



BUD'S TOY LIBRARY NEWS

BUD's First Birthday

Welcome to another issue of BUD's Toy Library News. I hope you all had a happy Easter. As mentioned in the last newsletter, there are some exciting events on the horizon for BUD's. Next month is our first birthday and of course we will be holding a celebration to mark the occasion on Monday the 28th May. All BUD's members are welcome to attend; see page 2 of this newsletter for full details. There will be facilities for tea and coffee at the venue and of course birthday cake and fruit available for morning tea. With plenty of toys for children to test drive, it should be a great morning out for the whole family. If you have any friends who are not yet members, please bring them along and they can join on the day. I look forward to seeing you there!



The other big news is that the auspice for the toy library, Bellingen Shire Support Network has received approval to construct a toy storage shed at the Elliot Close Children's Centre in Bellingen. For those of you who know the area, the shed will be located just below the five car parking spaces on the left hand side as you drive down the driveway. For me this will mean a lot less time driving out to our current storage shed at Raleigh.

Moving the shed to Bellingen will also mean that I can reduce the cost of some of the larger toys. Until now I have had to factor in the cost of freighting them around the various agencies, which can be quite expensive. Since most of our membership base is in Bellingen I will be able to lower the price of some of these toys and still afford to send them to Urunga or Dorrigo at the discounted rate. I will keep you informed as the changes arise.

Also, thanks to all of our members who have taken the time to fill out survey forms. Generally all the feedback we have received has been positive, however it has become apparent that many of you forget or don't have time to go online to book toys each fortnight. As part of the changes associated with building the storage shed we are hoping to alter the website to allow toy collection on both Monday and Wednesday each week, giving our members much greater flexibility. As a result of this, members who can access the Bellingen agency will also be able to drop in and borrow toys on the spot rather than having to pre-book them. It may take a little while to streamline the processes involved so I would like to ask in advance for some patience and understanding from our members when we make the transition.

I look forward to seeing you at the birthday party.

Regards,

Kirsti Hudson.

BUD'S TOYS

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BUD'S TOP 10 Toys

1. Eezy Peezy Monkey Bar Kit
2. Fire Engine for Two
3. Port Water System
4. Junior Slide
5. Mini Cycle (Teal)
6. Castle Play Set
7. Colour Magna Doodle
8. Connect Four
9. Mobilo (Large Set)
10. Pedal Roller

SENIORS WANTED!

Does your child have grandparents living in Bellingen Shire? Why not suggest that they join the toy library? After all, grandparents probably don't want toys cluttering up their house but might be glad to borrow them when their grandchildren come to visit! BUD's is now offering a permanent discounted membership of \$5 per year for seniors/ grandparents. Spread the word!

TOY FEATURES

Animal Sounds Barn

With fun animal sounds all around and plenty to do, this Little People Fisher Price play set lets young children discover what a busy place a farm can be. As toddlers grow they can learn about life on a farm that is just their size with Farmer Jed and his animal friends. Includes cow, sheep, horse and pig with a chicken that stays attached to the barn. (3 X AA batteries required for animal sounds, however this toy still provides good play value without them).

Loan Fee: \$4.20 per fortnight
Age: 2 years and over
Category: Baby & Toddler Toys

Humdinger Wooden Construction Set

Humdinger is a beautifully crafted free form, open-ended construction set designed to stimulate the imagination and encourage expression. Your child will become immersed in their own creations and the unlimited possibilities of what they can make. Set contains 100 pieces including balls, triangular plates, wheels, square panels, rope, dowel pieces and a large, central starting piece.

Loan Fee: \$4.60 per fortnight
Age: 5 years and over
Category: Construction & Building

Boules/Petanque



Boules, also commonly known as Petanque or Bocce is a French bowls style game suitable for team play. It comes with 8 steel balls, a jack and full set of instructions.

The object of the game is to throw your balls so that they land closer to the jack (cochonnet) than your opponents. You can also try to strike and drive the jack away from your opponents balls and closer to your other balls. This social game is great fun at barbeques or parties.

Loan Fee: \$3.50 per fortnight
Age: 8 years to adult
Category: Sporting Equipment
(we also have a Bocce set which is a very similar game to Boules)

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Dear Toy Library Member

You are invited to attend BUD's Toys 1st birthday celebration.

When: Monday 28th May 2007, 10am-12pm

Where: Playgroup Room, Children's Centre
1 Elliot Close Bellingen NSW 2454

What to bring: hat/sunscreen & your friends—they can join on the day. You can also rejoin on the day if your membership is due to expire and receive a \$5 voucher towards toy loans.

RSVP to Kirsti Hudson via email or phone