Welcome to our Term 1 Newsletter: 1st April 2026

Welcome to the first edition of the 2026 Hurlingham Preschool Newsletter!

Newsletters will be issued each term to support the regular email updates from teachers and WhatsApp updates from the Class Reps.

It has been wonderful welcoming new families and reconnecting with returning families as we kick off another year at Hurlingham Preschool. The start of the term has been filled with new friendships, learning and lots of laughter! It's been so lovely getting to know each of you, and we are thrilled to see our preschool community growing stronger.

Staff News

The committee is pleased to welcome our new Educator Veoulla Ayul whom has join the Possum Group. We thank Izzy for her time in Possum in Term 1.

A big shout out to Anna from Koala and Wombats, who is working her way through her Full Teacher Registration with VIT. We're so thankful for her hard work and dedication.

Holiday Safety

As Easter is often one of the last warm weather holidays when many families go camping, swimming or visit farms, it's the perfect time to remind children about essential water safety practises.

Here are some helpful tips from Kids Alive:

Supervision is essential: Always have an adult actively watching children near farm water sources like dams, troughs, or irrigation channels.

Recognise Water Hazards: Clearly identify and communicate dangers associated with different water bodies on farms.

Establish Safe Play Areas: Set up fenced, designated play zones away from potential water hazards.

Implement Safety Rules: Encourage children to always swim with an adult, enter water slowly to check for hidden dangers, and watch out for slippery or muddy banks.

Reminders

Uniform Orders

With the weather getting cooler, now's a great time to order a cosy Hurlingham Preschool fleece jumper for your child. Please see Sally in the office who will be happy to assist.

Gumboots

With winter soon to be round the corner, we kindly ask families to send a pair of gumboots to keep at kinder. This helps children enjoy outdoor play year-round while keeping regular shoes- and our carpets-clean and dry. Boot storage tubs are available in each class.

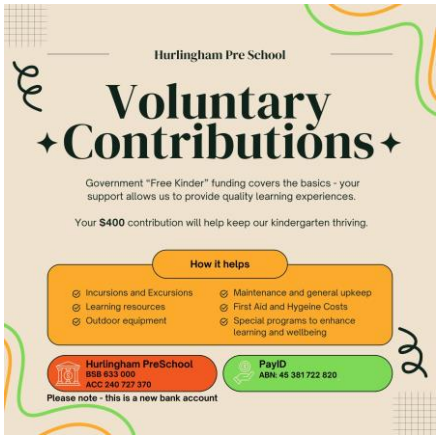
Child Safety

Please click on the link below for the new Child Safety in Early Childhood education and care updates.

Child safety in early childhood education and care: information for families | vic.gov.au

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the Hurlingham Families for the Voluntary Contributions. These contributions are immensely appreciated and invaluable to the kinder for providing resources and delivery of the learning programs. Please consider making this payment at your earliest opportunity if you have not done so already.



Term 2 Working Bee

Our next kinder working bee is happening on Sunday 26th April, from 9am –12 noon. We'd love to see as many families as possible – it's a great chance to lend a hand and connect with others in our community.

There'll be plenty to do, including:

- Spreading a truckload of soft-fall mulch
- Garden tidy-up and planting in the space left by the old tree
- Cleaning and maintaining play equipment
- Plus, many other small jobs!

Children are welcome, but please remember they remain the responsibility of their parent/guardian and must be signed in on arrival.

Don't forget your gardening gloves (and a wheelbarrow if you have one) – we hope to see you there!

Fundraising

Start collecting your cans/bottles!

A drop off bin will be made available at kinder after the holidays.

Bayside Toy Library

The Bayside Toy Library has a fantastic collection of over 3,500 toys to borrow, including puzzles, games, dress-ups, and more.

By becoming a member, you can enjoy many benefits, such as:

Providing a sustainable and cost-effective way to get toys for your family

Reducing waste and the resources required to make toys

Accessing a wider range of toys for development and play

Saving space and reducing clutter around the home.

A huge thank you to all the teacher for an incredible Term 1!

Class Teachers

Koala – Dee, Anna, Izzy

Wombat – Felicity, Anna, Beti

Echidna – Shona, Amy, Annique

Bilby – Julia, Annique, Anna

Possum – Beti, Veoulla, Anna

Term Two Key Dates

Monday 20th April – Term 2 Commences

Saturday 25th April – ANZAC Day

Sunday 26th April – Bilby Working Bee

Friday 1st May – Enrolment Period Commences via Bayside Council

Saturday 2nd May – Open Day 10am – 12 noon

Wednesday 6th May – Mother's Day celebrations

Thursday 7th May – Mother's Day celebrations

Sunday 10th May – Mother's Day

30th June – Enrolment Period Closes