

## News from the Starlight Room

Our Starlight Room has certainly been a very busy place! Both our Sarah F, Sarah K, Cass, Cathy, Tina, Emily and Noeli have all been amazed by how well all our littlies have settled into HGP.



Our 'Starlight' teachers are enjoying getting to know you and your child. Please continue to chat with us. It's lovely to learn what your child enjoys and what they've been up to in their time at home.

The Starlight Room educators use Group times, as well as small group opportunities during free play, to encourage friendships. Activities include learning each other's names by rolling the ball to a friend in a circle and singing the 'Bee Bee Bumble Bee, can you sing your name to me?' song, friendship story books and activities and discussions about

## News from the Moonbeam Room

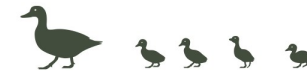
As the children settle into the Moonbeam Room, they have been renewing old friendships and making new ones.



Michelle, Sharyn, Melissa, Vicki M, Ella and Mackenzie (Vicki S is away on a special birthday holiday in Hawaii and will return next week), have noted how calm and productive the Moonbeam Room is already. The children are clearly settling confidently and happily into their new (for most) room.

Our home corner, particularly, has been a hive of activity as the children explore the variety of multicultural dress ups, scarves, beads and hats.

We have also been discussing 'Summertime in Australia', through books, songs and shared discussion opportunities. These experiences occur during both free play times and our planned Group Times.



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## Newsletter - February 2017

Welcome to our first Highland Grove Newsletter for 2017. 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 Macy's new baby sister, Joie. (Beautifully named by Macy). Congratulations to Ken, Sally 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 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 2017. Always feel free to ask if you have any queries about our staff or any other topic.
- 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 Vicki S and Mackenzie in the Moonbeam Room. Noeli works 5 hours in this position on Mondays and Tuesdays and Cathy on Wednesdays in the Starlight Room.
- Welcome back to our Cass who has been on 12 months maternity leave. It is so lovely to have her part of the Starlight Room team on a Thursday and Friday.
- 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.

## 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.

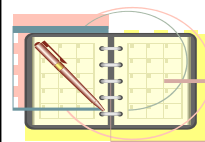


A reminder that our centre's licensed hours are 8.30am until 4.30pm, please be sure to collect your little one and exit by 4.30. Thank you.

## 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.



January/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 playrooms 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.

