

2016, Term 1

newsletter

Hills Community Toy Library



Important Dates

2016 Term 1 Dates

1 February - 15 April, 2016

Opening Times

Wednesday 10:30am-12:00noon

Friday 4:00-5:00pm

Saturday 9:30-11:00am

Sunday 10:30am-12:00noon

New Member Session

Saturday, 20 February, 2016

Between 1-2pm

HCTL Committee Members

Kathy Billinghamurst

Chair & Public Officer

Jenn Vaughan

Treasurer & Vice Chair

Sharon Passfield

Secretary, Building
Maintenance & Social Media

Penny Kretschmer

Volunteer Coordinator, New
Members & Overdues

Samantha Schultz

Systems Management & IT

Celine Barnes

Cataloguing

Position Vacant

New Toy Purchasing

Karolina Van Der Linden

Toy Doctor, Fundraising
& Social Media Strategy

Floria Talajan

Cataloguing Assistant

Pam Barrien

Public Documents

Chair Report

Following a successful 2015, we are looking forward to a year of great changes and continued success in 2016. As you will read further in the newsletter, a successful grant application means we can commence our workshop renovations, which is extremely exciting.

We also will have a few great fundraisers to help subsidise the work we will be doing, which in addition to raising money, will help to continue to build the great community feel we all had at our fundraisers last year.

If any of you have questions or concerns around things happening at the Toy Library, please do not hesitate to phone, email or speak to one of the HCTL committee members.

We look forward in anticipation to an exciting 2016.

Kathy Billinghamurst

Chair & Public Officer

Signage

Thank you to Adelaide Hills Council for continuing to keep our children safe by installing Children Crossing signs in front of the Toy Library to alert local traffic.

Party Pack

The warm weather is well and truly here and party season is on us. Hiring our Party Pack to keep your kids occupied while you relax with friends is a great way to chill out on a summer day. We have now included a water activity in the pack. Phone Barb Davies on 0430 724 482 for more information.

Committee Vacancy

Do you like buying toys? Due to personal reasons, Phillippa Baines has had to resign her position on the committee as Toy Library Purchaser. If you would like to join the committee to fill this role or have some questions around the great benefits of being a committee member, please contact Kathy Billinghamurst on 0412 120 013.

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HCTL Fundraising

We would like to thank our members for their generous support in our fundraising efforts.

Our **Girl's Movie Night Out** was a fantastic night which raised just over \$600 towards our workshop project, and we used \$50 from our profit to make a donation on behalf of the Hills Community Toy Library to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Our **Birthday brunch** was another fun event that raised just over \$150 towards our workshop project.

So keep an eye out for the details of our **Mother's Day** event.

Jenn Vaughan
Treasurer & Vice Chair

Details of our
Mother's Day event
coming soon!



Living Fundraisers - Healthy Profits Made Easy!



Dear Family and Members,

In our efforts to improve services and facilities for all our members and our children, we are excited to share our great idea to raise funds for our Toy Library in 2016.

Living Fundraisers

Australian owned and operated, **Living fundraisers** believe fundraising can be easy, fun, healthy, profitable, and good for the community.

The products are: Flower Growing Kits, Veggie Growing Kits, Herb Growing Kits, Fruit Growing Kits, Birthday and Greeting Cards.

Great for parents and grandparents to have fun with the kids! Great gifts idea too!

Floria Talajan
Cataloguing Assistant



We want
your ideas!

Volunteer Corner

Happy New Year to all our members and welcome to new members who joined us in Term 4, 2015.

Special mention of appreciation to the volunteers, Jenny Watchman, Zo Poppyjon, Zoe Lewis, Pia Holding, Manda Webber, Teresa Harnett.

I will hold a New Member Session on Saturday 20th February 1-2pm for anyone wishing a refresher or for volunteers to complete their Induction forms if they haven't already. Thanks again for committing your valuable time to help our fantastic community recourse.

New Workshop Project

We are very pleased to announce we were successful in our application for The S.A. Community Benefit Grant.

Combined with our fundraising drive last year this means we have enough funds to go ahead with the refurbishment of the office/ toy workshop room.

The labour will be undertaken by students from Heathfield High School's 'Doorways 2 Construction' programme. This is a fantastic government programme that provides awareness of the building and construction industry to young people, develops their skills and provides training opportunities to successfully seek work including White Card - general Occupational, Health Safety and Welfare requirements in the building and construction industry.

This is such a win for both the Toy library and the Heathfield High School students. We will benefit from a clean, safe and well organised space to repair and process toys, whilst the students gain valuable skills to complete subjects towards their future trades.

We are expecting works to commence towards the middle of term 1 and will make a temporary desk within the front room (will try!!). We appreciate your patience whilst this happens and very much look forward to celebrating the big reveal with you in Term 2.

Penny Kretschmer

Volunteer Coordinator, New Members & Overdues

Science and Maths Toy Upgrade

You may have noticed that the Science and Math's section of our toy library is somewhat limited, outdated . . . well so have we!

As a committee, we have decided to make updating this section one of our focuses for 2016 and we hope to transform the section into a highly desired, modern, educational and fun toy section.

However, we can't do this on our own, so we would like to encourage our members to have a say in what toys we should purchase, and we will be seeking your feedback in a number of ways. For example, we will put a call out for suggestions on our **Face Book** page in the coming weeks. We will also give our members the opportunity to write their ideas, suggestions down to hand in at the counter in our toy library.

This is your library! We encourage you to have a say in the selection of new toys being added to our collection.

Sharon Passfield

Secretary, Building Maintenance & Social Media

Pretend Play Free Evening Seminar in Term 1

Pretend play is vital to children's development, and our Toy Library has a great variety of toys to support this type of play activity.

In addition to our toys, and in conjunction with a local OT and Toy Library Volunteer, Emma, we will be offering a free evening seminar on how to do Pretend Play with your children.

More details to follow.



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