

News from the Starlight Room



- The Starlight Room educators are now providing 'split' Group Times at 10.30 in the morning for the 'Starlighters'. This grouping means that the children will work in smaller groups with an educator. These opportunities allow staff to facilitate, concentration skills, language and learning.
- During Group Times, the children are loving circle games, exploring working together. These games include 'Sandi Girl' and 'The Gorilla Game', where the children have an opportunity to work co-operatively with their teachers and peers.
- In our Group Times we are also enjoying action songs. These allow us to practice our listening skills, follow directions and develop physical skills through fundamental movement actions, such as jumping, hopping and locomotion.

News from the Moonbeam Room



- Many of the children have been practicing their name writing skills as they 'sign in' each morning on our new children's 'Sign on' sheets .
- Some of our current Mini Projects include, 'Exploring our natural world' and 'Dinosaurs'. To explore these topics we are utilizing plasticine, box construction, literacy, numeracy and research via our ipad.
- We have just begun split group times in the afternoon as well as the morning. These experiences provide opportunities to work in small groups, developing concentration and co-operation skills.
- We are introducing the children to protective behaviours. This involves talking to the children about who can help us if we feel worried or sad. These people are our 'heroes'. It's fun to trace around our hand and draw these heroes on each finger.



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A Reminder that H.G.P is closed on Friday 14th and Monday 17th of April over Easter, as well as Tuesday 25th of April, Anzac Day, There is no charge for Public Holidays. We are open during the rest of the days in 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 sensitive and positive way and are 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.

Just a mention if you have missed a 'Day Sheet' and would like it emailed, please just ask at the office.

Thursday Children's Show:

Throughout the year we will be holding visiting shows and inclusion events here at HGP to further enhance our education program. We hold these events on each day of the week across the year to ensure that every child experiences at least one of these incursions.

The first show for this year is being held on Thursday 27th of April at 10.30am and features our favourite storyteller, Bronwyn. This year Bronwyn is presenting, 'Floating on a Sea of Stories'.

The show is for the Thursday children only. Families are welcome to attend. The cost of the show is \$10 for the preschooler (on account). This wonderful show will go for approximately one hour.

Kylie's Comments.....

Some of our families have begun to chat about their child's school transition, particularly those going to school in 2018.



It is worth considering that whilst it is lovely for your child to have a familiar face as they transition to school, please do not be too anxious if they will not be going off to school knowing lots of friends.

What is really beneficial is for your child to have developed social skills, such as making friends, co-operating and joining groups. Throughout the year our educators will plan for the continued development of these social skills and facilitate this learning in our warm and secure setting.

Also remember, 'Head Start' programs build familiarity and confidence.

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 \$65.00 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 organize to collect your book and have the cost included on your monthly account, or collect from Karen (on her return) the details for the digital membership .

OFFICE NEWS

Karen is on holidays until the 24th of April, lucky girl! Kylie and Michelle are available for Eftpos payments. All direct deposit payments can please go ahead as usual.

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 needs the updated Immunisation Certificate. Ta

What's going on at HGP?

- Noeli, the educator who works on Monday and Tuesday (10am-3pm) in the Starlight Room is completing a primary school practicum as part of her teaching degree. She will be away several Tuesdays over the next few months and will be replaced by Emily, or other educators familiar to the children.
- 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.
- Also, if you have the "All About Me.." sheet on a bench, please send along. (Extra copies are in the foyer).
- ***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 .***
- Just a mention that even as the weather gets cooler (it will happen eventually) your child will still require their hat each preschool day.



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 whilst referencing the 'Early Years Learning Framework' (EYLF)'s 5 **Learning Outcomes**. A Profile will be provided in your pocket and your Child's Portfolio.

A Profile will also be written at the end of the year, which will further reflect your 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.