

## 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.

Many of the 'Starlighters' have been completing representational artworks, including the lovely self portraits on display in the room.

During Group Times and our 'Interest Area' set up for the children to access, we have been exploring reefs and oceans, developing skills in investigation, research and hypothesizing.

Did you know.....we can sing "I can sing a rainbow" with sign language.

## 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 2018?" booklet is now on the shelf.

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

The Moonbeam Teachers have been delighted by the children's desire to immerse themselves in literacy. We have explored concepts such as rhyme and letter/sound relationships, making our own books, copying words and making 'chatterboxes'.



*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 2017.*

*Best Wishes to families moving on to their next 'Big' adventure and to those returning. We look forward to a wonderful and rewarding 2018.*



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## Newsletter - December 2017

Welcome to our last newsletter for 2017. Preschool closes on Friday 22nd of December and re-opens on Monday 22nd of January, 2018. A reminder that Friday 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 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 'Child 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. This helps us with our planning. 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. 20th 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 15th of December. Thank you.

## Preschool Christmas Concerts:

**The combined Starlight and Moonbeam concerts:** are being held at HGP on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th 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, again, 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 18th until Friday 22nd of December. A small cost of \$6.60 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 2018

We are delighted with the continuity of staffing provided in 2018.

The Starlight Team is Sharyn, Sarah K, Cass, Tina and a new trainee.

The Moonbeam Team is Michelle, Melissa, Sarah F (Noeli for first term), Vicki M, Tanya and Cathy. As it worked so well this year, a new trainee will also work in the Moonbeam Room.

Mackenzie and Vicki S will continue to fill the role of an additional educator (ISS) in 2018, very likely with both in the Moonbeam Room.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MOONBEAM	Michelle	Michelle	Michelle	Michelle	Tanya
	Sarah F (Noeli)	Sarah F (Noeli)	Sarah F (Noeli)	Melissa Cathy	Melissa Cathy
	Vicki M	Vicki M (ISS)	Cathy (ISS)	(ISS)	(ISS)
STARLIGHT	Sharyn	Sharyn	Sharyn	Cass	Cass
	Sarah K	Sarah K	Sarah K	Sarah K	Sarah K
	Tina	Tina	Tina	Trainee	Trainee

## 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.

Please let extended family members know of this policy. We appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

