



Hunter Mobile Preschool

February 2013
Newsletter



Welcome

Welcome to preschool for 2013, to our returning and new families. We are looking forward to a busy year. You will notice changes throughout the year, as we continue to embrace the National Quality Framework. This is a framework provided to early childhood services to raise quality and drive continuous improvement and consistency in education and care services.

Upcoming dates

Preschool Committee Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 19th March

**Easter Friday – 29th March
Easter Monday – 1st April
Preschool will not operate on these two days.**

End of Term 1 – Friday 12th April

First day of Term 2 – Monday 29th April

Toy Orders 2012

Last year we provided families with toy catalogues to order from. Our service receives 20% of the total amount of the orders placed. As a result, we received vouchers to the amount of \$565. With this we have ordered, and received games, art/craft supplies, a large set of sandpit equipment, and smaller equipment such as beads. Because of the support from our families, by choosing to order from these catalogues for Christmas, we received a free gift from one of the companies. This was a box with 8 games in it.

New Lochinvar Venue

Our Lochinvar group have started their year at our new venue. We have moved from the Primary School, up the road to the School of Arts hall. During the holidays the staff had a working bee at the hall to give it a clean and tidy up ready for the start of the year. Two parents, Jo-Anne and Carolyn, attended on the day to help. We would like to thank them for their time, it was much appreciated.

Annual General Meeting

Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting, it will be held on Tuesday 19th March 2013 at 10.30am at our base 3/5 Anlaby Street Maitland.

AGM Agenda

1. To receive reports from the committee on the activities of Lower Hunter Children's Activity Van Inc for the year to March 2013, including Financial Statements.
2. Election of office bearers for the ensuing year:
 - President
 - Vice-president (& Publicity Officer)
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
3. Election of up to six ordinary members to the committee for the ensuing year (total of 10)
4. To discuss the future of Lower Hunter Children's Activity Van Inc.
5. To transact any other business that may be brought forward at the discretion of the chairman of the meeting.

Fees

If you have any queries regarding your preschool fees, please contact Liz in the office from Monday to Thursday on 49346725. Our service depends on fees in order to operate, please ensure that your fees are kept up to date.

Healthy eating at preschool

We encourage healthy eating at preschool. Our healthy eating guidelines are being taken from the 'Good for Kids' program that was developed by Hunter New England Health. Please start to look at the nutrition panels on packaged foods as they will need to fit into the following guidelines to be eaten at preschool.

Fat: less than 20g of total fat per 100g and less than 5g of saturated fat per 100g

Sugar: less than 15g sugar per 100g

Sodium: less than 600mg of sodium per 100g

If your child does have something at preschool that doesn't come under these guidelines, it will be placed into a zip lock bag with an information slip in it, and returned home. This will only be if they have enough healthier options for the rest of the day.

Venue Visits and Staff Appraisals

During the month of March, Sarah, the service's Coordinator, will be visiting each preschool venue. During these visits, she will be checking all venues and equipment and also be completing staff appraisals during preschool hours.

Hunter Mobile Preschool Staff

Sarah, Leanne, Michelle, Bek, Paula, Alex & Liz

THE BABY & KIDS MARKET IS HERE!



The Baby & Kids Market offers a huge range of gorgeous, good quality preloved baby & kids goods plus some 'handpicked' local businesses featuring their unique new goods. From prams to cots, toys to books and clothes to shoes, this market has it all. From birth to 7 years of age. Come along and join the fun & bargains!

SUNDAY 24 February 2013

Newcastle Basketball Stadium

Cnr Young and Curley Roads, Broadmeadow.

From 9am to 12 noon. Cash sales only.

\$4 entry, Kids FREE

More info at www.babykidsmarket.com.au