



Hunter Mobile Preschool

September 2016
Newsletter



Next Committee Meeting

Our next committee meeting date is Monday 31st October at **9.30am** at our office, 3/5 Anlaby Street Maitland. Morning tea is supplied, and children are welcome.



The last day of term 3 is Friday 23rd September.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break for the school holidays.

First day for Term 4

The first day for Term 4 will be Monday 10th October

Preschool photos

Preschool photos will be taken on the following dates next term:
Monday 31st October @ Vacy
Tuesday 1st November @ Gresford
Wednesday 2nd @ Lochinvar
Thursday 3rd November @ Wollombi
Friday 4th November @ Millfield
Tuesday 8th November @ Gillieston Heights

Photo packages will be handed out next term.

We are holding a free family fun day at our **Gillieston Heights** venue (209 Cessnock Road) on **Sunday 20th November**, between **11am – 3pm**, to raise awareness of our service in this community.

The day will include many free activities such as, face painting, pony rides, preschool activities, petting zoo, and balloons. A sausage sizzle, drinks, and snow cones will be available to buy.

Bring the family along and enjoy a fun afternoon! 😊

Gillieston Heights & Millfield

We have, unfortunately, had to reduce our Millfield venue from two days to one day, from the beginning of next year, due to extremely low enrolments.

Because of this decision, the committee looked at ways of utilising this day. Due to the growth of the Gillieston Heights and surrounding areas, it was decided that our Gillieston venue will operate Monday's and Tuesday's next year.

There will also be some staff changes for Gillieston Heights. Leanne and Paula will operate the Monday session, and Bek and Paula will operate the Tuesday session.

2017 Enrolments

We have gathered information from our current families regarding their plans for 2017 and we will be going to organise next year's enrolments at the start of term 4. Lists will be created, and then letters will go out to families.

If your child is returning, you will be asked to check through their current enrolment form, make any necessary changes for next year, and re-sign and date it.

Toy catalogues

Catalogues are going out to preschool this week. Have a look through, and see if anything grabs your attention. Orders can be placed both online using the websites listed in the book, or by using the order forms in the books. **ORDERS ARE DUE BACK BY 21st OCTOBER.** Preschool receives 20% of all catalogue sales to be used to purchase resources for the service.



Loose Parts Play

We have been doing some reading about loose parts play, and thought we would like to try to incorporate this into our outdoor play.

In a preschool, loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways.

They are materials with no specific set of directions that can be used alone or combined with other materials.

Loose parts can be natural or synthetic. In a preschool outdoor environment we can provide an array of loose parts for use in play.

We are looking for donations of objects to build our loose parts equipment. Do you have any of the following items lying around? Can you think of anything else that the children could use in their play?

fabric, wood, pallets, balls, buckets, baskets, crates, boxes, rope, tyres, pebbles, bamboo, plastic bottles and caps, cardboard tubes, pieces of string, clothespins, wooden spoons, mixing bowls, saucepans, plastic pipes.

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

Looking for something to keep everyone occupied in the school holidays?

Try visiting these websites for ideas!

