



# Hunter Mobile Preschool

October 2015  
**Newsletter**



## Preschool Photos

Reminder, preschool photos are next week. Everyone needs to bring their envelopes in, even if you are not ordering photos. This assists with their computer system.

Gresford 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov  
Mulbring 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov  
Lochinvar 4<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Wollombi 5<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Millfield 6<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Gillieston Heights 10<sup>th</sup> Nov

## Next Committee Meeting

The next Management Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> December
- Lochinvar – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Mulbring – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Millfield – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Wollombi – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Gillieston Heights – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

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

## Thank you

Jacque and Alex would like to thank all of the parents who helped at the recent working bee at the Gresford venue.

## 2016 Enrolments

If your child is returning to preschool next year, you should have, or are going to check your child's enrolment form for any changes that may need to be made, and pay the enrolment fee of \$55 to secure your child's position for 2016. If you have not checked the enrolment forms or do not received your 2016 enrolment fee invoice by the end of October, please speak to the staff at your venue.

## Fees

From the beginning of 2016, 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                   | \$32 |
| Daily Fee (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier) income \$32301-\$45955 | \$28 |
| Daily Fee (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tier) income \$20356-\$32300 | \$25 |
| Daily Fee (4 <sup>th</sup> Tier) income < \$20355       | \$22 |
| Sibling Rate  | \$25 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Rate              | \$22 |

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.

## Entertainment books

We raised \$268 from the entertainment books. Thank you to all the families and friends who purchased these in support of our preschool. This money will go towards the purchase of equipment

## Mulbring

As you may or may not have heard, there have been significant changes to the funding being provided for preschool services in NSW. Recently, figures for mobile services have been released and we have been informed that to qualify for any government funding, a venue must have a minimum of 5 PFM, that is 4 year olds, or equity (low income, ATSI) children enrolled. The management committee have had several decisions to make for the future of the entire service and after lengthy discussions; it was with great regret, that they have had no choice but to let the Mulbring families know that we will discontinue visiting Mulbring at the end of 2015. Hunter Mobile Preschool has been holding preschool sessions at Mulbring for over 20 years and it was a sad decision to make. We thank past and present families for their support over the years and wish them all well for the future.

## 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!

### TOP TIPS FOR BEING MEDICINEWISE WITH CHILDREN

- ▶ **Read the label**  
Children's medicines come in different forms and strengths for different ages. Make sure you know the strength of the medicine when measuring a child's dose, so you don't over or under dose them.
- ▶ **Know the active ingredient**  
The active ingredient is the chemical that makes the medicine work. Common active ingredients like paracetamol can be found in a range of medicines either on their own or in combination formula, so don't risk double-dosing.
- ▶ **Dose according to age and weight**  
Over-the-counter children's medicines often contain age and average weight dosage recommendations. Read these carefully. It's important to weigh children regularly to help interpret medicine dosage information. Do not give more than the recommended dose for the child's age. If your child is small or large for their age, ask for dosing guidance from your doctor or pharmacist.
- ▶ **Measure accurately**  
Accurate measurements for liquid medicines matter. Spoons are for the kitchen, not medicine. Use the dosing device provided in the package, such as a dropper, oral syringe or medicine cup, or ask your pharmacist for a recommendation.
- ▶ **Write it down**  
Keeping a record can help you to avoid exceeding the maximum daily dose and reduce the risk of double dosing, especially when there is more than one person caring for a child.
- ▶ **Use technology**  
Use the [MedicineList+ app](#) to keep records and set reminders about medicines. Parents, carers and child care providers can work together via the app. Parents and carers can email through their child's current medicines, allergies and emergency contact details to keep everyone up to date.



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## Childcare News



### Asbestos Alert In Crayons

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has conducted testing on a range of wax crayons and identified traces of asbestos in a number of crayon products.

The ACCC does not believe that traces of asbestos in crayons presents a safety risk because the asbestos is fixed within the crayon wax, which removes the risk of inhalation or ingestion. However presence of asbestos in crayons at any level is unacceptable because asbestos is a prohibited import and its presence means the product is not of acceptable quality.

To find which crayon products have been traced with asbestos and what to do, please read the article link below.

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