

"The Buzz About Bees" School Presentation

HoneyBee Hives, a commercial beekeeping operation located in Coutts Crossing, is committed to educating the public on the essential role of bees in the environment. We are pleased to offer our services to your school by providing an engaging and informative presentation on bees, as well as a fundraising opportunity.



Our goal is to offer students a fun and interactive educational experience that is tailored to their age group. Through our presentation, we hope to increase awareness of the importance of bees in the ecosystem and highlight the threats they face.

Duration:

The presentation is for 60 minutes.

Cost: \$200 or \$5 per child (whichever is greater)

Content:

The presentation will cover the following topics:

- Introduction to bees - We will provide a brief overview of bees and their role in the environment.
- Bee anatomy - We will explain the anatomy of a bee and how it helps them to carry out their important work.
- Bee life cycle - We will explain the different stages of a bee's life and how they develop from an egg to an adult.
- Pollination - We will discuss the crucial role bees play in pollinating plants and the impact it has on our food supply.
- Threats to bees - We will educate students about the various threats facing bees, such as habitat loss, pesticides, and climate change.
- How to help bees - We will provide simple ways that students and their families can help bees, such as planting bee-friendly plants and reducing the use of pesticides.
- **Our (very safe and secure) observation hive is the perfect way to see inside an active beehive (if available: dependent on favourable weather conditions).**

Interactive Activities:

We will include interactive activities throughout the presentation to keep the students engaged. Some of the activities we have planned include:

- Projected slide presentation if facilities allow
- Honey and honeycomb tasting - We will provide samples of different types of honey and honeycomb for students to taste and learn about how bees make honey.
- Bee waggle dance - We will talk about the waggle dance that bees use to communicate with each other. If you'd like to teach the children how to waggle before our visit, please follow this link: <https://youtu.be/dnGcKjt9gT8>.

- Lyrics for the Waggle Dance song can be downloaded:
<https://www.worldbeeday.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/World-Bee-Day-%E2%80%93-Waggle-Dance-Lyrics-1.pdf>
- Bee-friendly planting - We will discuss how to plant bee-friendly plants and provide appropriate seeds to be planted at the school.
- Age-appropriate downloads of bee-related colouring pages, puzzles and more, for the children to continue the experience after our visit.
- Teacher aids to reinforce learning after the presentation.
- **Plus, we will have our viewing hive so that the children can safely see inside an active beehive!!!**

Fundraising Opportunity:

We are excited to offer a free fundraising opportunity for your school to coincide with our visit or at any other time throughout the year. We believe that this is an excellent opportunity for your school to raise funds while also supporting our mission to educate the public about bees and their importance in the environment.

Our objective is to offer a range of high-quality honey and beeswax products that are healthy, natural, and safe for everyone. By purchasing these products, parents can support our organization while also raising money for your school.

Duration:

The fundraising campaign generally runs for two weeks prior to our visit, or at an alternative time throughout the year. During the campaign, parents will be able to place orders for our products via our website, using a specific code to identify your school's parents. All orders will be delivered on the day of our presentation (or an alternate date that suits) and HoneyBee Hives will donate 10% of the total sales back to your school via direct deposit within 7 days of delivery of orders.

Products:

We offer a range of products that are perfect for parents and families who are looking for natural, healthy, and sustainable products. The fundraising is applicable for all products, excluding bees and beekeeping equipment. You can view our range of products here: <https://www.honeybeehives.com.au/shop/>

Marketing:

To promote the fundraising campaign, we will provide you with a flyer that you can email to parents to promote the campaign.

If you are interested in scheduling a visit or fundraising campaign or have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0411 097 275 or buzz@honeybeehives.com.au

You can learn more about HoneyBee Hives at: <https://www.honeybeehives.com.au>

Thanks so much
Di & Scott
HoneyBee Hives

Testimonial:

"An amazing presentation by Di! Our preschool children were very surprised when Di arrived dressed in her beekeeper's suit. Di showed our children and families the tools she uses for beekeeping and explained the complex process of how bees make honey. Everyone had a great time learning, asking questions and getting to taste honey (and honeycomb). Di left some sunflower seeds for us to plant for the bees in our garden. Thank you for such a wonderful morning of learning!" *Lawrence Community Preschool*