

Dates for the Diary

- 21 August** Bush Fun Run – come along for a fun day!
- 22-26 August** Parent/teacher Interviews – see Leanne in the office to book a time
- 13 September (Tues)** Parent Committee Meeting at preschool – 7pm
- 23 September** Term 3 ends - school holidays begin
- 10 October** Term 4 begins

Upcoming Parent Committee Dates

Tuesdays at 7pm: 11 October; 15 November and 6 December

Preschool Notices

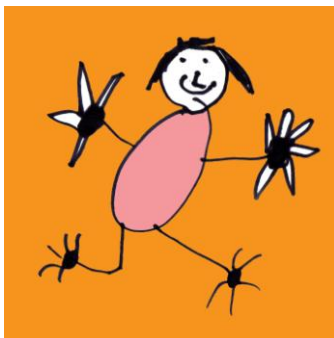
REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS – Please do not park in the preschool driveway – staff arrive and leave at different times throughout the day. Also, please do not block neighbours driveways.

HEAD LICE – We have had a few cases recently. Please check your child's hair.

BORROWED CLOTHES – Please return any borrowed preschool clothes – our supplies are low. Also we are in dire need of spare underpants and socks, any donations of these items would be welcomed.

FREE TO GOOD HOME – a past preschool family has a swing set and a trampoline to give away. If anyone wants these items they will need to collect them themselves. For more info contact Pauline at preschool

Fun Run Notice



FUN RUN RAFFLE TICKETS

Don't forget to return all of your used raffle ticket stubs and payment in an envelope to the preschool **TODAY, 19 August!**

President's Report

There's only a few more sleeps until the Fun Run! I'm looking forward to seeing lots of our current (and former) families on Sunday.

I would like to say a big thank you to our Fun Run committee and to everyone who has helped out with any jobs (big and small). All your efforts go into making the day a fun and successful event. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

I'd also like to thank Paul Weekes, a local builder (and Valentino's cricket coach) who made and installed our much needed lockable cupboard in the top room. We are now compliant with our regulations.

Paul also assembled our outside cupboards, so that we can lock up first aid/medical supplies during outside time. We really appreciate his help, particularly for working in the cold and pouring rain to get the job done.

On behalf of all the families, I'd like to thank the teachers for meeting individually with us this week to discuss our children's progress and any issues or questions you may have. We are so fortunate to have such caring (and competent) staff members who always go that extra mile.

Cheers, *Deanna Pagnini*

Director's Report



Thanks once again to our Bush Fun Run Team for all their work in the lead up to the big day.

Thanks also to all our families who are helping in so many different ways, from photocopying and letterbox drops, to promoting the event

at Highlands Marketplace, to donating lollies, etc.

Don't forget to sign up (in the last minute rush) on the helper sheets for activities on the day. We hope that everyone comes along to the Fun Run with the whole family for a great day out!

Thanks to everyone who returned the parent survey forms. I am in the process of finalising positions for 2012. If you have any specific or changed needs since you filled out the forms, please let me know as soon as possible. I will be sending out confirmation notices shortly.

This week we held viewings of the children's individual development portfolios. Please remember that the portfolios are always here for you to look through and we are always here to discuss your child with you.

If you missed an opportunity for a parent/teacher interview or if you are unsure about school readiness, please contact Pauline.

On a staffing note, we again wish Sandra well as she embarks on her 4 week practicum at another local centre from week 6 (next week) to week 9 – a challenging time for her but a great opportunity to extend her professionalism and qualifications.

Special thanks go to Paul Weekes and Deanna Pagnini for organising our bathroom cupboard and outdoor cupboards. Paul is a local builder / carpenter, kitchen specialist. He donated his time

to put the cupboards together and install them safely into place. Thanks again Paul.

Great news – we were successful in receiving a Community Grant of \$500 towards upgrading the Fairy Garden. We thank the Wingecarribee Shire Council and the Assistance Scheme for their ongoing support of the preschool.

I hope everyone has had a chance to have a look at our Hatch 'n' Grow ducklings in the Koala Room. It is proving to be of great interest to the kids as they come into the room just to watch the ducklings huddling together to keep warm.

By next week they will be able to go out into their little cage on the verandah and have a paddle in the pool. The children might even get to hold a duckling if they are gentle. They will be collected next Friday, 26 August.

Coming up, the Father's Night is planned for Tuesday, 30 August at 6.00–7.30pm. By now, everyone should have already received an invitation. We will have a steak sandwich and sausage sizzle BBQ. The kids will be involved in a short concert of songs, before they give their dads the presents they so lovingly made.

