



*"learning through play"*

# Greenhills Gazette

March 2017

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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.
- Please sign up for Parent Helper, Gardening and Laundry on the rosters located near the sign in book.
- Please ensure you only leave kinder with the child you are collecting and be vigilant about keeping the gate closed.
- If you are going to be late at pick up time please call the kinder to inform Educators

## Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:

- Shells
- Boxes (small and large)
- Cardboard tubes
- Vases
- Wood offcuts and wire
- A ream/packet of paper if you haven't already donated one.

## President's Report

Already we find ourselves in the last week of Term 1. Hopefully you and your kinder kids are used to the routine and feel more at home.

As it is a short term we have decided to send out a mini newsletter to let everyone know about upcoming events and dates to remember over the holidays and next term.

The first fundraising event – the Aver and Line Family Portraits day – was held on Saturday with great success. The next one is the Easter Raffle so good luck to everyone who bought a ticket. The prizes look fantastic!

On Friday 31st March we will be testing our Emergency SMS system. This means we will be sending out a TEST SMS to see if everyone is receiving it. Please DO NOT come to the kinder as this is a TEST ONLY, and there is no kinder on that day. Just follow what it says to do. Please let whomever was on your emergency contact list know that this will be happening. You will also receive flyers in your pockets regarding this TEST.

The Committee is also looking for a new Vice President, people to help with fundraising and just general committee members, so if one of these positions is for you, please contact me. My email is [jacqui\\_carter7@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jacqui_carter7@yahoo.com.au), or email the secretary Bec Creed at [greenhills.kinder@gmail.com](mailto:greenhills.kinder@gmail.com).

Have a great holiday and Easter and see you next term.

Jacqui Armstrong

## Important Dates...

### Easter Raffle Draw

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – 11.10am

### Test of Emergency System

31<sup>st</sup> March

**First Day of Term 2 is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday is Easter Monday

## *Educator's Report*

As educators, we are happy to report that both the Swift Parrots and Growling Grass Frogs are continuing to build those important relationships with us and their friends on a daily basis. We regularly observe children helping each other, responding to their friends' feelings and enjoying each other's company.

Progressive snack has been a large part of the relationship building, with lovely conversations occurring, new friendships forming and lots of laughter.

Meeting time is another component that both groups do daily. We sing songs, read books and dance, but we also have important discussions about a variety of subjects. These all help us to get to know each other and have fun.



Both the Swift Parrots and Growling Grass Frogs are enjoying the many spaces provided for open ended play. Through the use of Intentional Teaching we are also sharing our interests and knowledge with the children in many different ways. We encourage you to share your expertise, interest or career with the children as well. So please come and talk to us if this is something you would like to do.



Our new form of online documentation *Story Park* is well underway, and we hope you are gaining an insight into the learning taking place for your child whilst at kinder – we encourage you to share any stories / events that are happening at home with us via *Story Park*. Our program book is on display every session and again we encourage you to read through it and gain a further understanding of our kinder program.



Please also remember to pack a “healthy snack” for your child to enjoy at kinder.



As we near the end of Term 1, we wish you a safe and fun-filled break with your families.  
*Emily, Karen, Tracey and Debbie*

## Greenhills Social

### School holiday play dates – 3 & 4 Yr Olds

Wednesday 5th April – 10.30am

Petrie Park, Montmorency

BYO morning tea and I believe you can get take away coffee from the RSL. *If the weather is terrible, the catch up will not proceed.*

### Meet Some of the Greenhills Committee Members of 2017



President - Jacqui Armstrong



Secretary - Bec Creed



Treasurer - Claire Hatty



Maintenance - Graham Cassidy



Newsletter - Megan Cassidy



Social 4yo - Zoe Bunney



Social 4yo - Alana Ward



Social 3yo - Jayce Dallamico



## Greenhills Fundraising

### Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has returned their sold Easter raffle tickets and money to Kinder.

**The raffle will be drawn at Kinder on Tuesday 28th March at 11:15am. Please return your tickets by 11:10am at the very latest.**

### 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!

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### 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](mailto: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*



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