



*"learning through play"*

# Greenhills Gazette

October 2017

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## Reminders...

### Parents

Please bring your diaries and sign up for parent helper (even 30 minutes is worthwhile), laundry or gardening.

Ensure that you are vigilant when entering and exiting the kinder and remember to close the front gate

### Donations

We are in search of "loose parts" for our outdoor area. What are Loose Parts?

In a preschool, loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways.

They are materials with no specific set of directions that can be used alone or combined with other materials.

Loose parts include:

stones,	buckets,
stumps,	baskets,
sand,	crates,
gravel,	boxes,
fabric,	logs,
twigs,	rope,
wood,	tyres,
pallets,	shells and
balls,	seedpods.

## President's Report

We are now on the home stretch for this year, boy has it gone fast. The sun is shining and there are new adventures on the horizon for all of the children.

You may have noticed the new shade sails up. They are now covering the rest of the outdoor area, just in time for summer.

If you are wanting to talk to the educators about anything in the next couple of months please email them at [greenhills@ecms.org.au](mailto:greenhills@ecms.org.au) or ask them at drop off and pick up when they are free for a chat.

This term Growling Grass Frogs are in charge of the washing roster if you are able to put your name down please do so. Swift Parrots are in charge of the gardening roster. Please put your name down for a weekend, you can go in any day you want, take your kids. Ask the teachers for the key on Thursday and ask them what they would like done.

You will see these rosters next to the sign in sheet.

There are still vacancies in 3 and 4 year old for 2018 so if you know of anyone who is looking for a preschool for their little one please let them know that there are places available.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 14th November at 7:15pm there have been invitations sent out to the families who will be attending next year.

Joining the kinder committee is a positive way for parents and caregivers to play an active part in the life of the Greenhills Preschool community and help the preschool flourish. It is also an opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, have a say in kindergarten matters and have fun. You don't require previous experience to be on the Committee we are just looking for parents and caregivers who have enthusiasm!

Since becoming externally managed by ECMS, this has meant that the majority of the workload within the roles of the Committee has been significantly reduced.

If you would like to become involved next year please email Jacqui Armstrong: greenhills.kinder@gmail.com, speak to one of the educators or if you see a committee member please don't hesitate to let us know if you are interested.

Have a lovely term,

**Jacqui Armstrong**

President - Greenhills Committee.

## Educators Report

### Growling Grass Frogs

Can you believe we are in the midst of Term 4? Such an exciting time for all our kinder friends as they consolidate their time at kinder and look forward to new adventures ahead. Swift Parrot friends look forward to going to "big kinder" and Growling Grass Frog friends begin their journey to school. Our kinder friends have started visiting their nominated schools and have begun their orientation programs. Transition and Learning Development Statements have been sent home to all GGF families. Reminder to all Growling Grass Frog Families: please complete the family and child section of the statement and return to kinder by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

In our Kinder program, we help children "know about school" through the following strategies:

- Provide school uniforms in our dress up area to encourage children to role play and act out school scenarios
- Invite school students to kinder to interact with our kinder friends and talk about school
- Read stories and have discussions about school
- We will visit Greenhills Primary school to provide children the experience of a school environment (where children can find out about and see the playground, classrooms, and toilets and learn about the routines of school). Invite other local schools / teachers to kinder.
- Help advertise any school orientation dates for families to access

In discussions with our kinder friends our students on placement Jordyn & Rhyannon have set up a "school classroom."

Some ideas from the children included:

Emily "books"

Jasmine "chairs and tables"

Juliet "uniforms and notepads"

Owen "school jumper"

Jackson "canteen"



Recently there has been a lot of talk about flags from around the world. Since Tracey returned from her holiday and gifted kinder with a Greek and Italian flag, many friends have taken particular interest in this topic. The flags have been used in various play spaces and many there have been many discussions on the different designs of flags from around the world. Tracey brought in her sewing machine and children were given the opportunity to design their very own unique flag. Our next objective is to create a group flag to add to the secret cave in the reserve.









The Responsible Pet education program visited kinder with dogs Kala and Pepper The program teaches children how to manage and behave around dogs. Children practised the safe way to approach a dog, the non-verbal cues that dogs show us about how they may be feeling, and what to do if approached by a dog without an owner.



