

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 Melissa McGrath (Vice President) on melissamcgrath2@bigpond.com or place a message in Samuel McGrath's pocket (Gumnuts) or call me on 0404488204.

Presidents Report

Dear Parents,

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

Picnic in the Park: Monday the 13th of July at 12 noon.

Working Bee: Sunday the 2nd of August.

Fees: Term 3 due NOW! (Please see attached letter).

Well winter is certainly upon us now and I can't believe I'm already looking forward to summer. It's been an enjoyable term but it has once again gone very quickly.

The highlight of this term was definitely the Dean and Carruther's night and I would like to say a huge thank you to the fundraising committee for organising such a great event. It's a lot of hard work for a small number of people but it is very much appreciated by those who were there on the night. We all had a fantastic time.

For those of you who are unaware, our Pre School was given a substantial grant last year to complete works that would start the process of making our preschool "access for all." Negotiations with council have been underway for some time and we have faced many obstacles. However our planning permit has finally been approved and we are now waiting for our building permit. Our choice of pavers has also finally been approved and we are hoping that our beautiful paving works at the front of the Pre School will be completed over the school holidays.

Open Day was also held this term and I would like to say a big thanks to our teachers for giving up some precious weekend time to run open day, it was a great success with many prospective families attending.

I hope that you all have a fantastic and safe holiday, remember I am always available if you have any concerns or queries, you can contact me via e mail paige@netspace.net.au, via telephone 0419 507 553 or via Katelyn's pocket (Gumnuts).

Yasmin

Gumnut Report

The cold weather has brought with it some bad colds over the last couple of weeks. I have had to ring a couple of families to come early to up their very ill child. The problem is that at lunchtime the children are desperate to come to kinder but after an hour of hard play with their friends they are exhausted and just want a cuddle and a sleep. Please think carefully before sending your child if you think they are ill, as they say, 'rest is the best medicine'.

The program has been based around fantasy play, classic fairy tales such as Cinderella, The 3 little pigs, 3 Billy Goats Gruff, The 3 Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, The Gingerbread Boy etc. These are both exciting stories and provide for some wonderful subtle teaching opportunities e.g. Number, size, repetition, stranger danger and all the wonderful songs that go with the tales. An example is Who's afraid of the big bad wolf, Grandmamma what big (eyes, ears, nose, teeth) you have, Little Cinderella and of course who could forget the big, middle and small bears who goldilocks visits, etc...

Winter has introduced itself with the very cold kinder days and even some snow! The children are now putting on coats and hats before we go outside for a play (if we get outside) and water play has just about stopped although we occasionally still need it for sand cooking creations.

I would like to mention a special thank you to Bena Briony Makin for fixing our emergency services activity up and to Mia's Grandmother for the lovely CD's and craft goodies.

Carlene Youl.

Wattle and Waratah Report

The curriculum has been focused on Grandparents, feelings/emotions and now road safety. We have talked a lot about families and in particular Grandparents and invited our Grandparents to kinder to share a session with us. We had a great turn-out and received lots of positive feedback. We have also been talking (and acting out) emotions/feelings – including, happy, sad, angry, kind, love, jealousy, feeling scared etc. This has created lots of discussion about emotions when an altercation arises with peers and trying to see the other person's point of view. We have now started focusing on Road Safety - with a visit from Thingletoodle the road safety mascot which was greatly enjoyed by all.

We will finish off the term with our P J Day which the children are all very excited about. The children will wear their PJ's, have breakfast, then get dressed, brush their hair and clean their teeth all at kinder!! A great way to finish off the term.

We wish all our families a lovely restful holiday and a safe return to kinder for term three.

Jenice, Carole and Roz.

Fruit Duty

Please remember to fill in the fruit duty roster!!! It's a great way to spend some time with your child, see what goes on in their kinder time and see how they interact with others in a learning environment! It also allows the teachers more time with your children, your help is much appreciated.

SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING

DEAN AND THE CARRUTHER

We had a fantastic evening, thank you to all who attended and help support our kindergarten!

Thank you to all that helped out, setting and packing up on the Saturday / Sunday and on the night.

A huge thank you to Nathalie Redmond and our "Cougar Girls" Jason Sharp, Ben Makin and Shayne Di Benedetto for making sure the bar ran smoothly, and lastly to our wonderful fundraising team, who put a lot of time and effort in to organizing the evening.

PICNIC DAY IN THE PARK Monday the 13th of July.

The first day of term at kinder is called 'Set up Day', and allows our wonderful teachers to have some much needed time organizing, planning and 'setting up' the kinder.

As the children are eager to be back at kinder and see all their friends we have taken the opportunity to turn this day into a great social event at the park just behind kinder.

We would like to invite you to the picnic in the park at 12pm. You can B.Y.O picnic or for a cold coin donation can enjoy some hot chippies which will be delivered. Don't forget to B.Y.O chairs and drinks.

*It will be a great chance to catch up after the holidays and let the kids catch up with their friends. So put **Monday the 13th of July** in your diaries, we look forward to seeing you there.*

PICTURE PLATES

The children have all finished their drawings and we can expect our plates and mousemats back within 6-8 weeks.

UP COMING EVENTS

Wattle Festival Sunday the 30th of August. More Information to follow.

CLOTHING RACK

All clothing on the rack is for sale, only \$2 per item. Please place money in the tin on the rack.

If you want to de clutter your child's wardrobe, please hang your clothes on the hangers provided, and wait for the bargain hunters.

The money raised will go towards buying much needed equipment for our kinder.

RITCHIES

Ritchie's Community Benefit cards are hanging on the notice board. Just grab one and start shopping.

Present your Ritchie's card, which is already programmed to donate to Hurstbridge Pre School and 1% of your total will be donated to the kinder. Also they have weekly specials for CB cardholders.

BAKERS DELIGHT

Buy a loaf of bread at Bakers Delight Diamond Creek, mention Hurstbridge Pre School, they will swipe our special card and donate 10cents per loaf back to the kinder.

Maintenance Report

Don't forget the dates for our working bees:

Sunday the 2nd of August and
Sunday the 18th of October.

Remember that you will get back \$80.00 of your \$100.00 maintenance levy fee for attending just one working bee. The money will be refunded to you in term 4, just in time for Christmas!

Newsletter by Email

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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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Do you want to know what is happening at the kinder this week/month? Have you looked at the website recently?

You can find all you are looking for on the website. All forms, newsletters along with a full calendar of events are all available online. We encourage you to use it.

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An Important Letter From The Fees Treasure

Fee Dates

Term 2 fees due – Now late and accruing \$10 late fee.

Term 3 fees due – 19th June

Term 4 fees due – 11th September

Maintenance Levy

The Maintenance Levy is an upfront payment of \$100 which you will have paid when you paid your Term 1 fees. You are entitled to an \$80 rebate once you have completed a minimum of 3 hours maintenance duty. The maintenance duty can be undertaken at a kinder working bee, however if you are unable to attend one of the working bees you can approach the Director and arrange to complete some maintenance jobs at your convenience.

The rebate will be deducted from your Term 4 fees.

Fee payment reminder

The Kinder has two accounts with the Bendigo bank – a General Account and a Fundraising Account. ***When depositing fees into the Bendigo Bank please ensure the money goes into the General Account.***

General Account BSB-633-000 Account No. 112218409

Fundraising Account BSB-633-000 Account No. 1122 18441

Also please identify your child's name with your payment so that we are able to record your payment accurately.

Any monies relating to fundraising will need to be paid into the Fundraising Account.

Thank you, Sharon Joy

Fees Treasurer

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