

## News from the Starlight Room



Through a joy of storytelling, we have explored the Gingerbread Man story and making gingerbread men. Thank you to our families for the lovely feedback regarding the children's enjoyment of baking and eating the gingerbread.

We have been exploring concepts of literacy as we transition between activities. The Starlighters are practicing rhyming words, the song "Wibbly Wobbly Woo" is very popular. We are also using the children's name cards to develop name recognition.

Many of us have loved learning about volcanoes. We have been participating in science experiments, visual art experiences and factual books and videos about the topic. We have enjoyed listening to the children share their prior knowledge, and build upon this knowledge with new information.

## News from the Moonbeam Room



The Moonbeamers have been working on developing skills in drawing from observation, and their abilities are increasing at an amazing rate. These activities provide children with stepping stones for early literacy.

Our gross motor skills are continuing to develop. We have been delighted to provide the children with opportunities to participate in target practice activities with bean bags and tunnel ball. These activities occur during our small group times.

Thank you to all our families who contributed to our 'Maths Share Sheet'. We will be compiling this information and providing it to our families via the pockets. During our preschool day we continue to explore numeracy, both during Group times and spontaneous activities. We are learning about one to one correspondence, size, space and height.



HIGHLAND GROVE

PRESCHOOL • EST. 1988

## Newsletter - September 2017

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.** Please send your child to preschool with a hat each day.



***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.

## HGP Photo Week;

**Photo Week is from Mon. 11th until Fri. 15th of September.**

The Photographers for 2017 are called 'Sandpit Photos' and the photographers name is Jess. Jess provided excellent results last year and we are looking forward to her capturing your little ones beautifully.

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).



This year's photos will be able to be viewed online. Please see the information sheet in your child's pocket.

## What else has been going on at HGP?

- \* The Wednesday children's visiting show is called '**Bollykids**', **presented by Shyamla**. The show will visit HGP on Wednesday 20th of September at 10.30am. The cost of \$10.00 will be included on the Wednesday family's September accounts.
- \* The **Christmas Catalogues** are available next to the sign on sheets and in the foyer. Orders are due back into preschool by the Friday 27th of October. Happy Shopping!
- The Moonbeam Room has a TAFE student, Soomin, who is completing her Diploma in Children's Education and Care. Soomin will be working with us part time for 4 weeks, her days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



## Highland Grove requires a trainee for 2018.

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 2018.

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 ask them to contact Kylie via email or phone. Thank you.

## TEDDY BEAR PICNICS



To welcome Spring, we are holding Teddy Bear Picnics each day of the week from Monday 18th until Friday 22nd 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.



*Highland Grove Preschool is hosting a*

## **'School Transition Evening'**

*on Monday 9th of October from 6.30 until 7.30pm.*

Laura Mackenzie will be our guest speaker. Laura is from the Department of Education, working in the position of Central Coast Transition to School Projects Coordinator. Laura will speak to families about supporting their child as they make the transmission to school. Further information about this evening will be provided.