

News from the Starlight Room



Wow! The Starlight Room is such a busy place. The children have

- Enjoyed 'hospitals' in our dramatic play area.
- Loved the dough area which has transformed into a full kitchen. The baking is amazing!
- Been involved in learning more about shapes through stories, songs and games using the big felt shape mats.
- Explored their feelings and emotions through discussions, games, stories, the mirror and feelings 'paddles'.
- Loved learning about the life-cycle of the tadpole/frog.

Pumpkin Patch- A warm welcome to baby Alexander, brother for Rebecca in the Starlight Room. Congratulations to Naomi and Andrew.



News from the Moonbeam Room



The Moonbeam children are enjoying such a varied curriculum. Some of our favourite learning opportunities are.....

- The changing seasons.... HGP is a fabulous place to be in Autumn and the children are able to experience hands on learning, including making 'posies' with the falling leaves, the change to cooler weather and the warm sun on their backs as they play.
- The chatterboxes' which are folded from paper and held in one hand. When they are used a number or colour is chosen. The 'receiver' then must do the physical action written under the fold. Fun!!
- The new literacy area, complete with stationery, name cards and clipboards. The children's surnames have also been added to the sign on sheets as some children are interested in this extension. Please remember that children will be supported to write at their own pace.



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Newsletter - June 2016- Welcome to our June Newsletter.

Thank you so much to all our families for your regular feedback and contribution to our centre and the programs running in each room. We value highly the relationships within Highland Grove and look forward to the remainder of 2016, and beyond, with enthusiasm.

What else has been going on at HGP?;

- **'GRANDPARENT'S -AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEAS'**
These were such a hit! Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. The children enjoyed having these visitors as part of our morning. We raised \$335.45 for The Cancer Council. Thank you!
- The **Active Play Zone is having it's soft fall replaced.** The back of our yard has been fenced off and the children have been very interested in the work being carried out.
- How exciting! Our **staff kitchen** is going in as we speak. This process has caused very little disruption to the Starlight Room and the team is very excited to have their space updated.
- A reminder that Monday the 13th of June is a **Public Holiday** and HGP is closed. There is no charge for that day.
- A reminder that we have an **"Absent" Diary** in the office. If you know your child will be away with 24 hours notice, you can place their name in the diary to see if someone from the same room would like to purchase that day of attendance.
- Our HGP educators have continued their commitment to **professional learning**. Michelle, Cathy and Sarah attended a curriculum conference in Sydney and the whole team has an in-house training here at HGP in early June.

S.I.D.S Red Nose Disco; Our annual S.I.D.S **“Red Nose Disco”**

is being held on **Wednesday 29th of June from 6.00 until 7.30pm.**

The evening is a fun time for families and educators (who donate their time on this evening) to “boogie the night away” and all the funds made are donated to this wonderful cause.

The cost is \$5.00 per child. (There is no charge for adults).



Red Nose products will also be available to purchase on the night. (Cash is the only form of payment available.) This really is a fantastic night; we will be providing cold drinks and a warm room on the night. See you here!!!!

Some House Keeping:

The Scholastics Book club is due back by Mon 15th of June.

The cooler weather is upon us. Our playground can be quite cold, so **please send along a warm jumper, socks and shoes** with your child each day. **The change to our Sun Protection Policy is - no need for sun hats in June and July** (in line with The Cancer Council recommendations). **The choice about a hat, beanie, or no hat is yours.**

If you have a younger child at home who is 3 by the end of March next year, please check in the office to ensure your little one has a **Waitlist Application Form for 2017**. Thank you.



Who is this new face at HGP?

Nadine Marshall is completing her Bachelor of Early Childhood Teaching. She has joined the team for the remainder of 2016 as an ISS worker in the Moonbeam Room on Mondays (9.30-2.30), Tuesdays, and Fridays (12.30-2.30). In this role, Nadine works as an extra pair of hands with all the ‘Moonbeamers’. Later in the year, it is anticipated that Nadine will complete her final practicum, an internship, at HGP in the Moonbeam Room.

Tuesday Children’s Show–



The Tuesday children’s show is ‘The Big Yellow Bus’. The ‘Big Yellow Bus’ is a fitness program that has been designed to improve children's gross motor skills as well as their overall health and wellbeing. The active play sessions teach children that physical activity and exercise is fun.

When: Tuesday 21st of June at about 10.00am.

Cost: \$10.00 per preschooler (included on your June statement).

Staffing Happenings.....

Our early childhood teacher, **Melissa**, who has been away on maternity leave will return to the Moonbeam Room in a part time role on Thursdays and Fridays from Thursday 14th of July. She has begun to work in a casual capacity to get to know the ‘Moonbeamers’. You have possibly seen her smiling face around our centre.

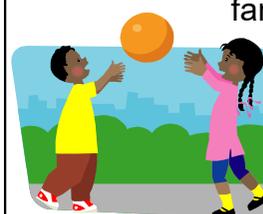
Michelle has been filling her E.C Teacher role in the centre, so will drop off the Friday from her days at this time and Cathy will work with Sharyn and Tina in the Starlight Room on Fridays.

Our lovely **Vicki M** has a daughter who is getting married in June. How exciting! Vicki will be away for a few days prior to the wedding and afterwards. The wedding is being held on Friday 10th of June.

Danielle (Moonbeam Room) is going on a wonderful holiday to Europe for 4 weeks in July. Regular staff will fill her Tuesday and Friday.

National Quality Standards

Highland Grove preschool is required, by the National Government, to have an on-going Quality Improvement Plan (Q.I.P). The Quality Improvement Plan addresses changes and developments the centre is undertaking for continual improvement. Currently HGP’s Improvement Plan includes items such as; the review of our communication with families, (Quality Area 6-Collaborative partnership with



Families and Communities) and increased and customized staff professional development (Area 7– Leadership and service management). The Q.I.P is available for families in the parent library and is updated about every 3 months.