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# Hunter Mobile Preschool

November 2014

# Newsletter

## Next Committee Meeting

The next Management Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th November at 10.30am at the base, 3/5 Anlaby Street Maitland. We would love to welcome all families to our last meeting of the year.

## End of Year Presentation/Parties

As the year rushes to an end, just a quick save the date for your child's end of preschool year celebration.

- Gresford – Friday 12th December at 6pm
- Lochinvar – Thursday 11th December during preschool hours
- Mulbring – Tuesday 25th November at Blackbutt Reserve
- Millfield – Friday 12th December during preschool hours
- Wollombi – Wednesday 10th December during preschool hours

More information will be sent home for each specific venue shortly.

## 2015 Enrolments

If your child is returning to preschool next year please ensure that you have checked over your enrolment form to confirm all the information is still correct and added any updates needed. Invoices for next year's enrolment fees have been issued and need to be paid now to secure your child's position for next year. If you have not checked the enrolment forms or have not received your 2015 enrolment fee invoice, please speak to the staff at your venue.

## Fees

From the beginning of 2015, the preschool fees will rise by $2.00. Each family will be presented with a note that needs to be signed at preschool to acknowledge being informed of the fee increase.

The new fee schedule is:

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| Enrolment Fee (per family): | $55 |
| Fee Deposit (2 weeks daily fee's paid in advance) | |
| Daily Fee (1st Tier) income > $45956 | $30 |
| Daily Fee (2nd Tier) income $32301-$45955 | $26 |
| Daily Fee (3rd Tier) income $20356-$32300 | $23 |
| Daily Fee (4th Tier) income < $20355 | $20 |
| Sibling Rate | $23 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Rate | $20 |

If you have any concerns or questions regarding preschool fees, please don't hesitate to speak to the staff at your venue or call Liz in the office on 02 49346725.

## Mother's Night In

One of our Lochinvar preschool parents has done an amazing job organising a fundraiser for our preschool. We are holding a market to help raise money to upgrade our venues and for new toys, crafts and supplies for our kids. There are 25+ market stalls on the night for you to be able to have a browse, shop and chat with friends. There will be raffles, lucky door prizes and heaps of other activities on the night. Please come along to help support our preschool service.

**Where: Club Maitland City (beside KFC Rutherford)**
**When: 25th November**
**Time: 630pm-9pm you can arrive at any time during this period**
**Cost: $10 entry per person**

Tickets are available through the preschool office on 02 49346725 or lhactivityvan@bigpond.com. The staff and Committee would like to thank Racheal for her hard work in organising this event!

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**Spare clothes for preschool**
With the change of season, we ask that you remember to pack suitable **summer** spare clothes for your child for preschool. The warmer weather means that we are starting to incorporate water play into our programme and your children may need to change if they get quite wet!

**Helping children help themselves**

Early childhood education and care providers can help young children become independent by allowing and encouraging them to take responsibility for themselves whenever possible.
It can be faster, more efficient and less messy to do things for children, but they learn so much from doing things on their own.

When children practice self-help skills such as feeding and dressing themselves, they practice their large and small motor skills, gain confidence in their ability to try new things and build their self-esteem and pride in their independence.

Encourage children to dress and groom by themselves; just provide minimal assistance. As children get older, encourage them to dress themselves but help with challenging steps such as zipping and buttoning. Encourage children learning to use the toilet to climb on and off the toilet seat, pull clothing up and down, and wash their hands independently.

Encouraging children to take care of everyday hygiene routines and to use the toilet independently helps them learn how to become more independent and self-sufficient, and frees up your time to help children with other activities.

Encourage children to help with clean-up early on. Encourage children to begin clearing their own plates when they are old enough to carry them without dropping them. Children involved in regular chores starting before the age of four, tend to be more independent than children without the experience of helping out.

Child care providers can offer opportunities for children to develop self-help skills and give them ample time to work on these important tasks. Also remember that adults are important role models and children learn a great deal from their daily interactions with them.
**CareforKids.com.au**

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**DON'T FORGET!!!**

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