

News from the Starlight Room

This is the week we begin a change to our daily program. As well as beginning the day indoors, we are also involving the children in 'split' Group Times during the morning. The children will participate in these small groups with our Diploma trained educators (Sarah, Sharyn and Cass). These experiences provide opportunities to extend language development, explore topics of interest and investigate concepts such as literacy and numeracy.

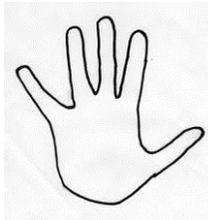


The Starlighters have been exploring 'Space', such as viewing rocket launches, creating with box construction and story books.

We have also been experimenting with a variety of sensory experiences, including 'goop', 'cloud dough' and pizza dough.

News from the Moonbeam Room

Our Moonbeam Room teachers are now using the 'SAFE' book series, including 'Fiona finds five heroes', to empower the children to feel safe and comfortable to talk to five adults about anything they need. Included in the program is tracing around their hand, labelling and decorating each finger as a person they would come to if they were feeling sad, worried or frightened.



Gardening has also been significant in our program lately. We have been planting seeds and seedlings, and will soon be planting bulbs.

We are thrilled with the change to our afternoon program for the Moonbeamers. The children move into a 'split' Group Time after lunch, which included music & movement (and lately yoga). Afterwards the children play in small groups (supported by our 5 educators) and participate in a variety of activities with peers. The teachers have observed sustained, shared play and a building of calm concentration.



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

What is happening at HGP?

- On Monday 30th of April (end of school holidays) we changed our daily routine and started our day indoors. Our outside play is from 11.00 until 12.30pm, and we play outdoors 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.
- Sarah (Our 'Moonbeam' early childhood teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays) will return on Tuesday 1st May and we look forward to welcoming her back.
- Just a little reminder to please be aware of people waiting for a car space in our car park. Thank you.
- If you have a younger child and are interested in them attending HGP, please see the office for a Waitlist Form.

Monday Children's Show

On Monday 21st of May the Monday children will participate in their incursion experience. Matthew Doyle will visit HGP to present the 'Wuruniri Cultural Program'. This performance intertwines dreamtime stories, aboriginal music and personal stories in an interactive program for young children.

The show will begin at 10.30am and we look forward to Matthew's visit as he is a very experienced and highly regarded performer. The cost of \$12.00 will be billed to the Monday families May accounts after the show.



SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME—Wednesday 23rd 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 18th successful year, it is a fun event that promotes the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes and 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 and many other places around the country. By facilitating National Simultaneous Story Time, HGP aims 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 "Hickory Dickory Dash", (written by Tony Wilson and illustrated by Laura Wood) on Wednesday afternoon, and we look forward to

Staffing News:

Our Tina (Starlight Room on Mon., Tue. and Wed.) has a bit going on this month. Tina is going on a two week overseas holiday from Monday 21st May. Tina then returns to work for one week. She is then required to have a shoulder operation. Tina will be away from HGP for several months. We will enjoy her while she's here, wish her a great holiday and a speedy recovery from her operation.

Office

Our new software program will be issuing statements this week which will include details of payments received in April.

Fees will now be billed in advanced for 2 weeks in May are there are many changes occurring with the new CCMS system being introduced in July.

All parents will need to update their information with the government for the new CCMS system during the month of May. Please see the office if you require assistance.

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

are being held here at Highland Grove on Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th 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 watching the children involved in their Morning 'Group time', transitioning to outdoors where the children will have their own Morning Tea and we will provide our visitors with a cool drink (sorry no hot drinks available for safety reasons) and something yummy to eat. 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.

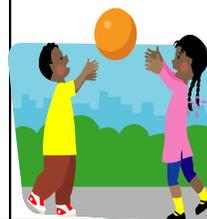
Quality Area 2; HEALTH & SAFETY

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