bee

Please complete and return the attached slip by 14 April 2008 to the maintenance pigeon hole in the office at kinder.



## -WORKING BEE ATTENDANCE FORM-

I / We \_\_\_\_\_ will / will not be  
(pls circle applicable)

attending the working bee on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

My Pre-School child/children name/s is/are \_\_\_\_\_

I have "handy man" expertise in the following areas (which may be of some benefit):

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## E-mail preference

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Group \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_