

News from the Starlight Room



- 'Music and movement experiences are being enjoyed in a variety of ways, singing dancing and experimenting with various body actions.
- Through participating in matching and sorting games, as well as books and puzzles, many of the children have been learning about shapes.
- Tracey, our university student, has been engaging the children with many art and craft and science based experiences. Some of these include painting with ice, magnets in ice and manipulating ice as it melts.
- During Group Times, the children are loving circle games, exploring working together. These games include 'Pass the bean bag' and parachute games, where the children have an opportunity to work co-operatively with their teachers and peers.

News from the Moonbeam Room



- The children have been absolutely loving the block play area! They have been strengthening their design skills, imaginations, coordination and social skills, building everything from airports to the Eifel Tower.
- We have enjoyed exploring fossils using Plaster of Paris to make moulds.
- Many of the children have been practicing their name writing skills as they 'sign in' each morning.
- Our art and craft experiences have provided children with the opportunity to explore colours and colour mixing with fascinating results!
- Many of the local schools are currently holding Information sessions and flyers are next to the Moonbeam sign on sheets for your convenience.



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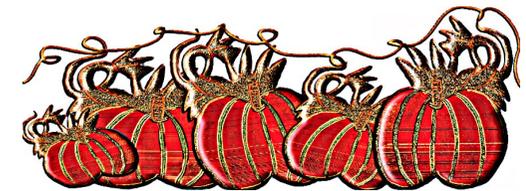
A Reminder that H.G.P is closed on Monday 25th of April, Anzac Day, and there is no charge for Public Holidays. We are open during the school holidays and would appreciate you letting us know when your child will be absent. Thank you.

Our centre has begun Emergency Evacuation practices with the children. These are presented in a non-threatening way and supported by the children's familiar educators.

HGP has an Emergency Evacuation Point at the back of our playground (within the centre's grounds) where we meet after the evacuation and call a roll.

Pumpkin Patch;

Well how exciting...there has been much action in 'the patch'.



Congratulations to Lauren and Paul on the safe arrival of Sebastien. A little brother for Joel, from the Starlight Room, as well as Jonas and Keelan.

Also, a warm welcome to new baby Amelia. How exciting, a baby sister for Myles. Congratulations to Kym and Susan.

The Maloney family have also welcomed a new member to their family, with Lewis being born a few weeks ago. Little brother for Lincoln and Lyla (a Starlighter). Congratulations John and Lisa.

Willow, also in our Starlight Room, now has a little sister named Elliot Arna. Congratulations to Andrew and Bree.

Some House-Keeping.....

- Just a mention that even as the weather gets cooler (it will happen eventually) your child will still require their hat each preschool day. Thank you.
- We have a university student in the Starlight Room for the rest of this month. Her name is Tracey. She is completing her Bachelor of Education– Early Childhood.



Entertainment Books are available to purchase through HGP. This fantastic publication, filled with discount opportunities, is now available via a book or digital membership which is attached to your smart phone. The cost is still \$60.00 and they are filled with wonderful discounts for restaurants, movies, accommodation and amusement parks.

This membership would make a great Mother's Day gift. The membership lasts for the whole financial year and can be used starting now! See the office to collect your book and have the cost included on your monthly account, or collect from Karen the details for the digital membership .

OFFICE NEWS

Karen is on holidays for all of April, lucky girl! Kylie and Michelle are available for Eftpos payments. All direct deposit payments can please go ahead as usual.

It has come to our attention that when your child has their 4 year old immunisation their CCB payment can be affected, so please keep in mind that it is best to have your child's immunisation as close as possible to when they turn four.

A reminder that HGP then needs the updated Immunisation Certificate. Thank you.

What's going on at HGP?

After the April school holidays our preschool's daily routine will change to the Winter Program, with the children beginning their day playing inside and moving outdoors at 11am .

Thank you so much for your response to our Philosophy review & Parent Survey. If the survey is still somewhere at home, we welcome your input.

SOME STAFFING NEWS;

- Our Moonbeam children and their families are now enjoying the continuity of Vicki.M working on Tuesdays through to Fridays.
- Vicki.S (pictured) is now a 'Moonbeamer' on Mondays.
- Sharyn has taken over Vicki.S's role on Mondays in the Starlight Room, and will now be part of the Starlight Monday team from 10am until 3pm.



Child Profiles

Our university trained E.C Teachers and Diploma Trained educators will be writing each child an individual Child Profile over the next 6 weeks. This form of communication documents your child's involvement, learning and development at this early stage of the year. The educators will then comment on opportunities for future learning under each of the 5 EYLF Learning Outcomes.

A Profile will be provided in both your pocket and your Child's Portfolio.

A Profile will also be written at the end of the year, which will further reflect each child's learning, individual interests and growth this year.

Please see our teachers if you have any queries about these Profiles or anything else regarding Highland Grove.