

News from the Starlight Room

Our Starlight Room has certainly been a very busy place! Michelle, Sharyn, Cathy, Tina and Vicki.S have all been amazed by how well all our littlies have settled into HGP.



Our 'Starlight' teachers are looking forward to hearing so much about your child, what they enjoy and what they've been up to in their time at home. Please continue to chat to our teachers.

The Starlight Room educators use Group times to encourage friendships and learning each other's name, with games such as rolling the ball to a friend and 'Bee Bee Bumble Bee, can you sing your name to me?' song.

The children are loving Big Books, puppets, Michelle's magic wand, painting activities and the train track, just to name a few!!

Preschool Hours

Highland Grove's opening hours are from 8.30am until 4.30pm. Some children are attending a shorter day as they become familiar with HGP. You are more than welcome to utilize any of the above hours. A reminder that our centre's licensed hours are 8.30am until 4.30pm, please be sure to collect your little one and exit by 4.30. Thank you.

News from the Moonbeam Room

As the children settle into the Moonbeam Room they have been renewing old friendships and making new ones.



The three daily Group times have been centering around 'friendship', including how to join in a group of friends and learning names, including the teachers they have met so far.

Construction activities, such as the lovely magnetic building equipment, provide excellent opportunities for the children to practice social skills.

Information about the group times, and other events of the day, can be found on the daily program available next to the sign-on sheets. Enjoy!



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Newsletter - February 2016

Welcome to our first Highland Grove Newsletter for 2016. It has been delightful to see so many happy faces. As your little one settles into their new environment, remember that sometimes this can take a little while and be assured that our educators are giving lots of warm hugs and engaging your child in activities to help with the transition.



Welcome to Connor's new baby sister, Clara . Congratulations to Andy, Anna and the entire family.

House Keeping:

- Scholastic Book club due to office by Monday 15th of February.
- A reminder to always pop a hat in your child's bag. Thank you.
- Please send your child to preschool wearing a t-shirt (rather than singlet style top), or simply bring one in their bag to pop over during outside playtimes. Thanks.
- **Both rooms are resting at this time of year.** Please send a **fitted sheet set** (cot sheets sets, top and bottom, are the perfect).
- If your child's lunch box contains perishables, eg; yogurt, ham, etc please use the labeled baskets in our fridge for individual items. It is helpful only to put in this item, rather than the whole lunchbox. A marker is on the fridge for labeling purposes.
- **A last reminder, to please ensure all belongings, from lunch boxes and drink bottles, to shoes and sheets, are clearly labelled. Thank you.**

Staff News:

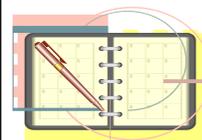


- A poster is on the door opposite our kitchen showing the Highland Grove staffing for 2016. Always feel free to ask if you have any queries about our staff or any other topic.
- Cass leaves for maternity leave on Friday 19th of February. As Sarah and Tanya are already the qualified educators on that day, our trainee Ashleigh will replace Cass on **Mondays**. Danielle (Diploma educator who is currently completing her Degree) will work **Tuesdays and Fridays** and Kim (who we are thrilled is returning to HGP), is working on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**.
- In the Starlight Room, Cathy is jetting off to see her much missed daughter who has been Nannying in Europe. She will be away from Monday 22nd of February until Tuesday 29th of March. The familiar faces of Sharyn, Tina and Vicki.S are replacing her.
- As most of our families are aware, Highland Grove has well beyond the required amount of staff on both rooms. Apart from these ratios, we also have Inclusion Support Workers. The staff filling these roles are Noeli and Mackenzie in the Moonbeam Room and Vicki.S on Mondays in the Starlight Room.
- Noeli is completing her Early Childhood Teaching degree and is a mum to five! She is part of the Moonbeam Team on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mackenzie is commencing his Bachelor of Primary Teaching this year and is working Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Again, please just ask if you have any questions about the team at HGP. It is our priority to provide high quality teaching and continuity of staff for you and your child.

FROM THE OFFICE

A reminder that Karen, Kylie and Michelle are always available for Eftpos payments or to sign the book for a cash payment.

Please remember that fees need to be paid in advance not in arrears.



February statements will shortly be emailed. If you are claiming CCB and/or CCR and it is not on your statement please catch up with Karen. Thank you.

Just a mention that email is a very useful form of communication with preschool. Please feel welcome to use this method for incidental messages. However for important or urgent messages, please ring us on our preschool telephone. Thank you.

'Sign on' Sheets

Please remember to sign your child in and out of the centre on our daily 'sign on' sheets. This is also a great place to check how your child went with their lunch and see if they had a sleep during Rest time. The teachers will also use the bottom of these sheets to write the name of the person collecting your child, if they vary from their usual 'pick up' person.

Children's Individual Portfolios

During each year the HGP educators compile an individual program for your child. This program is documented through each child's Portfolio. The Portfolios are kept on a shelf in our play-rooms for families to access at their leisure. It does take the educators a few months to get these up and running. We hope you enjoy them as they fill with observations, photos and treasures from your child's year at Highland Grove.

