



Hunter Mobile Preschool

September 2014
Newsletter



Thank you!

Thanks to the Gresford Parent Group for their donation of \$600 towards the purchase of resources for preschool.

Entertainment Books

It's not too late to purchase an Entertainment Book. We have a few books left and the Electronic Memberships are still available on the website. If you would like to purchase a book, please see the staff at your venue or visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/912011w> by clicking the link below.



End of Term 3

The last day for Term 3 is Friday 19th September. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break for the school holidays.

First day for Term 4

Due to the Public Holiday on Monday 6th October, the first day for Term 4 will be Tuesday 7th October.

Preschool Photos

Preschool photos will be taken next term during the week 3rd – 7th November. More information on photo packages and ordering will be handed out next term.

Toy Catalogues

Don't forget to get your toy catalogue orders in by 10th October. These catalogues contain lots of great gifts for children and can be an easy way to make a dent in your Christmas shopping. Preschool receives 20% of all catalogue sales to be used to purchase additional resources for the service.

Next Committee Meeting

The next Management Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st October at 10.30am at the base, 3/5 Anlaby Street Maitland.

20% of each membership purchased goes directly towards our fundraising.

Bookclub

Thankyou for all the orders we have been receiving of late. Just from this last issue, we have earned over \$80 in rewards. Please remember to write your venue on the order sheet to make processing quicker. When making online payments, you can order from multiple catalogues with just one payment, no need to make separate payments for each bookclub catalogue.

Enrolment Plans for 2015

At preschool, you will notice a page that asks you to fill in your plans for next year. This is your opportunity to extend/change the days your child attends. It is important that you complete this, as the current children get priority before any others are offered positions. If you have younger children, or know someone with preschool aged children, please ensure you have completed a pre-enrolment form. If you haven't, or you know someone who needs to, please see staff.

Lochinvar Pub Meat Raffle

The Lochinvar School of Arts Hall Committee thanks all the parents from Hunter Mobile Preschool who have given their time to sell tickets at the Lochinvar Pub raffles each Friday night as well as Brett the Publican, who has covered the cost of the meat trays on nights that the raffles were quite slow. This community support is going a long way towards helping with the refurbishment of Lochinvar School of Arts Hall.

Why does my child never do anything at preschool?

At midday by the preschool door,
 Having rushed around to finish the last chore,
 How many times have you heard yourself say?
 "Oh I do hope my child has done something today.
 He just runs around and messes about
 And never seems to notice the painting is out.
 I wish I had a child who would make things too
 But the preschool don't make him sit down and glue.
 My niece brings home cardboard box models each day,
 While mine come home messy all covered in clay.
 Last week he'd played pirates and hid in a den,
 The model that day was a beautiful hen!"
 But how does a child bring home in his hand
 The pleasure he felt today playing with sand?
 Has he asked you to share the wonder he felt
 As he watched some ice cubes gradually melt?
 The excitement of sailing the climbing frame boat,
 The achievement of fastening the buttons on his coat?
 Did he tell you he washed up after eating his tea?
 Expertly prepared by his friend who is three.
 He gave me a cuddle around story time
 And was keen to join in when he learnt a new rhyme.
 He pummelled and prodded and pounded the dough
 Then he showed he could walk around the room on tip toe.
 He persevered to finish a puzzle, quite hard,
 So he hasn't had time to make you a card.
 He came over and watched some children sew
 And thought perhaps next time he'd have a go.
 His experiences gained were richer by far
 Than tissue paper flowers in a yoghurt pot jar.
 A child can learn from cutting and sticking
 (But not if all he does is the licking)
 And adults resist the temptation to say
 "No! Not like that. Do it this way"
 When your child is cutting and gluing
 It's not the result that matters but DOING.
 So next time, don't ask your child to explain
 Why he's not done a painting or model again.
 And when you pick him up, please try not to say
 "Haven't you DONE anything at preschool today?"
Roydon Early Years



Hunter Mobile Preschool Staff

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



Tuning in to Kids

A six session parenting program for parents of children aged 2 years to 12 years

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Where: Samaritans Information & Neighbourhood Centre
198-202 Vincent St, Cessnock

When: Wednesdays 15, 22, 29 October and
5, 12 and 19 November 2014.
9.30am to 12pm

Contact: Cessnock Family Support Service
Phone: 4990 4507



Contact service to register for attendance or further information

No childcare is available

Cessnock Family Support Service is funded by Family & Community Services

HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
Invites you to the

2014 Expo for Families & Carers

What's in it for you?

- Support & Information for Families & Carers in their caring role
- Information for Professionals to support Families & Carers
- Opportunities to Network & Promote Carers Week Activities

Guest Speakers:

10.00am – 11.00am: Keynote Speakers:

Hunter New England Local Health District & Private Aged Care Services
"Aged Care Reforms: ACAT Legislation, Home Care Packages & Residential Aged Care"

12.00pm – 1.00pm: Dr Lee Sturgeon – Consultant Clinical & Developmental Psychologist

"Managing the Mental Health and General Wellbeing of Parents, Carers and Siblings of Children with Developmental Disorders including Autism Spectrum Disorders"

Children's Entertainment:

"Loopy the Clown"

"Face Painting, Animal Balloons, Magic"



Details:

Date: Thursday 9 October 2014
Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: Newcastle Panthers, King Street, Newcastle
Cost: Free

This is a Collaborative Project between HNE Carer Support Program - Hunter and our Carer Reference Group.

For Information or to Register
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