



*"learning through play"*

# Greenhills Gazette

April 2016

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## Reminders...

- Ensure that you sign your child in and out as this is a legal requirement.
- All items need to be labelled with your child's name. You can take advantage of our fundraising labels through 'Stuck on you'.
- Please bring your diary and sign up for parent helper when you can.
- Please make sure you pack a warm jacket, beanie, gloves and gum boots (if necessary) and a spare pair of clothes.
- Remember to check your child's pocket for kinder, social and fundraising information.
- We ask parents when packing your child's lunchbox, that nuts are not included. We have serious allergies that exist at kinder and would like to avoid any risk.
- If you haven't already brought in some tissues, sponges or A4/A3 paper we would much appreciate you doing so this term.

## President's Report

Welcome back Friends.

What a return we all had. The outdoor space has transformed our kinder into a safe, exciting and adventurous new space. The kids can't get enough of it! I'm so please with the outcome. This project has been a long time coming. Many, many hours have been put in behind the scenes over the last few years, gathering ideas from teachers, kids and parents to make this amazing space the reality it is today. We are putting together "the story" so stay tuned. Having said that, we aren't finished yet. We are busily working on completing our outdoor space dream – check the notice board for the plans.

As you are all aware, our assistant Stephanie has left Greenhills to relocate to sunny QLD. We had a goodbye send off on Thursday for the last 30min of the session, where parents were invited to wish her well and present her with the notebook filled with messages from all the families. We wish you all the best Stephanie, for your next chapter in life. Safe Travels xoxo.

Committee is still in transition with ECMS. As expected, there have been a few hiccups, but we are soldering on and are hopeful this will be completed soon.

Enjoy term 2!

*Magdalene Willey*

## GREENHILLS PRESCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

5.00pm – 7.30pm

Come in your pyjamas and enjoy 3 short films, a BBQ and more.

Entry is \$20 per family.

Please fill out the form and deposit the money in the fundraising box at kinder.

If you can lend a hand setting up after the final session on Friday, please email [greenhills.kinder@gmail.com](mailto:greenhills.kinder@gmail.com)

## **Educator's Report**

### **Child-Led/Emergent Program – What Does that Mean and What Does it Look Like?**

Our program responds to, builds upon, and grows the ideas of children individually and in groups. This doesn't mean that educators aren't introducing or intentionally teaching parts of the curriculum, but that when they do the children are involved, decide whether they want to join in, and its path is shaped by the collective (both children and educators). Children are provided with many choices so that the groups' range of interests and skills can be supported and extended.

Stay tuned to find out what ideas your children discuss and execute for their very important females. Make sure you save the date:

#### **Growling Grass Frog:**

Thursday 5th May 12.30 – 1.30pm (last hour of kinder session)

Friday 6th May 3.30 – 4.30pm (last hour of kinder session)

#### **Swift Parrot:**

Friday 6th May 10am – 11am (last hour of kinder session)

*\*Please note due to the 4 yr old rotational program Mum's who have children attending on both days can attend either the Thursday or Friday or one of your children's other important women may wish to come along.*

### **Birthdays at Kinder**



Birthdays are a very special and exciting time for children. We celebrate birthdays at Greenhills by asking children to decorate the birthday table, singing Happy Birthday and blowing out the birthday candle. We ask that you do not hand out any gifts or treats at kinder.

***Celebrating Matilda's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday***

### *The Community Librarians Visit Kinder*

In March last term Marlies and Doris, two of the Librarian's from Diamond Valley Library came to visit the children of both groups (over 3 days) and read them a number of stories. Lachlan the Reading Dog was able to come to one Growling Grass Frog sessions and the Swift Parrots were lucky enough to have Bella the Bunny come with Marlies. Marlies has become a regular visitor to kinder and it was lovely to meet Bella and Doris this time as well. This is one of our special community connections and we will continue to foster this in the future. We love books as do the children, and the promotion of reading and the love of books is very dear to all of us at kinder.



*Marlies with Bella Bunny – Swift Parrot group*



*Doris – Growling Grass Frog*



*Marlies with the Lachlan the Reading dog – Growling Grass Frogs*

### *Share with us*

If you or any other family members have a skill or passion that you could share with our kinder friends, please speak to Educators about your idea. Some ideas include: sewing, knitting, building, drawing, sport, cooking, painting, reading stories in English and other languages... The list is endless.

### *Sensory Garden*

The herbs that we planted with family members earlier in the year at our Welcome Picnic have blossomed. Please help yourself by collecting some herbs at the beginning or end of kinder. You may need some basil for a pasta dish for dinner, or some rosemary for a roast on the weekend!



## Engaging with Our New Outdoor Environment



*Ryan our landscape designer and Hayden plant a native shrub together*

It has been wonderful to observe the reaction and hear the positive comments about our new outdoor space.

We have been involved in many discussions with the children about taking care and respecting our wonderful new space.

