



2016/2017 Christmas Closure

Hunter Mobile Preschool office will be closed from Tuesday 20th December for the Christmas break. If you need to contact preschool during this time you can call 49346725 and leave a message on the machine or send an email to lhactivityvan@bigpond.com. Staff will be at the base on Tuesday 24th January to prepare for preschool for 2017 and messages and emails will be replied to then.

Fees

Our service is a not for profit organisation that is only partly funded by the NSW government. We rely on preschool fees to keep the service operating. Please ensure that your child's fees are paid in full by the end of the term. If you are having trouble paying fees, please call Liz in the office on 49346725 or speak to one of the staff at your venue.

Food Packaging

Children can struggle to open their packaged foods. Does your child know how to open packets? Are the lids on their squeeze yoghurts too tight? Most children will ask for help.

It is good to be mindful of these things, especially if your child will be attending school 5 days a week. The squeeze yoghurts have quite a tight lid, an idea is to open it in the morning, and reapply the lid so the seal is already broken.

Foods that come in packets, such as sakata's will have a split along the top crinkly edge. Teach your child to look for that, and position both thumbs and forefingers either side of the split and pull down.

If they are having a treat at home, such as a packet of chips, show them how to pinch both sides of the packet with their fingers and pull.

Fruit tubs are something that every child needs help to open. As a way to help your child, is to put the fruit into a re-usable container that they can open themselves.

Reminders

- If your child is returning to preschool next year, please make sure that you have checked over your enrolment forms and made any changes necessary.
- If your child is not returning to preschool next year, please make sure that you receive a copy of their portfolio from the teachers at your venue.

Last Days of Term 4 2016

- Vacy – Monday 12th December
- Gillieston Heights – Tuesday 13th December
- Lochinvar – Thursday 15th December
- Wollombi – Thursday 15th December
- Gresford – Friday 16th December
- Millfield – Friday 16th December

Fist Days of Term 1 2017

- Vacy – Monday 30th January
- Gillieston Heights – Monday 30th January
- Gresford – Tuesday 31st January
- Lochinvar – Wednesday 1st February
- Wollombi – Wednesday 1st February
- Millfield – Friday 3rd February

Changes for 2017

- Gillieston Heights will be operating on Mondays and Tuesdays in 2017
- Millfield will only be operating on Fridays in 2017
- Wollombi will be operating from a new venue at Wollombi Hall in 2017.



IT IS DANGEROUS TO LEAVE A CHILD IN A CAR!!!!!!!

Leaving children in hot cars

- Never leave your child or pet alone in the car, especially in hot weather. If you have to leave your car for any reason, take your child with you.
- Parked cars can get hot very quickly. Even on cool or overcast days, the temperature inside a car can rise to dangerous and even fatal levels very quickly.
- Heatstroke and other facts about children in hot cars

Here's what you need to know about children in hot cars:

- On a hot day, the temperature inside a parked car can be as much as 40°C hotter than it is outside.
- Overheated cars can cause children to suffer rapid dehydration, heatstroke, suffocation and death.
- The younger the child, the greater his sensitivity to heatstroke, and the faster he'll dehydrate.
- Winding the window down 5 cm or so has little effect on rising heat.
- The colour of the seats and interior has no effect on rising heat.
- Large cars heat up just as fast as small cars.

Sourced from: raisingchildren.net.au

We would like to wish the best of luck to the children and their families starting school next year, and that the transition is an enjoyable one.

We would also like to wish our returning children and their families a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to another fun filled year with you all.



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from
Hunter Mobile Preschool Staff**

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