

News from the Starlight Room -

The Starlighters have just begun visiting the Moonbeam Room for their Christmas Concert practices. As they visit the 'Big' Room, they are provided with an opportunity to become familiar with this setting in preparation for their transition.

We have been learning about the 'Traffic Light Approach' when guiding our emotions and understanding how we feel. The language being used by the educators describes how we feel by using the colours on the traffic lights, eg "When I am green, I feel calm".

We have been learning a new drink bottle song (with our drink bottles at Group Time). This helps to promote nutrition and healthy living.

News from the Moonbeam Room

The Moonbeam children have been happy and confident whilst presenting their 'News'. Congratulations everyone!

The "Where will my child be in 2017?" booklet is being put together for your children to enjoy in the Moonbeam Room.

The Moonbeam staff have enjoyed so many positive chats with the children and their families about the local school's 'headstart' programs. We are thrilled that our children are making smooth and enjoyable transitions to school.

Nadine has now completed her practicum with us, and resumes her ISS role on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. The children certainly enjoyed the projects and activities she organised, as well as Nadine's company, over the past months. Congratulations Nadine on your results!



Wishing all our families a very safe and happy Christmas and a really special New Year.

Thank you to all our families for your support in 2016.

Best Wishes to families moving on to their next 'Big' adventure and to those returning. We look forward to a wonderful and rewarding 2017.



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Newsletter - December 2016

Welcome to our last newsletter for 2016. Preschool closes on Friday 23rd of December and re-opens on Monday 23rd of January, 2017. A reminder that Thursday 26th of January is a Public Holiday and HGP is closed. (No fees are charged for this day).

It is that crazy, but enjoyable time of the year again and our Christmas program is underway. Following is lots of information about our events.

What is going on at HGP?;

- ◇ We have provided each re-enrolling child with a new 2017 Enrolment Form (this is a D.E.C.S requirement). If you have not returned this form, please bring it to our office as soon as possible. (You do not need to supply birth cert. and CRNs again, however your Immunization status must be up to date).
- ◇ 'The educators have already completed School Transition Statements, which are almost on their way to our local schools. We are currently completing 'Developmental Profiles' and 'Letters of Farewell'. These will be included as part of your Portfolio. A copy will also be placed in your pocket to take home before we close.
- ◇ Due to all of the above, 'Daily News Sheets' will no longer be provided. We hope you have enjoyed them this year.
- ◇ Please continue to let us know of any absences your child is having right up until the end of our preschool year. Thank you.
- ◇ Please see Karen regarding your Bond refund. We need to ensure we have BSB and Account numbers for families leaving the centre.
- ◇ The office closes on Wed. 21st of December. Final fee statements will be emailed shortly. Please see Karen if you have any queries. All fees to be finalized for the year by Fri 16th of December. Thank you.

Preschool Christmas Concerts:

The combined Starlight and Moonbeam concerts: are being held at HGP on Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th of Dec at 2.00pm.

If your child attends on Fridays only, please indicate on the lists provided which concert you and your child are able to attend and please arrive at 1.50pm for the concert on that day.

Costumes for the concert are provided by preschool.

All children will have a part in the concert. The more individual 'parts' are filled by the Moonbeam children and are decided by the staff as carefully as possible. (Although the children are having turns of many parts at concert practices). The final parts are based on the days the children's family members are attending, which and how many days they attend preschool and your child's interest in a certain part.

Over the years our Christmas concert has become very popular and seating and standing room is tight. This year we are asking families to perhaps spread out family attendances across your child's days, rather than the entire family attending each concert. Thank you.

Please write your child's name/s on the lists next to the sign-on sheets, as well as the number of people attending on that day.

Party lunches for the children: are held each day from Monday 19th until Friday 23rd of December. A small cost of \$5.50 has been billed to your account each day your child attends preschool.

Children are only required to bring morning tea and water in a drink bottle for this last week of preschool.

No sheets are required during concert week.

Thank you.



Staffing at HGP in 2017

We are very pleased to have Cass return from maternity leave in 2017. We are also employing a new, full time Diploma qualified educator, who will work with the Starlight Team in 2017.

Sharyn and Michelle will be working on a Friday, week about, next year.

Noeli and Mackenzie will continue to work in an ISS role in 2017, whilst they continue their studies. Vicki S will also fill this position, most likely in the Moonbeam Room.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MOONBEAM	Michelle	Michelle	Michelle	Michelle	Mich/Sharyn
	Sharyn	Sharyn	Sharyn	Melissa	Melissa
	Trainee	Vicki M	Trainee	Trainee	Vicki.M
	(ISS)	(ISS)	(ISS)	(ISS)	(ISS)
STARLIGHT	Sarah	Sarah	Sarah	Cass	Cass
	Diploma	Diploma	Diploma	Diploma	Diploma
	Tina	Tina	Tina	Cathy	Cathy
	(ISS- Noeli)	(ISS-Noeli)	(ISS-Cathy)		

Social Media Policy and preschool events

As our Christmas concerts are one of the biggest social events at HGP, many people will be photographing and videoing their children and we are reminding families about our Social Media Policy.



Our policy puts an emphasis on the importance of protecting each family's privacy. It does this by requiring that no videos or photographs taken whilst at Highland Grove are uploaded to any social media (eg Facebook) if they contain images/video of any child other than your own. Thank you.