

News from the Starlight Room



- ◆ We have been exploring reality and fantasy through fairy tales and nursery rhymes. We have been learning more about our imaginations and what is real and pretend.
- ◆ Movement and dance songs, such as 'Silly Sausage dance', 'Wombat Wobble' and 'Freeze' are all hits!
- ◆ We have been investigating musical instruments from around the world and exploring musical concepts, such as beat, tempo, pitch and the dynamics of music.
- ◆ Ella (who works on Mondays and Tuesdays as an additional educator) is on a lovely overseas holiday. Our casual educators, Hayley and Pip, have been replacing her.
- ◆ Cass will be away for 2 weeks holiday early in August and will be replaced by our regular casual educators.

News from the Moonbeam Room



- ◆ Some of the children have begun their visits to their 'Head Start' Big School programs. It's lovely to hear all about these visits and to support each child with their transition to school.
- ◆ Our dramatic play area has been transformed to a florist! We have many varieties of flowers, colours, shapes and sizes. The children have been creating arrangements and making their own signs for the shop, as well as exploring money. It's a very busy place!
- ◆ Our bongo drums in the room have been very popular. Other types of drums have now been included in the leaning area and our staff have utilized resources from the Multicultural Resource Van. This mobile van visits our centre and has an extensive collection of dress ups, dolls, artifacts and musical instruments.



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- * **HATS! HATS! HATS** It is now August and children must again wear a broad brimmed hat during outdoor playtimes.
- * **Re-enrolment:** Thank you everyone for your 2019 re-enrolment slips. As the year progresses we can confirm your days. (If you haven't sent yours in yet, there are spare forms in the foyer).

It is usual for most families to be able to secure their required days. The re-enrolment fee is of \$33 will be added to the November accounts. Once the re-enrolment process is completed, we then enrol new children, including siblings.
- ◆ Our **School Transition Evening** is being held at HGP on Thursday 2nd August from 6.00 until 7.30pm. We would love to see you here. Please indicate on the sheet next to the Moonbeam Room 'sign ons' if you think you are able to come along.
- * Our **playground renovation** is due to begin this month. It is our intention to utilize the adjoining Recreation Park for play whilst our yard is under construction. A **permission note and Excursion Policy** has come home with this newsletter. Please return the permission note to the office as soon as possible. Please see Kylie or Michelle with any queries.
- * **HGP's Professional Photos** will be taken each day of the week from Mon. 17th of September. Please place these dates in your diary. More information about the organization of our 'Photo Week' will follow .



Picture Plates;

We are doing our Annual Picture Plates for those who would like to participate this year. The children draw on the plates and they are sent away to be manufactured. The plates are then returned to us in time for Christmas. Simply indicate on the lists which will soon be next to the 'sign on' sheets if you would like your child to do a plate and they will be completed at preschool between Monday the 13th August and Tuesday 11th September. The cost of \$27.50 per plate will be included on your account.



Staffing News;

- ◆ **Our Moonbeam Room teacher, Sarah, has had to finish her work at HGP a little bit earlier than planned,** due to advice from her doctor. She is fine, however needed to put her feet up more. Sarah feels sorry that she missed saying 'goodbye' to everyone, however will let us know when her bundle of joy arrives later this month.
- ◆ **Tarn** has begun Mondays in the role of replacing Sarah. **Our Cathy and Vicki S** are covering Tuesdays and Wednesdays, prior to Kim beginning on Tuesday 28th August.
- ◆ Just to let you know, **Mackenzie, Pip and Hayley,** our casual staff members, are completing their teaching degrees at university.
- ◆ **Karen** is taking her Long Service Leave for a very special holiday. She is away most of August and returns mid September. Please continue to pay fees as arranged. Thank you

At the end of the year.....

- Highland Grove's **final day of preschool** for this year is Friday 21st of December. Our first day back in 2019 is Monday 21st of January.
- There has been a change to **Highland Grove's Fee Policy**, with the addition of a requirement at the end of our preschool year. We are now no longer able to accept notifications of a termination of your enrolment position in the month of December. Fees will be charged until the preschool close at the year's end if notification is given in that month. Thank you.

PUMPKIN PATCH

Welcome to new baby Brody, little brother for Savannah (Moonbeam Room) and Isabella (Starlight Room). Congratulations Nikki and Mark.



Congratulations also to Tenika, Jerome, Willow and Cruz (Moonbeam Room) on the arrival of baby boy, Lennox. How lovely for the whole family.

Policy Review :

Regular review of policies is on-going. We are currently reviewing several of our health and safety policies, including our Child Protection and Health and Hygiene Policy. (Our revised Excursion Policy is attached to this Newsletter.) We would appreciate any feedback from families. The policies can be scribbled on and returned to the centre, or feedback can be given in the form of an emailed response or chat with a member of the team.