To finish off the night, we will go out into the dark playground with our torches to go on a possum hunt. If dads are not available, grandfathers, uncles or 'father-figures' are most welcome.

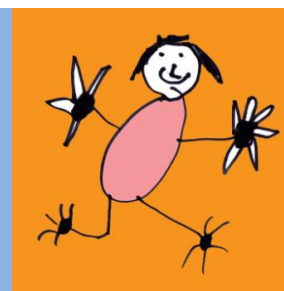
Please return your order forms (with payment) as soon as possible so we can get organised. All orders must be in by Friday, 26 August at the latest.

Thanks, *Pauline Iacono*

Fundraising Update: Bush Fun Run News #4

Two More Days!!! Bush Fun Run Details

WHEN:	Sunday 21 August, 7.30am (registration) – 2pm
WHERE:	Welby Hockey Fields and surrounding fire trails.
DISTANCE:	10km (8.45am), 5km (10:15am), 2km (11am)
PRIZES:	Cash and vouchers
DETAILS:	www.mittagongpreschool.org.au
CONTACT:	mosfunrun@hotmail.com



We are all set – only two more days to go! We hope you all have your running / walking shoes ready!

But Sunday isn't all about sweating. Entertainment will be provided by: Southern Highlands Miniature Model Engines, Bowral Farmyard Friends, Raine and Horne old-timer fire truck, a Kindermusik Show starting at 10.20am and a display from Moss Vale Gymnastics at 12.15pm.

A big thanks to Kate Sarty, whose determination has been amazing – she has worked very hard, leaping over various hurdles placed in her way, to get the entertainment confirmed.

Local radio personality, Steve Anderson, will MC the day (also a previous Mittagong Preschool parent). We are very excited to have Steve at our event, especially as it is his daughter's 16th birthday.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and the hard work of Caroline Verity (in putting the raffle together). We have already raised \$830.55 through our raffle (collected by preschool parents, as well as at Highland Marketplace). Caroline's professional approach has raised the bar for all future fundraising committees.

Thanks to Kate Sarty and Katie Contre for their constant work on the Fun Run promotion throughout the year. You may have seen our event featured recently in Snapshot, Prime TV and on 2ST – soon to be featured in Southern Highland News. Katie Contre organised the poster/flyer printing and the distribution to all preschool parent volunteers (no small feat!), as well as contacting all local primary/high schools for a newsletter insert spot.

Thank you again to all parents who walked the streets spreading the word! Katie Contre also spent many hours laminating signage. Kate Sarty managed the Highland Marketplace stalls over the last two weekends – and it was very successful especially in terms of raffle ticket sales!

Sylvia Brandmayr arranged all our catering needs – she says she can't cook, but she sure can organise catering! The Lions Club is taking care of our sausage/steak/egg and bacon roll stall. The meat is ordered and our thanks go to Jenny

Bridekirk for collecting this (at late notice) on Saturday.

Thank you to all parents who donated lollies for our lolly bags. We also have about 13 volunteer bakers – thank you in advance. Please remember to include an ingredient label with any goodies. We are looking forward to selling (and sampling!) their wares on Sunday.

We are currently putting the finishing touches on the pick-up's for our field utilities (such as star pickets, water stations, shade tents/tables/chairs). Thanks to Sharone French for organising these utilities – as well as now busily polishing up the track.

The track team (Sharone French, Kimberley Moule, Heather James) are walking/running the tracks regularly – they are the fit-looking ones on our committee. They will ensure our marshals (volunteer parents, SES, Air League Cadets) are well briefed with job sheets, packs and marshal bibs. Our track team has been working as a close-knit team on all three race circuits, ensuring there is not a single leaf out of place.

Thanks also to Leanne Allen and her family who are collecting the race clock and timer on Saturday. She also improved our registration process by ordering race wristbands instead of bibs this year.

We would also like to thank the constant support and encouragement from Pauline and the preschool staff, as well as that of Deanna and the Parent Management Committee.

Last, but absolutely not least, the Fun Run committee would like to thank every single one of our volunteer parents who have contributed to our event in any way big or small. Needless to say, there will be a complete honours roll printed after the event.

This event will be a success regardless of the money raised – due to teamwork, determination, good humour and innovation from all of those involved.

Signing off in anticipation of some fun on the field: Jane Boadle, Kate Sarty, Kimberley Moule, Heather James, Caroline Verity, Sharone French, Katie Contre, Sylvia Brandymar