

News from the Starlight Room



- ◆ Vicki S has had some special time off, firstly to go to the NSW's South Coast and then Tasmania.
- ◆ Our deep breathing and yoga exercises have been promoting a sense of calm and wellbeing. The children are very enthusiastic.
- ◆ Our café in home corner has provided lots of social opportunities.
- ◆ Making playdough with Tina has been wonderful fun. This gives us a chance to explore maths and social interactions.
- ◆ The arrival of many bees to our playground provided us with discussions about these little creatures and the honey they make. As a follow up activity, the educators have been involving children in bread making, and then spreading honey (or vegemite) on our own yummy bread. Delicious!

News from the Moonbeam Room



- ◆ The Monday and Tuesday children have enjoyed meeting our new casual staff member, Alex, in the Moonbeam room recently. Alex is a qualified primary school teacher, who is currently changing over to an early childhood qualification.
- ◆ A shop has been set up in the Moonbeam room and the children have enjoyed both being the shopper and the shop keeper.
- ◆ The new visual desires, added recently to our Literacy Learning centre, have been much frequented and enjoyed.
- ◆ Some of the children have begun their visits to their Head Start Big School programs. It's lovely to hear all about these visits and to support each child with their transition to school.
- ◆ There has been recent discussions about trips away. Danielle has begun to talk about her European holiday. The teachers are sharing information about Lily C's trip around Australia and we have even seen some photos of Eve S on her new farm at Tamworth.



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- * **Re-enrolment:** Thank you everyone for your 2017 re-enrolment slips. As the year progresses we can confirm your days. (If you haven't sent yours in yet, there are spare forms in the foyer :)

It is usual for most families to be able to secure their required days. The re-enrolment fee is not due until the November account. Once the re-enrolment processes is complete, we enrol new children into the Starlight room, including making contact with families regarding siblings.
- * **Danielle** (Tuesday/Friday in the Moonbeam Room) is back from her overseas holiday and had a wonderful time.
- * **Michelle** is having a special holiday to Tasmania and will be away the first week in August. **Kylie** will be away the second week of August on a holiday to the snow.
- * We have sent home some further policies for your feedback.
- * **HGP's Photos** are taken each day of the week from Monday 12th of September. Please place these dates in your diary. More information about the organization of our Photo Week will follow next month.
- * Highland Grove's final day of preschool for this year is Friday 23rd of December. Our first day back in 2017 is Monday 23rd of January.



Picture Plates;

We are doing our Annual Picture Plates for those who would like to participate this year. The children draw on the plates and they are sent away to be treated. The plates are then returned to us in time for Christmas. Simply indicate on the list in the foyer if you would like your child to do a plate and they will be completed at preschool between Monday the 8th and Friday the 19th of August. The cost of \$27.50 will be included on your account.

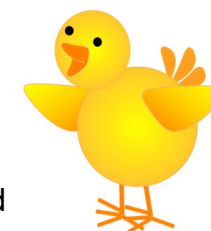


Did you know;

- ◆ **Sarah, our E/C teacher** in the Moonbeam Room (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays) has a post graduate Certificate in Additional Needs.
- ◆ Each Highland Grove educator has a current **Senior First Aid** qualification.
- ◆ **Nadine, one of** our casual Moonbeam staff members, is completing her Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood) this year. Nadine will complete her internship, part time, at HGP in the Moonbeam Room from Monday 22nd of August until Friday 21st of October. We look forward to her contribution to the HGP experience.
- ◆ In recent years the Federal Government allocated funds for increased qualifications and training in early years settings. **This Professional Development** Initiative has meant that you'll continue to see the HGP team involved in further training and study. This training includes Kylie's Master of Early Childhood, wonderful programming and wellbeing training for all our educators, special needs training and ongoing professional growth for the entire HGP team.
- ◆ **Mackenzie** has enjoyed his work at HGP so much that he changed to the 0 to 12 years teaching degree at university, from the Primary Teaching one. He is now completing the same degree as **Danielle**.

What else is going on at H.G.P!

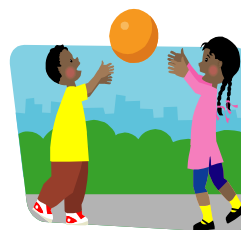
- ◆ **'Henny Penny Hatching'** is an annual chicken hatching experience which we hold here at HGP over a two week period. This year the eggs will arrive on Monday 22nd of August. There is a small cost of \$3.30 per child. This will be included on the August statements.



The children have the opportunity to watch chickens hatch from eggs in an incubator on the kitchen bench. As the chicks grow, the children can handle them and learn a lot about chickens, eggs and much more!

- ◆ **Two more of our annual 'shows' are coming up over the next few weeks. These incursions occur, one for each day of the week, across the year.**
- ◆ **Friday children's show** is presented by the wonderful storyteller, Bronwyn Vaughan, and is called 'Turbans, Ties and Turkish Slippers'. The show will be held on **Friday 12th of August** from 10.30am for about one hour. The cost of \$10.00 will be included on Friday family's August statements.
- ◆ The **Thursday children's show** is a puppetry experience called 'Trinket, the Robot', presented by 'Little Wing Productions'. The show will be held on **Thursday 1st of September** at 10.30am for just under an hour. The \$10.00 charge will be included on the September accounts of those who attend HGP on Thursdays. Flyers will be provided with more information closer to these dates.

The National Quality Standard;



It is time for us to review our **SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY**. (We have provided you with a copy to assist families who would like to give some input). HGP is proud of its commitment to sustainability practices, such as; recycling-including paper, cardboard, our worm farm and chooks. We also enjoy 'green' strategies such as gardening, thoughtful equipment choices, building inclusions like insulation and external and internal blinds.