



Hunter Mobile Preschool

May 2017
Newsletter



Next Committee Meeting

The next Management Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th June at 10am at our base, 3/5 Anlaby Street Maitland. Children are welcome and morning tea is supplied. If you are coming to the meeting, we will have the garage door to our building open, to offer some parking in the van bay.



Please send our page a friend request if you haven't already done so. This is an easy way to keep up to date with what's happening at our preschool venues and for any urgent announcements. We average one or two posts a week and won't clog your newsfeed with continual advertising!



Preschool Finishing times

We do have a lot of reminders about the finishing times for our venues, and how it is important that all families have collected their child or children, and have walked out the door by the finish time. In order to allow time to collect your child and their belongings, and speak to staff if needed, please arrive at least 5–10 minutes before the time preschool finishes.

Finishing times for each venue are as follows:

- Vacy – 3.00pm
- Gillieston Heights – 3.00pm
- Gresford – 2.45pm
- Lochinvar – 2.45pm
- Wollombi – 3.15pm
- Millfield – 3.00pm

Having children inside the preschool venue after our official times means that we are in breach of our licence and can result in significant fines for the service

Recent Staff Training

Three of our staff attended a conference on Saturday 29th April. Maggie Dent was the keynote speaker. Maggie has written many books about children, and parenting. She is a knowledgeable and inspirational speaker. If you are interested in looking at her resources, visit www.maggiedent.com

Fee Payments

We have over 70 preschool families, most of which pay via the internet. If the description for a payment is 'preschool' or 'fees', the office cannot distinguish who has made the payment. So when making internet fee payments it is important that the only reference you use is your child's name.

We are a not-for-profit, community based service and the funding we receive does not cover our operational costs. We try to keep our fees to the minimum to provide a quality service for your children. Please help us by paying your fees on time. If fee payments are difficult for you, please speak to the staff at your venue or call Liz in the office on 49346725.

Farewell Bek

One of our staff members, Bek, who is the supervisor of our Lochinvar and Gillieston Heights venues will be leaving the service on 8th June. Her family is leaving the area for a promotion for her husband. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her well for the future!



Living Safely with Dogs Program

Most of our preschools have had, or are soon having a visit a Pet Educator and their temperament tested dog as part of the “Living Safely with Dogs” Program. This program is a government initiative that involves educating both children and their parents about safety with dogs, in particular in order to prevent dog attacks.

Clothing for Preschool

Please ensure your child has spare clothes in their bag every day they are at preschool. As the weather changes, it is also important that the children have clothes that suit the season. Please be aware of the type of footwear your child is wearing to preschool. For their safety while playing, especially climbing, they should be in a covered shoe like joggers, not thongs. If your child is wearing gumboots during the morning, for the trip to preschool, maybe think about putting in a change of shoes for them to play in.

Remember: cover your cough and sneeze to stop the spread of germs

The correct way to prevent the spread of germs that are carried in droplets is by coughing or sneezing into your inner elbow, or by using a tissue to cover your mouth and nose. Put all tissues in the rubbish bin straight away, and clean your hands with either soap and water or an alcohol-based rub.



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