With over 500 new plants/trees at kinder our new mantra for caring for this space is **WATER, SUN & LOVE**

The children are quickly learning how to navigate around the terrain and we are seeing lots of fantastic and interesting play occurring throughout the environment

If you have some time to spare at the beginning or end of the kinder session, please help us water the plants to ensure they establish and grow!!



*Jaimal waters the plants*



*Xavier and Harry explore the digging pit*





*We sing songs in the new amphitheatre*



*Hayley makes a sign to help us remember to step over the plants*



*Lachlan and Chris sit and have a drink and a chat*



*Scarlett & Jasmine test out the climbing board*



## Yandell Reserve

The Swift Parrots had their first venture out into the reserve last week with 5 parents along for the walk. We explored the path that runs behind our kinder all the way to the scout hall. We encountered lots of moss, holes, mushrooms and the chickens next door.



*Reserve visit – Growling Grass Frogs*



*Reserve visit – Swift Parrots*

The Growling Grass Frogs in the Monday group went into the reserve as well, but went down to the large open space. Our experienced reserve visitors from last year explained the rules to the new kinder children and then off we went. There was hide and seek, balancing on large fallen tree trunks, running and exploring. We will be continuing to offer this to all our children and would love to have family members come along whenever they can.

## Goodbye to Stephanie and Xavier

We celebrated Stephanie and Xavier's farewell on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Thank-you to all the families who came along to say goodbye....

A note from Stephanie:

*To all my dear kinder friends and families*

*What wonderful adventures we have had together! I treasure you all. Keep on playing!*

*May all your dreams continue to grow and blossom, just as our new garden does.*

*Love Stephanie*



Thank you to the families who have brought in tissues, sponges and A4/A3 paper. These are items that we use a lot at kinder and we appreciate your generosity.

*Jo, Emily, Karen, Tracey, Stephanie & Joanne*

## *Greenhills Fundraising*

Last term was a short one and in the last newsletter we were looking for people to join the team. We now have a full Fundraising team. Amanda Furber, Meg Whitaker, Jacqui Armstrong and Rachel Cusack.

We had an Easter raffle in first term, of which all of the items were donated by our local MP. We had 4 winners and thank you to all of those who bought tickets as we made a profit!

This term the Fundraising team are excited to bring you a few events to mark down in your diary:

### *Friday the 29th April - Our 2nd Annual Movie Night!*

With 3 short films Room on the Broom, The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child. It is a great night and we already have 50 people coming. Remember to dress in your P.J.s and BYO sleeping bags, pillows or rug! We will see you there for a sausage sizzle, popcorn, face painting and the movies!

### *Friday 6th May between the 3 and 4 yr old sessions – Flower Stall for Mother's Day*

We are hoping to set up a Flower Stall for Mother's Day between the 3 and 4 Year old groups and sell flowers that some of the children have bunched themselves. So keep an eye out for that one!

### *Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> – Family Portraits at Kinder*

If you would like a professional photo taken of your family using our brand new outdoor area as back-drop then sign up for our Aver & Line photo shoot. You must book by 12th May and all of the \$15 will go to Greenhills Pre School.

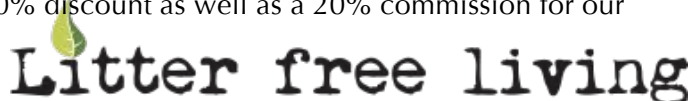
Further down the track we have a Shopping night at **Mojo on Main** in Eltham which is confirmed for the end of July and also a Trivia Night, soon to be confirmed, in August.

We also still have our ongoing fundraiser with Stuck on You.

Remember to visit [www.stuckonyou.biz](http://www.stuckonyou.biz) to order from a fantastic range of kids labels and gifts simply enter the code "GREENHILLSPRESCHOOL" for us to get up to a 20% commission.

The logo for 'stuckonyou' is written in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font. A small registered trademark symbol (®) is located at the top right of the word 'you'.

The Litter Free Living ([www.litterfreeliving.com.au](http://www.litterfreeliving.com.au)) deal is still available. They have an amazing selection of lunch boxes, food wraps, reusable sandwich bags and reusable fridge bags. Check out their website and when you order, enter the code "GREENHILLS" to receive a 10% discount as well as a 20% commission for our preschool fundraising!

The logo for 'Litter free living' features the words 'Litter free living' in a black, serif font. A small green leaf icon is positioned above the letter 'i' in the word 'free'.

Our Facebook page is "Fundraising for Greenhills Pre-School" please take the time to "LIKE" us so you can be up to date with our fundraising events.

Regards,

*The Fundraising Team*

## Friends of Greenhills Pre-School

### Trades and Services Directory

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*Has Buying, Selling or Leasing Real Estate crossed your mind, but you're not sure where to start?*

If I can assist with any questions you may have or point you in the right direction, then please don't hesitate to give me a call. I would love to hear from you.

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*conducting*



## *Free Hearing & Sight Tests*

*on*

*Saturday 30th April 2016*

*at*

*The Kalparrin Early Childhood Centre  
1 Kalparrin Avenue, Greensborough*

*Tests are for children aged 3.5 to 5.5 years*

*Bookings essential*

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