



Hunter Mobile Preschool

November 2017
Newsletter



Next Committee Meeting

The next Management Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st November at 10am at our base, 3/5 Anlaby Street Maitland.

We have also set Tuesday 12th December as the prospective date for the last meeting of the year and ask that all Committee Members let the office know if they are able to attend this meeting to ensure we are able to get a quorum.

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.

2018 Enrolments

Re-enrolment letters have been handed out for returning children for next year. If you are re-enrolling your child, please make sure you read through your child's enrolment form, reigned and dated it, and paid the \$55 enrolment fee to secure your child's position. Please note there is only one enrolment fee per family, and also if your child attends more than one of our venues.

Position letters have been mailed to new children for next year. Dates for the start of the New Year will be in the next newsletter towards the end of this term.

Helping children help themselves

If your child is due to start school next year, the last term of preschool provides a good opportunity to help your child develop the independence that they will require at school. Simple things such as having them be responsible for carrying their back pack, to unpack it when they arrive at preschool, and pack their belongings in at the end of the day.

Having food containers that they can open without assistance, and a drink bottle that is also easy to open and drink from. Clearly labelling their belongings, not only helps them to recognise their name and will help them locate their belongings amongst many other items at school, it helps staff to know who owns containers and bottles. We work with many children throughout the week, and can't remember what every child uses at preschool. So please have everything clearly labelled to reduce any confusion.

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.



Service Expansion

Our service will be operating a new venue at East Cessnock School, Mondays & Tuesdays from 9.15am – 2.45pm. If you know of anyone in that area who would be interested in preschool on those days, please pass the information on.

Because of the growth of our service, there will be changes amongst our current staff, and other changes including new staff members. We will provide families with more information about these changes soon. We are conducting interviews for 2 of the positions next week.



Sun Smart

The clothes your child wears to preschool during the hot weather should be protecting their skin from harmful sun damage. Their shirts need to have sleeves, and their hats need to be wide brimmed to protect their face, and neck. Sunscreen is provided at each venue for you to use when you arrive. In the warmer weather, the children do engage in water play and at some venues, dirt/mud play. It is a good idea to include a spare set of clothes in your child's bag just in case. ☺

Toy orders

Thank you to all of the families who has supported our service by ordering from the toy catalogues handed out at preschool. We had a great response from these. Our service will receive 20% of the order totals. We will receive gift vouchers next year, from both Educational Experience and Modern Teaching Aids, to purchase new equipment and toys for our preschool children. So once again, thank you for your support. To date we have vouchers to the total of \$230



All of our venues have had visits from the Hunter New England Health Steps Vision Screening Program, but for any 4-5 year olds that will be going to school next year that may have missed out, there are free drop in clinics available. These clinics are at no cost to families; don't require an appointment and the screening takes around 5-10 minutes.

The clinics are at:

Abermain	Cessnock	East Maitland
School of Arts Building Corner of Maitland Road and Orange Street	Cessnock Hospital Grounds View Street Clinic Cessnock	East Maitland Community Health Building 58 Stronach Ave East Maitland
Wednesday 6 th December and Thursday 7 th December	Tuesday 12 th December, Thursday 14 th December and Friday 15 th December	Monday 11 th December and Wednesday 13 th December
9am – 12 midday	9am – 12 midday	9am – 12 midday

For more information see



Hunter Mobile Preschool Staff

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

National Recycling Week Mon Nov 13 - Sat Nov 19

Free Workshops



Make an upcycled book planter!

Tue Nov 14 - 5.30-6.30pm
at Kurri Kurri Library

&
Thur Nov 16 - 5.30-6.30
at Cessnock Library



The Travelling Rag Rug
Wed 15 Nov 17 - 10.30am-5.00pm
Cessnock Library

Come see and work on the Community Rag Rug – an initiative of Transition Newcastle. Help make this huge rug that has been made in various Hunter venues over the year. Using big needles made from old toothbrushes, come and learn how to make it: or bring us your old t-shirts that will be cut up and incorporated into the rug. No bookings required.

To book your place phone Cessnock Library on 4993 4399 or Kurri library on 4937 1638



1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

A two session program for parents and carers
delivered by Cessnock Family Support Inc at
5 Hall Street, Cessnock, NSW 2325
on 22nd and 29th of November 2017 from 9:30am to 12pm.

Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

This course is free for participants

Register for this course by contacting Robyn or Louise at Cessnock Family Support on 4990 4507.

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

Who is running it?

The presenters for this course are Cessnock Family Support workers who have completed Parents' 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training



•An end to the arguing and yelling!•It saved our lives•Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parents' 1-2-3 Magic® licensed practitioner. www.parents123.com.au