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Greenhills Gazette

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Reminders...

Kinder Celebration Raffle

Reminder for our final fundraising raffle of the year. Tickets still available at the sign in book. Raffle will be drawn at the kinder celebration on Dec 21st

Thank you to everyone who has donated this year in many different ways to help with fundraising for our kids kinder.

President's Report

Only 2 weeks to go until the end of term, wow how fast has the year gone! If you are able to help in any way, there is a list at the front door and the teachers would be grateful if you could help with the clean-up.

On a sad note, I would like to say a heartfelt goodbye to Tracy. She has been with Greenhills preschool for 4 years and has been a fantastic educator over this time. We wish you all the very best with your future endeavour. You will be sorely missed.

Wow what a great night and fantastic turn out our annual Kinder disco was, it was great work by the fundraising committee who organised and ran the night. The kids had an awesome time. Thank you to all of those who volunteered their time to help set up and pack up.

I also wanted to say thank you to the other educators Emily, Karen, Jo and Debbie for being fantastic educators for our children, I know Tilly really loves her time at the Kinder.

I would also like to thank all the Committee members from this year whom have given their time and effort in volunteering for these positions.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone good luck next year, it is lovely seeing your child move to Primary School, or into 4-year-old kinder, or start 3-year-old kinder.

So I sign off for the last time as President and hand over to Claire Hatty who will be the President next year.

And so I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Jacqui Armstrong

President - Greenhills Committee 2017

Educator's Report

Growling Grass Frogs and Swift Parrots

This term both our 3 and 4-year-old groups have ventured on some local excursions. Our GGF group of friends visited Greenhills Primary School recently to help aid in the transition from kindergarten to school and to catch up with our Grade 3/4 buddies. The children had the opportunity to play in the playground, visit the prep classroom, spend time in the library and listen to lots of stories.



What will you do at school?

Lily: It's actually pretty easy, when I go to prep I don't really have to do anything, I can play and things

Dean: Make stuff when I go to school

Charlie: play with my new friends

Lucy: listen to my teacher

How are you feeling about going to school?

Charlotte: excited because I've been to orientation

Ben: I'm really excited because in the little playground they put Lego on the ground to play with

Madeleine: I'm excited because school is fun



What's different between kinder and school?

Juliet: you do a lot more learning at school

Hunter: school takes more minutes

What will you miss about kinder when you go to school?

Madison: my friends

Joshua: all the fun

Marco: the dinosaurs at kinder

Swift Parrots had an exciting and educational day at Edendale Farm last Tuesday. This was a wonderful day enjoyed by adults and children. We were blown away by all the prior knowledge the children were able to share and discuss about the ECB. A few of the children's comments about the best thing about the day (all of them are in the programming book):

Anastasia: "When we flew away when we were butterflies"

Miller: "Making the bags"

Brodie: "Daddy being an ant"

Molly: "I really liked being and Eltham Copper Butterfly"







Discussions with Children

We acknowledge that every child and family have unique ways of celebrating. To continue our child-focused program we will be providing children with the opportunities to share how they wish to celebrate their time at Kinder. We will be having conversations with children about different ways and reasons for celebrating

- End of the year
- New beginnings
- Friendships that have been built
- Families & Celebrations

Ideas on how to spend our last sessions at kinder include:

Growling Grass Frog ideas:

Lachlan: go to the reserve

Tahlia: make fairy bread

Josh: Michael Buble Christmas songs

Madison: decorate kinder

Isaac: make a goodbye sign

Akane: party food

Swift Parrot ideas:

Gemma: bring food

Miller: come in dress ups and do dancing

Ruby: play party games

Brennan: play games outside

Elsa: play games all together



Farewell

We will sadly be saying farewell to Tracey Barr at the end of term as she finishes up her time as a co-educator at Greenhills Preschool. Tracey has been working with the GGF group for the past four years and has been invaluable to staff and the children. Please take the time to have a chat with Tracey and say goodbye before the end of term. We will miss you Tracey!



To all our kinder friends and families

A big **thank-you** for your support, warmth, willing participation in sessions and contributions throughout this year of transition and change.

We are excited for our kinder friends who are moving on from Greenhills and we wish you all the best. For those who are returning in 2018 we can't wait to see you in the next year and hear about what you have been doing.

On behalf of all educators at Greenhills we would like to thank the 2017 Committee for their continued support, time and dedication to our kindergarten.

Love from all the Educators @ Greenhills Preschool

Emily, Jo, Karen, Tracey & Debbie

Kinder Disco 2017

The Greenhills Preschool Annual Kinder Disco was a great success! The kids all had a great time dancing, playing and eating - and we raised over \$400 for the Kinder in the process.

Thankyou to all the volunteers who helped out on the night!

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Did you know that Greenhills Childcare at the local Neighbourhood house offers occasional care that links in with our kinder sessions?

Greenhills Neighbourhood House offers occasional childcare as part of their program. They offer set days and sessions for your child to provide them with security and consistency of care. Bookings are made on a term basis. At Greenhills Occasional Care they offer three or four hour sessions at their Limited Hours Type 2 Childcare Centre. Options available to pay by the term or half term.

Greenhills Neighbourhood House works closely with Greenhills Preschool to provide extended cover in Childcare. Please call the Greenhills Neighbourhood House for more information.

Monday and Fridays:

9.00am - 12.00pm (for under 3yrs),
9.00am - 1.00pm (3yrs+)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:

9.00am - 12.00pm and,
1.00pm - 4.00pm

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Stuck On You Labels

Our Stuck On You labels fundraiser is still in progress. These labels are a fantastic way to keep track of your child's belongings and reduce the ever-growing pile of lost property at Kinder! When you visit <http://www.stuckonyou.com.au/> to order from a fantastic range of kids' labels and gifts simply enter the code "GREENHILLSPRESCHOOL" for us to get up to 20% commission!



Newsletter Advertising

We are still selling advertising space in the Greenhills Newsletter. If you, or anyone you know, owns a business that may be interested in advertising in our Newsletter, which reaches all Kinder families as well as prospective families who may be perusing our website, please contact melissa.moore@live.com.au to get further details on the newly revised prices.

Facebook Page

Please take the time to "like" our Facebook page – "Fundraising for Greenhills Pre-school" to keep up to date with our various events.

Uniforms

Our new purple and green uniforms, in line with the kinder colours, have arrived they look awesome! They are up on display at kinder, so check them out next time you're in.

It's \$15 for a hat \$20 for a t-shirt or \$30 for both.

Please see the Educators if you would like to purchase something.

The Fundraising Team

