

KINDER NEWS

September 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

As another term draws to a close, a big thank you to Rebecca Mason and Rebecca Rowe & fundraising team for a successful Wattle Festival. I think you would agree that the stall looked great. Very children focused. We are planning playground and capital grant works in these school holidays. Thank you to Jenice, Carole and Kyla for very successful Father's Day nights at the kinder. The primary school visits for the children in Wattle and Waratah were a great success as too were the Olympathons.

Wishing all families a safe and restful holiday and see you all back on board for the last term of the year!! How scary?

Regards, Kendra

Wattle and Waratah Report

The program for the past few weeks has been focused on Olympics, Wattle Festival, and Fathers Day. We closely watched the Beijing Olympics - monitoring the medals, the winners, different sports, etc. We talked about Beijing and differences with their culture to Australia, and created our own mini-Olympics! The children had a fantastic time participating in athletics activities, gymnastics activities and cheering! We also had the Australian anthem, a medal presentation ceremony and a party lunch!

All of the 4 YO children made a still-life painting of wattle in a vase, which was laminated and sold at the Wattle Festival.

The children have also been very busy making their Father's Day gifts. We presented them to their dads on Father's Night last week. The children and the dads seemed to have a great time coming to kinder to play with the toys, make Dad a new tie, watch some songs and dances, and enjoy some yummy snacks!

Last week both groups visited Hurstbridge Primary School as part of school transition/readiness. We visited the Library, Music Room and Computer Lab. We also had snack in the courtyard and had a play on the pirate ship playground.

It has been a really busy couple of weeks, and we will finish the term with Footy Day - celebrating the AFL finals!

Have a great break,

Jenice, Carole and Kyla

Gumnut Report

The Gumnut group has also been very busy with Wattle Festival drawings and Fathers Day gifts. Some Show and Tell has casually started with some of the children bringing interesting items from home which have lead to a lot of great discussions. Some beautiful fantasy play is developing - pirates, fairies, dinosaurs, gumnut adventures of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie. Emergency services have also featured with stories about Old Man Fire etc. The children have discussed the emergency number and who to ask for and know to give their name and address.

Maintenance Report

The final working bee for the year will take place on **Sunday October 19th from 9-12am**. With the weather on the improve this provides a wonderful opportunity to help maintain our kinder as well as meet other kinder parents. As this is the final working bee for the year this is also your last opportunity to receive a discount of \$80 from the maintenance levy (\$100) that you paid at the beginning of the year. If you can participate on the day please complete the slip below and place it in the attendance box outside the kinder (next to the children's sign-in book) prior to Monday 13th October or make contact via email or phone (details below). You will be rewarded with morning tea on the day for your hard work.

I look forward to meeting many of you on the 19th October!

Danielle Lonsdale (Maintenance Secretary)
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Social/Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who helped on the stall at the Wattle Festival. The stall looked great and was well patronized.

Events coming up in Term 4 will be the Set-up Day Picnic in the park behind the kinder on Monday October 6th at 12.00pm and the Dads Bowling night on Friday October 17th. The Picnic in the Park is a great opportunity to catch up after the holidays while the staff work very hard on the other side of the fence to prepare for the final term. The Dads night will be a fun night where dads and kids have loads of fun together at Oz Ten Pin in Epping.

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

- **Monday 6th October** - Set-up Day/Picnic in the Park 12pm
- **Tuesday 7th October** - Term 4 starts
- **Friday 17th October** - Dads' Bowling Night 7pm
- **Sunday October 19th** - Working Bee 9am-12pm
- **Wednesday 19th November** - AGM

-WORKING BEE ATTENDANCE FORM-

I / We _____ will be

attending the working bee on **Sunday 19th October.**

My Pre-School child/children name/s is/are _____

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