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Hunter Mobile Preschool

September 2013

Newsletter

PRESCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The last day of preschool for this term is Friday 20th September.

Preschool will resume for term 4 on Tuesday 8th October (Monday 7th October is a public holiday)

PLEASE ENSURE ALL PRESCHOOL FESS ARE UP TO DATE BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF NEXT TERM

Upcoming dates

Next committee meeting – Tuesday 15th October 10.30am at 3/5 Anlaby Street Maitland.

Preschool Photos will be taken at all venues in the week 4th to 8th November – more details closer to these dates.

Book Club
Thank you to all the families who have placed orders in book club this year. The preschool receives rewards to order new books and resources with. So far this year we have earned $151.

When making online payments for your book club orders, multiple orders can be paid with one payment, each club (eg: Busy Bee, Wombat) doesn't require separate payments.

Happy Reading,
Leanne.

Toy Catalogues
We have extended the return date for the toy catalogues. They are due in no later than Friday 11th October. We need to send them away no later than this to ensure we get your orders back before the end of term 4.

Toys
A lot of preschool toys have been going home in school bags. Please assist us by talking to your children about preschool toys staying at preschool. Our equipment can cost a lot of money, and is purchased to be used by children at all our five venues.

We have also noticed that a lot of toys from home have been coming to preschool. This concerns us because of the possibility of the toys being lost or broken, and can cause issues with sharing.

Thankyou
A big thankyou to Sylvia Lawrence for her work with the vegetable garden at Gresford. Sylvia prepared the garden for planting, and bought in seeds and seedlings for the children to plant. The gardens were then mulched. Sylvia has also organised with the preschool staff to come into preschool one day and cook with the children. Sylvia, your time is very much appreciated.

Plans for 2014
Please complete the pink sheet at the sign in area at preschool. This is an indication of your plans for next year. Remember, if you have younger children ready to start preschool in the future, make sure you get a pre-enrolment form from staff. Next year's enrolments will be organised at the start of term 4.

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Healthy Eating
As a follow on from the last newsletter, we have some more information about the nutritional value of both suitable and unsuitable foods for preschool.

Some choices that **are** acceptable for preschool:

Five Grains Blackstone
Sour Cream & Chives
Fat 18.7g Saturated 2g Sugar 11.4g Sodium 336g (PER 100g)
Sweet Chilli
Fat 19.0g Saturated 2g Sugar 15.8g Sodium 402g (PER 100g)

Some choices that are **not** acceptable for preschool:

Chazoos Noodles
Chicken Flavour
Fat 32.2g Saturated 5.3g Sodium 750g (PER 100g)
BBQ Flavour
Fat 22.5g Saturated 5.7g Sodium 550g (PER 100g)

Why reading is important for babies and young children
Sharing stories, talking and singing every day helps your child's development. You're helping your child become familiar with sounds, words, language and the value of books. This all builds your child's early literacy skills, helping him to go on to read successfully later in life.

Reading stories sparks your child's imagination, stimulates curiosity and helps with brain development. Interesting illustrations and word patterns – such as rhymes – can get your child talking about what she's seeing and thinking, and help her understand the patterns of language. Exploring stories also helps her learn the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe'.
Sharing stories with your child doesn't mean you have to read. Just by looking at books with your child, you can be a great storyteller and a good model for using language and books. Your child will learn by watching you hold a book the right way and seeing how you move through the book by gently turning the pages.

Reading or telling stories can also be safe ways to explore strong emotions, which can help your child understand new or frightening events. Books about going to the dentist or hospital, starting at child care or making new friends will help your child learn about the world around him.
Reading stories with children has benefits for grown-ups too. This special time together promotes bonding and helps to build your relationship, laying the groundwork for your child's later social, communication and interpersonal skills.

For further information and other great articles, please visit
http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/reading.html

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