

News from the Starlight Room



- Our dramatic play corner has been evolving over the past few weeks. The 'Starlighters' have been building upon their social skills, including sharing and co-operating, and experimenting with various roles and identities. Children have also been exploring mathematical concepts, such as counting (the money and the 'goods') and weighing the fruit and vegies.
- The Starlight children have loved the 'Henny Penny' Hatching' experience. It has been delightful to see the children's enthusiasm for visiting the chickens each day, to see how many have hatched and how much they have grown. The Starlight educators have been delighted to observe how carefully and gently the children have held the chickens when they have been visiting them in small groups of peers and a teacher.

News from the Moonbeam Room



- School orientations have begun. It is a delight to hear about these visits and Michelle has enjoyed visiting some children at their schools. Thank you to the parents who are helping with taking photos for our 'Transition to School Booklet'.
- Our 'News' Times are about to be underway. The Moonbeamers will practice their expressive and receptive language skills during these times, including asking questions and listening carefully to a response.
- Our 'Gross Motor' Group times, focusing on Fundamental Movement Skills each afternoon, are progressing beautifully. The teachers facilitating these small groups have been pleased at how enthusiastic the children are about these activities.
- We are focusing on fine motor strength, control and coordination. Through visual art and small group experiences, educators are providing writing, threading, manipulating and drawing resources to strengthen this area of development.



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Newsletter - November 2017

Welcome to our November Newsletter. There is plenty going on at Highland Grove this month and we will also be letting you know all about our Christmas events planned for December.

Orientating 'Starlighters' to 'Moonbeamers'.

During late November the Starlight children will begin practicing the Christmas concert. This occurs with all the children together in the Moonbeam Room. It is a wonderful opportunity for these friends to become familiar with their room for 2018.

Pumpkin Patch

Welcome to new baby Theo, little brother for Lily (Moonbeam Room) and Isabelle.
Congratulations Allison and Robert.



School Transition Statement.

Michelle, Melissa and Sharyn are completing a School Transition Statement for each child who is going to school in 2018. The Federal Government have asked early childhood settings to complete this important document to support each child's transition to school.

HGP feels that the sharing of this information between the preschool, the home and the child's school is a valuable asset for your little person's next big step.

We will be emailing these Statements to our Moonbeam Families and ask parents or caregivers to please complete the parent section of this statement and return to the HGP office . Thank you.

Kylie's Comments.....

We feel so fortunate to be involved in each of our HGP families lives and enjoy our chats with parents and caregivers regarding children's wellbeing.



There are some excellent resources available to utilize in our role of raising and guiding young children, and we thought we'd share a few with our families.....

www.kidsmatter.edu.au has an expanse of information regarding children's social and emotional development and wellbeing, including information for families about children transitioning to school.

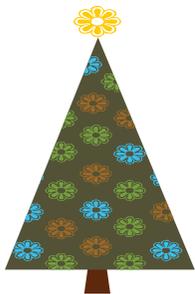
Maggie Dent's website, www.maggiedent.com contains easy to read information about raising children of all ages.

raisingchildren.net.au is a network of experts providing information to help parents with the day to day decisions of raising children.

Preschool Christmas Events:

Just a quick note about what a special time Christmas is at HGP. Our Christmas concerts will occur four days of the week this year. The dates are each day from Monday 11th until Thursday 14th of December. We ask families whose child only attends Fridays to come to a concert on another day.

The concerts begin at 2.00pm and we combine our two rooms for an afternoon concert, inviting all our families to attend on the one day which best suits them.



Party lunches for the children are held at preschool each day from Monday 18th until Friday 22nd of December. (A small charge for food is included on the December accounts). There will be more information about these events in the December Newsletter. Please mark the dates in your calendar!



What are HGP's short and long term goals?

Short:

- Completion of the School Transition Statements.
- Completing the review of Quality Area 1; Educational Program and Practice.
- Research changing to a predominately email communication system with families

(rather than paper).

- Successful appointment of Cert 3 Trainee for 2018.
- Increased opportunities for Moonbeam room children to work in small groups.

A little Longer:

- Changes to our play ground with plans to add further learning areas, gardens and trees.

The 'Big Yellow Bus' visited HGP on Friday the 27th of October for the Friday children's incursion. We had a fabulous time!

This experience is a wonderful way for your children to develop their co-ordination, strength and fundamental movement skills, as well as enthusiasm for exercise.



Enrolment Information:

- ◇ We are providing each re-enrolling child with a **2018 Enrolment Form** (this is a legal requirement). Please return these to our office by the end of November. Thank you.
- ◇ On Thursday 16th of November we are holding our **Parent Information Evening for 2018.** If you have not attended one of these evenings you are very welcome to join us. The evening runs from 7.15 to 8.30pm. Please let us know at the office.