

Hills Community Child Care Newsletter

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Carer's Corner

by **Jenny Oakley**
Care Co-ordinator

Hi everyone!

Well it's that time of year again; the weather is turning very cold and wet. Could all children please have a coat, hat and boots or suitable shoes for wet weather. All bags need a change of clothes including socks. **ALL** these items need to be named **clearly** so that they go home with the right child.

Could all children please have lunch boxes not little containers as it makes it very hard to keep track of and please name your child's lunch box and drink bottle.

A reminder that lunches should be healthy – no chips, sweet things or nuts – these things can be eaten at home.
Drink bottles should only contain water or milk for babies.

We held a First aid course on Saturday that was relaxed and fun while being very informative. Staff, parents and friends had a really good day and are now all qualified with a level 2 First Aid certificate.

This term is full of exciting things – secret stuff for mums, autumn activities and a fantasy theme. We're looking forward to a very creative fun filled Term 2.

If your child has a cold / green runny nose, please keep them at home as they will be happier and the germs don't keep spreading.

Cheers

Jenny, Vivien, Sharyn, Greta, Emma and Lilly

Woolworth's Earn and Learn

Last year was the first time childcare centres had been given the opportunity to collect earn and learn stickers. It is a great way for the centre to get new resources.

Next time you are shopping at Woolworth's collect the stickers and bring them to the centre. The Earn and Learn sticker sheets are at the centre so just bring your stickers along when you drop off your children and place in the box provided next to the sign in book.

Last year we were only able to collect the stickers for a short period but still managed to collect enough so that we could exchange them for several boxes of paint worth over a hundred dollars.

We are hoping to collect much more this year so that we can purchase more resources for our children.



Fundraising Sausage Sizzle @ Bunnings : Sun 14th July

We know it is some time away however we need you to put this date on your calendar **NOW**. Can you spare a couple of hours between 9am to 5pm to come along to help cook and sell sausages at **Bunnings in Bayswater**.

We need 4 people on the stall at all times.

There will be a roster at the cottage in the coming weeks - or simply email us on info@hillschildcare.org.au and let us know how much time you can spare.

This counts towards the **Family Participation Levy**. Read more on this on the next page.

Kalorama Chestnut Festival Sunday 5th May 10-4pm @ Kalorama Oval

This is a fantastic community event organised by the Mount Dandenong Preschool. It is a great opportunity to meet friends and family and support some of the local businesses and community groups. There will be a range of food stalls, market stalls, raffles, rides and entertainment for the children, displays and demonstrations.

HCCC will be there promoting our wonderful centre and selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the centre. There are some great prizes including a brand new trailer full of wood, coffee machine, photography/framing package and accommodation @ Beachbreak in Rye.

Come along, enjoy the day out and support HCCC by purchasing some raffle tickets.



Important: \$50 Family Participation Levy Introduction

Every year the committee arranges and runs many working bees & fundraising events to keep the centre running for as little cost as possible, however this year **we have introduced a Family Participation Levy of \$50** as a way of encouraging families to increase their attendance at the listed events and avoid the levy!

The \$50 per family levy was paid at the beginning of Term 2 and is waived / repaid at the end of the year if family member/s help at any two of the following events / days throughout the year - for at least 2 hours or more:

- Chestnut Festival 5th May
- Working Bees 19th May, 8th September & 10th November
- Bunning's BBQ 14th July
- Trivia Night 19th October

Money made from the levy from families who do not participate will go to maintenance and repairs at the centre. **We want to stress that it is PARTICIPATION we are after - not any money from the actual levy!**

Thank you - and we look forward to seeing you at the above events!

Important Dates & Events

- Chestnut Festival: Sunday 5th May @ Kalorama Oval
- Working Bee: Sunday 19th May @ the cottage
- Bunning's BBQ: Sunday 14th July @ Bunning's in Bayswater

Do you need childcare on Thursday?

Are you interested in using HCCC on a Thursday? We have had an increased demand this term and all our current days of opening are nearly full.

If you would like to use a Thursday session, let us know by sending an email to info@hillschildcare.org.au. Please include in your expression of interest if this would be an extra day to your current use or instead of your current use.

Committee Report

by **Karina Gowan**

Incoming Committee President

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you to Jerome Higgins for his time and great work as President and for his support on the committee again this year. Jerome has now been involved with the committee for over 4 years displaying genuine dedication and commitment to our HCCC community. Thank you Jerome for all your efforts. I would also like to welcome new members Sharyn Johnston and Stuart McKenzie. We are delighted to have some extra help and input from another parent and staff perspective. Thanks Sharyn and Stu.

On Saturday 13th March we managed the first of our fundraising BBQs at Masters in Knoxfield. In 4 hours we raised just over \$500 making a great contribution towards the new floor coverings planned for the cottage. Thank you to Vivien de Vanny, Jendi Hall, Eve Gowan, Matt and Leah Stamm for all your help on the day, very much appreciated.

Our next big fundraising effort will be the Bunnings BBQ in Bayswater on **Sunday 14th July**. We are required to operate the BBQ strictly between 9am-5pm and require 4 people for every shift. Depending on the day we can expect to make somewhere between \$1,500-\$2,000 making it a very valuable and worthwhile event. We will need all hands on deck and are appealing to all our HCCC families, staff and friends for active support by donating just 2 hours on your time. Please put this date on your calendar now, we need you!!

As mentioned in the previous newsletter upcoming projects include fence murals on Charlemont Lane, new signage and new carpet for the cottage. We would also like to make significant improvements to the outdoor play area over time and have working drawings being prepared. In addition to fundraising activities we will be seeking a number of smaller grants to achieve these projects, as well as hopefully some assistance from the Shire. Fingers crossed!

Hope to see you at the Chestnut Festival on Sunday. We'll have a stall there so pop in and say g'day.

Thanks!
Karina Gowan

Entertainment Books 2013 / 2014 have arrived!

Another great fundraising opportunity is winging our way.

"The Entertainment™ Book is a local restaurant and activity guide which provides valuable offers from the finest restaurants, activities and hotels.

It contains hundreds of valuable 'up to 50% off' and '2-for-1' offers from many of the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more!"

The new 2013 - 2014 Entertainment™ Books launch on 9th April and cost \$65 - with up to 20% of this going towards the centre.

The books have been sent home for your perusal. Please show your family and friends and send your order back ASAP to get the maximum use out of the book.

Any questions please email us on info@hillschildcare.org.au

Check your email / Spam

We have had a few people losing our emails in their spam filtering.

Please ensure that you have added the following two email addresses to your address book, and / or your spam whitelist (which makes sure they don't go to your spam folder).

info@hillschildcare.org.au

enrolments@hillschildcare.org.au



Just a reminder that all of the invoicing and queries about available days will be sent to your from Hubworks (our childcare management software).

Family & Supporters Notice Board

We are adding this regular noticeboard to our Newsletter when space permits. We want to fill it with businesses / events that are either ; related to our local community, big supporters of the centre, or owned and run by families that use the centre. When you can, support our supporters!

Simply send your content to us on info@hillschildcare.org.au and will will endeavour to include it.



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