Emily, Karen, Tracey & Debbie

# PARENT'S EVENING OUT!!!

As we quickly approach the end of the year we thought we would take one last chance to celebrate the time we have spent together at Greenhills Preschool! Many of us have got to know parents from the 3 year old group through committee and so we extend this invitation to all kinder parents. Even the Dads if they would like to join us!

We will be making a booking at Prosciutto Bros. at 5:30 on Sunday 19th November. If you could please let me know asap if you and/or your partner would like to attend that would be great.

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## Kinder Disco 2017

It's nearly time for the Greenhills Preschool Annual Kinder Disco!

Come along for a fun night filled with awesome dancing and great music provided by our DJ! Request a favourite song below and listen out for it on the night. There will be a sausage sizzle provided. Christmas raffle drawn on the night.

Please fill in your details below, tear off the slip at the bottom of this sheet and return to the Fundraising box with your payment - either cash in an envelope with your name on it, or by direct deposit into the Greenhills Preschool Bank Account (BSB: 033053, ACC: 545224). The disco is our last fundraising event for the year. Please invite any family, friends or someone you know who may want to attend Greenhills next year. See you there!

**Date:** Friday 8 December 2017

**Time:** 5:30-7:30pm

**Where:** Greenhills Preschool

**Cost:** \$20/family

**RSVP:** Friday 24 November 2017

Family name:	
Child's name:	
Number attending:	
Song request:	
Dietary requirements:	
Payment:	CASH / ONLINE (circle one)



# Educator's Report

## Swift Parrots

We were so happy to see all of our kinder friends after our holidays. The children are a very sociable and busy group and readily involve themselves in play with others at every opportunity. It is wonderful to see the collaboration between the children growing as they play. They are blossoming and growing up so quickly. They are growing physically, becoming more vocal, adventurous and confident. This is very evident during our visits to the reserve.

### Reserve visits

As you know we have quickly moved to long sessions in the reserve, which the children are really enjoying. We have been taking magnifying glasses, binoculars and most recently small boards with paper and pencils. The children have asked to have more of these so we



will be investing in some more of these resources. The interest in bugs and insects is growing which we will be building upon. The parachute and games such as 'What's the time Mr. Wolf?' are favourites and work well in the larger space. Please sign up to attend our reserve visits held every second Thursday on the sheet near the sign in book.

### Excursion to Edendale

On Tuesday 5th December we will be spending our kinder session at Edendale Farm in Eltham. The children will be doing two of the educational programs offered that we feel fit into our program: Eltham Copper Butterfly – we will learn about this endangered species that lives on our back door in detail using drama. Environmental art – the children will create a print on a calico bag using fresh flowers and foliage.



We will be meeting and farewelling you and the children from the farm. Please put this in your diary and if you are able to come along we will be calling for helpers when we send more details closer to the date.



### **Favourite book bag**

We have introduced the 'Favourite book bag' to the group. Each child will have a turn (chosen randomly) to bring in their favourite book for us to read to the group. This is an intentional part of our program to foster the love of reading and connections with family and the children's confidence in speaking to their peers. We will ask questions to try and find out what the name of the book is before revealing and reading the 'secret' book.

### **Reminders:**

Please send your child with a brimmed sun hat and apply sunscreen before kinder if possible.

We love to have families help at kinder and/or share their talents. We are especially wanting to do some more cooking or healthy eating activities such as juicing, fruit salad etc. so if you feel that is something you could do please let us know.

**Jo & Debbie**





## 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](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





Sustainable Greensborough and the Montmorency Community Group  
in conjunction with Transition Banyule present a

## Local Sustainable Communities Forum

Thoughts and highlights from the MAV National Summit, followed  
by discussion of what our Sustainable Communities could look like,  
and what we can do to achieve our visions

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
6.30pm for a 7pm start – 9pm

Childcare Room, Level 1 Watermarc  
1 Flintoff St, Greensborough

Register by visiting: <https://www.trybooking.com/326969>

No need to print your tickets – we will have a list at the door.

For further information please contact Megan or Stella: [sustainablegreensie@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablegreensie@gmail.com)

