



## News from the Starlight Room

- The change to our daily routine (including beginning our day indoors and splitting our morning group times into 2 smaller groups each with an E.C Teacher or educator) is being thoroughly enjoyed by the children.
- We have been exploring our natural world. Activities have included studying the lifecycle of a frog and a butterfly, planting with Tina and singing rhymes about Autumn leaves and snails.
- We have also been experimenting with a range of creative art experiences, including record played painting, wet chalk drawing and box construction.

A little reminder; We ask families to please not send their children to preschool in thongs. We would also encourage families to consider footwear with grip to assist children with climbing and general play. (This is especially relevant as we come to the cooler months and children's shoes will be put on during all outdoor play.) Thank you.



## News from the Moonbeam Room

- There will soon be a collection of local schools on our 'Rainbow Room' door. Please add your child's name when you know which school they will be attending in 2016.
- Danielle has been exploring bones and other parts of our bodies, including using a plastic skeleton for the children to build.
- We have begun to establish a 'Literacy Learning Centre' where the children can further explore their interest in letters, words, reading and writing. We will continue to build upon this over the coming weeks.
- Our new daily routine is working beautifully. The children are enjoying starting their day indoors. The change to 'pillow time' is also a hit.



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## Newsletter - May 2016

**'Happy Mother's Day' to all our lovely mums.**

### What is happening at HGP?

- **New kitchen-staff room**— We are adding a galley kitchen to our Staff Area (off the Starlight Room). We hope the small amount of building work will not be too disruptive and will keep you updated.
- **Refresh sandpit**— We have had on-going trouble with our sandpit cover and are currently having it altered. The sand will be replaced with lovely new sand shortly and the sandpit will again be operational.
- **Melissa will begin some casual days**— During the months of May and June, Melissa our delightful university trained teacher, will work some casual days as she slowly returns from maternity leave. Her daughter, is now six months old.
- **Updating photos on website**— We have begun to take some photos of the children at play at HGP with plans to update the photos on our website. Mackenzie's photographic skills are being utilized, as he completed a Diploma in Photography in 2015.

**See the remainder of our newsletter for events happening this month.**

### Staffing Update:

Sharyn is now filling the Inclusion Support Role (ISS) on Mondays in the Starlight Room and Vicki.S is part of the Moonbeam team on that day. (The ISS roles are in place as a result of children with additional needs being part of our preschool community. These educators work alongside our permanent staff to support all children to be included and to facilitate each child's learning.) Karen will shortly return from her holiday and can answer any fee questions.

### Wednesday Children's Show;

On Wednesday 25th of May the Wednesday children will participate in their incursion experience. '*Jungle Jammin'*' is visiting HGP with an energetic and engaging drumming show and a drum for every child. The event will begin at 10.30am and the cost of \$10.00 will be included on the Wednesday families May accounts.



### SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME—Wednesday 25th of May

**National Simultaneous Story Time** is an annual event that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 16th successful year it is a fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. By facilitating National Simultaneous Story Time, HGP aim's to;

- promote the value of reading and literacy.
- promote the value and fun of books.
- promote an Australian writer and publisher.

Our teachers will read "I got this Hat", (written by Jol & Kate Temple and illustrated by Jon Foye) on Wednesday afternoon and we look forward to participating , once again, in this special national event.

### Change of Daily Routine and Cooler Weather ...

On Tuesday 26th of April (end of school holidays) we changed our daily routine and started our day indoors. Our outside play is from 11.00am for approximately an hour, and again in the afternoon. Our playground can be quite cool, **so please send along a warm jumper, socks and shoes** with your child each day. Please also continue to send your child's **sun hat** at the moment. Thank you.



### Entertainment Books

are available to purchase through HGP. The These fantastic discount opportunities are now available via a book or digital membership which is attached to your smart phone. The cost is still \$60.00 and they are filled with wonderful discounts for restaurants, movies, accommodation and amusement parks.

This membership would make a great Mother's Day gift. The membership lasts for the whole financial year and can be used starting now! See the office to collect your book and have the cost included on your monthly account, or collect from Karen the details for the digital membership .

### Australia's Biggest Morning Teas for H.G.P Grandparents

are being held here at Highland Grove on Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th of May from 10.30am until 12 noon.

*If your child attends preschool on another day, please choose one of the designated morning tea days to attend between 10.30 and 12noon.*

Let us know who's coming along and when, by noting your R.S.V.P on the lists next to the sign on sheets.

Our teachers will be helping the children to celebrate their Grandparents who are unable to attend. (Please see the flyer about this event which is coming out next week ).



The morning will include a cool drink (sorry no hot drinks available for safety reasons) and something yummy to eat. The children will be showing everyone their Morning 'Group time' and then going outside for our morning play. In the case of rain, the morning will go ahead, however it may be cut a little short. We look forward to an enjoyable week.

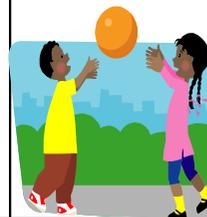
### Quality Area 2; HEALTH & SAFETY

We are currently reviewing the Quality Area which looks to ensure that each child's health and well being is safeguarded and promoted. As you can imagine this Quality Area is important and extensive.

**2.1; Each Child's health is promoted.** (Looks at rest, relaxation and sleep, effective hygiene practices and managing illnesses and injuries).

**2.2; Healthy Eating and Physical activity are embedded into the program for children.** (This standard looks at promoting healthy food and drinks, as well as physical activity).

**2.3; Each Child Is Protected.** (Looks at supervision practices, managing risks, incidents and emergencies, as well as responding to children at risk of harm).



Over the next few weeks we will send home some relevant policies for you to help us with our review process (Just return with comments in the fees box). Thank you