

## 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 ) is being thoroughly enjoyed by the children.



At this special time of day, the educators have been supporting the children's recent interest in nature. This has included growing plants from seed and nature activities being included in the visual arts program.

We are also discussing healthy eating and are admiring all the healthy lunchboxes coming in from home. We have lots of books to enjoy on this subject, such as "The Magic Lunch box".

During indoor free play time, the box construction has been a 'hive' of activity! The children have been using their imaginations and skills to make many creations, including robots, cars and boats.

## News from the Moonbeam Room

Our new daily routine is working beautifully. The children are enjoying starting their day indoors.



Through our teacher-led Group Times and visual art experiences, we have been embracing the change of season and are welcoming Autumn. Autumn at HGP is beautiful, as our deciduous trees change colour and become a sea of orange, yellow, brown and purple. This time of year provides us with a wonderful opportunity to further develop our conversational language skills and vocabulary (a strong indicator of success at school) by exploring words such as warm, cool, breeze, crunch, crackle and deciduous.

Recently we have included a 'Shop' in our dramatic play area. The children were sooo excited! What a wonderful opportunity to extend our maths skills, as well as developing further skills in sharing, turn taking and working co-operatively.



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### Newsletter - May 2017

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

#### What is happening at HGP?

- Many of the HGP educators have recently been attending In-service training, and we have plans to participate in two more conferences this 'term'. The HGP staff are committed to reflection and development, one excellent way to go about this is through high quality professional development.

*("Educators continually seek ways to build their professional knowledge."  
taken from The Early Years learning Framework)*

- On Monday 24th 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.
- Just a little reminder to please be aware of people waiting for a car space in our car park. Thank you.

#### **Monday Children's Show;**

On Monday 22nd of May the Monday children will participate in their incursion experience. 'Taronga Park Zoomble' is visiting HGP with a collection of animals. The children will learn about a wide variety of reptiles, marsupials etc and be able to touch these little creatures. The event will begin at 11.00am and the children will be spoken to by the zoo staff in groups in their own rooms. We look forward to a delightful morning. The cost of \$10.00 will be included on the Monday families May accounts.



### SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME—Wednesday 24th 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 17th 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, preschools, childcare centres, family homes 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 "The Cow Tripped Over The Moon", (written by Tony Wilson and illustrated by Laura Wood) on Wednesday afternoon, and we look forward to participating , once again, in this special event.

### Kylie's Comments.....

*Recently I have been showing many families through our centre. This has provided me with a lovely opportunity to observe your children happy, busy and productive in their play. In both rooms, and our playground, I can see educators working alongside small groups of children, intentionally extending and supporting the interactions and learning. I can hear language being shared and the development of social skills being facilitated. It's such a thrill to see these sustained, shared learning opportunities in practice. Thank you for the opportunity.*



### Entertainment Books

These are available to purchase through HGP. They provide fantastic discount opportunities and are now available via a book or digital membership which is attached to your smart phone. The cost is still \$65.00 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 online link for the digital membership.

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

are being held here at Highland Grove on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th 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