



Upcoming Dates

Christmas Parties will be held for each venue on the following dates.

**Millfield – Monday 10/12/12
Mulbring – Tuesday 11/12/12
Wollombi – Thursday 13/12/12
Lochinvar – Thursday 13/12/12
Gresford – Friday 14/12/12**

If these are days that your child does not normally attend preschool, you and your child are still welcome to come for the party. Individual venue party information will be distributed closer to the dates.

Another Year is Ending

The year has flown by so quickly! Preschool will end for 2012 on Friday 14th December

Please remember to make sure your preschool fees are up to date as we near the end of the year.

Last Parent Committee Meeting for 2012

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the last meeting which will be held on Tuesday 11th December 2012 at 10.30am at our base 3/5 Anlaby Street Maitland. Plans for next year will be finalised at this meeting, so please come along and have your say.

Preschool Parent Roster

We recently received our new Children's Service Approvals (licences to operate). Our service approvals no longer have a condition on them, stating that when our enrolments go over 10, we need an additional adult in attendance for supervision. Because of this, we will not be implementing the formal parent roster system for preschool anymore.

Any family members who are still interested in coming and visiting at preschool for any period of time can still do so, you are always welcome. We enjoy having families involved, and would like to present you with the opportunity to be a part of your child's preschool experience.

Toy Orders

Thank you to all of the families who has supported our service by ordering from the toy catalogues handed out at preschool. We had a great response from these. Our service will receive 20% of the order totals. We will receive gift vouchers next year, from both Educational Experience and Modern Teaching Aids, to purchase new equipment and toys for our preschool children. So once again, thank you for your support.

Internet Banking and Fee Payments

When making a fee payment over the internet, please make sure you use your child's name as the description, so Liz knows exactly who to credit for the payment.

It is crucial for the smooth running of our service that all fees are kept up to date. If you are having any financial difficulties, please contact Liz in the office on 49346725 to arrange a payment plan, or speak to the staff at your venue to do this.

Donations

We are looking for donations of ice-cream containers and lids, margarine containers and lids and plastic bottle tops for our programs.

Any donations can be given to the staff at your venue. Thank you!

Lochinvar Preschool Venue 2013

As some of you know, our Lochinvar preschool venue will change from next year. We will no longer be able to use the hall on the grounds of St Patricks, as they need the space for their growing enrolments next year. We lodged an application to change our venue to the Lochinvar School of Arts hall. We have received approval to use this venue. From term 1 2013, Lochinvar preschool will operate from this hall. The hall is located at 134 New England Highway, Lochinvar. The hours will remain the same.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

We would like to thank Sweetman's Timber Mill and the Crump family from Millfield for their very generous donation of craft supplies to our service.



We would also like to thank all the families that have made contributions to our service over the year. Your generosity and time is always appreciated by all the staff at Hunter Mobile Preschool.

New Web Page

Thanks to Grant and Melanie Morchel of Rapid Websites, we have a new web page well under construction and almost ready to go live. It is much more visually appealing and contains more useful information than our current one. It will be available on our current web address, huntermobilepreschool.com.au, very shortly.

Warm Weather Reminders

- Offer your child frequent drinks to avoid dehydration.
- Dress your child in light clothing and a well fitting sunhat.
- Use an SPF 30+ sunscreen on your child's face, hands and any other parts of the body that aren't covered by clothes. Sunscreen works best when applied 20 minutes before exposure to the sun.
- Try to keep your child cool while they sleep.
- **NEVER** leave a child unattended in a parked car, regardless of the weather. Even in mild weather, cars quickly become too hot for small children.

Volunteers Needed

Wollombi School P&C have offered Hunter Mobile Preschool the opportunity to join in on their Movie Night Fundraiser. They have asked us to supply and serve the hot food on the night with all proceeds from the hot food sales going to Hunter Mobile Preschool.

We are asking for some volunteers for the evening to help with the preparation and sales of the hot food. If you can offer your help, please see the staff at your venue.

We thank Wollombi School P&C for their ongoing offers of joining in their fundraising



Wollombi Public School P&C...

2012 Movie Night

Great Food! **Bubbles!** **Feature Movie**

B.Y.O.B.
Bring your own beanbag
(or blankets and pillows)

SESSION TIME:
Gates open 5.30pm
Music and selected shorts from 6pm
Feature 7.30pm
Feature ends 9.30pm

TICKETS:
All tickets \$10
Family (2 adults + 2 children) \$35
Children under 5 Free

FOOD:
Hot Food
Soft drinks \$2
Popcorn \$2

Saturday December 1st 2012
Enter gate on Wollombi Rd, Wollombi Public School

Hunter Mobile Preschool Staff
Sarah, Leanne, Michelle, Paula, Alex & Liz

Is your child starting school next year?

Some things to think about!!

- **Language skills:** communication is used to engage with and teach your child. A child needs to be able to follow instructions and understand what teachers are saying, as well as being able to communicate well with teachers and the other students.
- **Physical well-being:** a child who has a disability or a chronic illness may have difficulty with some aspects of school. This does not automatically mean they are not ready for school but any physical or functional limitations need to be considered.
- **Motor co-ordination and skills:** a child needs co-ordination skills to allow them to dress and undress, unwrap lunch, use a pencil and scissors, and participate in other activities that require eye hand and motor co-ordination.
- **Concentration and emotional adjustment:** a child needs to be able to socialise and play with their classmates. They also need to be able to deal with the structured nature of a more formal learning environment, such as being able to focus on tasks, follow directions and instructions from teachers, cope with transitions, and understand the rules.
- **Independence:** a child needs a range of skills so that they can cope with minimum adult supervision. This includes going to the toilet by themselves, dressing, and being able to follow a structured classroom routine.

Community Paediatric Review
The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.