

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 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

Welcome back to the last term of the year. The Preschool's playground redesign is nearing completion with new shade sails going up very soon. I think you would agree, the new playground is looking wonderful and enhances the play-based philosophy of the kindergarten with the dry creek riverbed, water play in the sandpit, mud pit, free moving structures and interactive landscape designs. The Preschool is having a family picnic for the opening of the new playground on Friday 28th November. All welcome. More details to follow.

The Annual General Meeting is fast approaching (Wed 19th November) and I urge the kinder families of 2009 to get involved in the running of the Preschool and join next years committee of management. It is a great way to meet other kinder families, gain a full appreciation of how a kinder is run and have a bit of fun in the process. Anyone interested in helping out please come along to the AGM. If you would like to find out more about the working of the preschool committee, please call me on 9718 1593 for a chat.

Bye for now,
Kendra Whiteman

Gumnut Report

The Gumnut group has been enjoying the new playground immensely. They were very excited to come back after the holidays and find a brand new play area with their favourites - sand, water and mud. We have been discussing birds and the children are very interested in their nests and the different sized eggs. Our safety series has started with Spike the Echidna getting stuck in the mud of a dam he wasn't meant to go near by himself.

Wattle and Waratah Report

Term 4 has begun beautifully! The children's play has been so settled and happy! Since returning from holidays our program has mainly focused on Spring, our new playground and our Traffic School Excursion. We have started discussing Spring - changes in the weather and comparisons with other seasons. We went on an Excursion to Buzy Kids Traffic School last week. The children had an opportunity to learn about bike, road and car safety - then all had a ride on the pretend roads! The new playground has been very popular - the children have been using the creek to run boats/leaves down hill, water play, some children have brought their gumboots to dig in the mud patch, and the pebbles have been used as another great sensory area!

The children from Waratah Group also enjoyed celebrating Children's Week with an excursion down to the Community Centre. The children participated in Balance Gymnastics, Munky-Do drama and had some fruit/vegie/bread tasting. It was a wonderful morning - all provided free by local council.

Until next time.....

Jenice, Carole and Kyla

Social/Fundraising

The Fathers Bowling night was a great night with the kids most excited about going out with their dads. Thank you to Sam and Shauna for organising the night and supporting our kinder this year.

With the year almost over the Fundraising and Social Team wants to thank all of you who have supported our events and children's activities over this past year.

Coming up on the **28th of November** will be the opening of our new playground area and the end of year picnic. This is a fantastic evening for your entire family.

This event will bring together for the last time the entire kinder community, to celebrate with our children their time with Hurstbridge Preschool and the wonderful friendships that have been made.

It will be a BYO Picnic with hotdogs in bread available to purchase as well. More information will be posted at the kinder soon.

To date approx. \$6,000.00 has been raised this year by the Fundraising / Social Team. An enormous thank you needs to go out to those who helped achieve this through out the year - Kylie Whiston, Rebecca Mason, Sherry Sadler, Jacqui Smyth, Belinda Grimmer, Julie Ward, Sue Shears (Secretary), Sam Di Benedetto, Shauna Bournadi, Melanie Keeley, Kendra Whiteman (President) and all those who volunteered at the events.

These ladies have given up their family time and worked together with great success.

It was decided at the last committee meeting that the money you have helped raise will go towards the ' **NEW SUN SHADES** ' you will see erected soon in the play ground area. I think that this is a great use of the money which will protect our children and many more for years to come. Every time you pass Hurstbridge Pre-school it will remind you of our time there and the support you gave to its success.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to bring to you all a social opportunities and events this year and I hope you love the canvases, tea-towels, mouse mats and plates as much as I do.

I look forward to seeing you all at the end of year picnic on the 28th of November,

With warm regards to you and your families,

Rebecca Rowe
Fun'd'raising Co-Ordinator.

Website

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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Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday 19th November - AGM**
- **Friday 28th November - End of Year Picnic and Playground Opening**