

## News from the Starlight Room



The children have enjoyed cooking experiences where they have discovered new language and maths concepts.

Music and music experiences have had us furthering our body strength and concentration skills. We continue to learn about musical instruments.

The chickens have been a delightful experience for the children and have prompted lots of discussions about both eggs and farm animals.

The children have been exploring puzzles and maths concepts through individual and small group experiences.

## News from the Moonbeam Room



The Moonbeamers are exploring role play and the dramatic arts (music, dancing, dress ups etc). We have set up a dress up area to follow this interest and are planning more experiences as part of group times and free play sessions .

A new interest in 'The underwater world' has begun. We are looking forward to investigating sealife.

Rio Olympic 2016 brought lots of excitement to the Moonbeam Room. The children were given the opportunity to experience many sports and athletic events. Discussions also centred around cultures, flags and different countries, bringing about a wonderful increase in concepts such as diversity and inclusion.

One of our preschool dads even visited with his 2004 Athens uniform and his Commonwealth Games medals. Thank you Jaime!



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## Newsletter - September 2016

Hello Everyone!! Welcome to our September Newsletter!

Just a reminder that, as per our Sun Protection Policy and advice from The Cancer Council, **broad brimmed hats now need to be worn outdoors at all times.**



***A reminder to our families to please let us know if your child will be away in the school holidays. Thank you.***

**Wishing 'Happy Father's Day' to all our Dads and Grandpas!!**

Hope you all have a lovely day.

*A new café has been established on the Lizottes site called 'Seaside Cafe' and HGP has buy one, get one free vouchers available in the foyer and by the sign on sheets if you're interested.*

## HGP Photo Week;

**Photo Week is from Monday 12th until Friday 16th of September.**

The New Photographers for 2016 are called 'Sandpit Photos' and the photographers name is Jess.

Each child will have individual photos taken, as well as be in a Group photo each day. (You will receive the group photo from the day their portrait is taken, unless otherwise arranged).



### Noeli's Adventure:

As part of Noeli's study to complete her Bachelor of Education (0-12 years), she is travelling to Italy in late September with the university and will be away from HGP for 3 weeks.

Noeli (who works in an ISS role on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Moonbeam Room) will travel to an Italian town called Reggio Emilia. This town is world famous for its approach to early childhood education, and much of the best practice we use today in our Australian settings is influenced by the 'Reggio' way.

Noeli is so excited about her trip and we look forward to her returning and sharing her new found knowledge with us.



Families can access some informative short video clips on the ACECQUA website, go to <http://acecqa.gov.au/families/nqf-video-resources>. These provide information regarding the National Quality Framework.

### Highland Grove requires a trainee for 2017.

If you know a person who might be interested in acquiring a Cert 3 qualification in Children's Care and Education, HGP has a 12 month traineeship available in 2017.

The position is full time for 1 year, with time allocated for TAFE work whilst on the job and visits from a TAFE supervisor for support.

The successful applicant will not have completed a previous qualification and will display qualities suitable to be a part of the HGP team, such as enthusiasm, warmth and a strong work ethic . They may have finished their HSC or be a mature age candidate.

Please contact our office for further information.

### TEDDY BEAR PICNICS



To welcome Spring, we are holding Teddy Bear Picnics each day of the week from Monday 19th until Friday 23rd of September.

These outdoor picnic lunches will be held at preschool during the children's usual lunch time (weather permitting).

Can families please send along a special teddy bear with your child for each day they attend that week. (We have spares if anyone forgets on the day).

Of course we will celebrate with teddy bear stories, games, art and crafts, as well as that famous song!

### Nutrition Policy

This month we are sending home our Nutrition Policy for review. At Highland Grove we talk about different types of food as 'everyday' and 'sometimes' foods to assist children to make healthy food choices.

We have noticed that packets of chips, sugary treats and salty snacks are making their way into some lunch boxes.

As it is sometimes difficult to work out the ingredients in certain foods, we have also supplied a flyer about making healthy food choices that also includes lunch box ideas.

