



"learning through play"

Greenhills Gazette

September 2016

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Reminders...

- Kinder's email address:
greenhills@ecms.org.au
- Please note that you can contact staff for an appointment via email, phone or in person at any time to arrange a mutually appropriate time.
- Ensure that you sign your child in and out as this is a legal requirement.
- Please have your children arrive at kinder with sunscreen on as well as a sun hat throughout Term 4.
- If you can, please apply the sunscreen before kinder
- Please bring your diaries and sign up for parent helper (even 30 minutes is worthwhile), laundry or gardening.

Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:

- Ribbon
- Glitter
- Boxes (small and large)
- Cardboard tubes
- Rope
- Bricks
- Large/small stones and pebbles
- Wood offcuts, shells, stumps

President's Report

Hello Friends and Families,

It has been a wonderful term with our Buddies from Greenhills Primary School making a trip down to us to read stories and play. The children enjoyed having the 'big kids' around and there are now Primary school uniforms and bags for dress ups at kinder, so the kids can familiarise themselves with them. Most primary schools have started transition sessions, which is fantastic for our little ones.

The outdoor area landscaping will be progressing soon, as we have secured some more funding from Councillor Wayne Phillips, which will enable our landscaper Ryan to complete the job! Very very exciting for kinder. It will transform our already incredible space into a complete paradise for learning, play and lots of imagination.

The transition to ECMS is close to being complete – a big shout out to all committee, educators and parents who have helped. It has been a monumental task! Well done to all – your efforts are appreciated.

Enjoy the rest of Term 3

Magdalene Willey

Important Dates...

Maternal Child and Health Nurse Visit
Tuesday 4th Oct – 10.45am
(see Educators Report for more details)

Please note the Greenhills Preschool Trivia Night has been cancelled

See the Fundraising Report for more details

Educator's Report

Growling Grass Frogs

Pet Education Visits

The Responsible Pet education program visited kinder with dogs Kala and Bingle. 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.

Bush Tucker

Recently Joanne (Leilani's Grandmother) shared her bush tucker knowledge by introducing children to a range of indigenous plants found in our local environment. There are 206 indigenous plants located in Yandell Reserve. The children had the opportunity to smell, touch and taste a range of the plants and listen to Joanne chat about the many different uses plants can have, ranging from food, medicine, wood used to craft tools, and string from leaves to make bags and fishing nets. As there are 206 indigenous plants located in Yandell Reserve we explore the area and attempt to identify some bush tucker – with some help from Joanne we are currently creating our own indigenous plant identification book to keep at kinder.



School Kids and Transition Statements

As Primary School orientations and discussions are beginning about Prep we invited the Grade 3 & 4 Students from Greenhills Primary School to visit kinder. Our kinder friends responded well to the visit, they were welcoming and excited to show “the big kids” around their kinder.

Currently Educators are working on each child’s Transition Learning and Development Statement. This document works as a tool for the consistent sharing of information about each child’s early learning and development. The information in the statement helps prep teachers get to know your child before starting school and to plan for each child’s learning in 2017. The statements are a collaborative document filled in by educators, families and children. The statements will be sent home early term 4 for families to complete and then passed on to each child’s nominated primary school in November.



Nicholas: “I liked playing with the school kids”

Bianca: “It was fun playing on the swings”



Orson: “I liked it when my buddy read a book to me”

Below are some websites with helpful information on transitions.

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/early-childhood/resources/starting-school>

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/professionals/learning/Pages/transition.aspx>



Swift Parrots

There has been a lot of constructing and building happening during sessions with lots of collaboration and problem solving between children. We've had windmills, trains, towers and palaces to name a few.

We continue to offer lots of opportunities to be creative – be it sculptures from play dough, wool art, woodworking, painting, dancing, playing music, cooking or decorating lanterns. The end product is second to the process involved.



Edendale Farm Visit

Everyone enjoyed our day away from kinder at the farm. There was so much to do, see and investigate further. We began by learning the story of the Eltham Copper Butterfly which has such a strong connection to Yandell Reserve. Then we got to hold worms and see the big worm bath in the veggie patch. Next we looked at lots of different seeds and then planted our own to take home. Finally, we went and looked at all the animals on the farm.

Since being at Edendale we have retold the story of Eltham Copper Butterfly to the children, assisted by the beautiful butterfly costumes kindly lent by the educators there. We've looked at lots more seeds close up with our magnifying glasses and inside a pumpkin.



Greenhills Fire Night and Lantern Walk

Friday 2nd September 2016

Our Greenhill's Community of approximately 53 families – consisting of the Growling Grass Frogs (4YO) and Swift Parrots (3 YO) groups, educators and extended families and friends – came together on Friday night to celebrate our annual Fire night and lantern walk.

Many families enjoyed a picnic dinner or snack in the kinder playground, as well as the chance to come together as a community. The children enjoyed toasting their damper and marshmallows on the stick they had prepared specially. The wattleseed damper made by the 3yo and 4yo groups earlier in the day was very popular.



Once it became dark the children's attention then turned from the fire pit to the lantern walk around the reserve. 53 very excited children collected their lantern and family members and enjoyed the night walk through the reserve and back to kinder using their lanterns to light the way.



Fire Night – Voices from Families

"It was Great" – Cooper's mum, Kate

"It was good" – Dermie's Dad, Ben

"It was great, I won a prize" Jemima's Dad, Dean

"It was a lovely evening, we forgot to bring marshmallows but it was really nice" – Sienna's mum, Mirium

"It was really lovely, really good" Alannah's mum, Tina



Fire Night – Voices from the children

I liked.....

- “having the marshmallows on the stick” – Dermie
- “when we walked around the place” – Orson
- “the walk too” - Banjo
- “walking around with the lanterns and seeing all the kids” – Alannah
- “Sharing one marshmallow” – Hayden
- “When we did the walk” – Charlotte
- “the raffle because I won” – Orson
- “the walk” – Tara
- “the lanterns and the lanterns have no lightbulbs” – Marcus
- “double marshmallows on the stick” – Liam

We thank all those involved in making this night a huge success. This was evident by all the happy faces both young and older on the night!

Our new student teacher Rebecca Holland

Rebecca has started this week, so please welcome her to our kinder

I am studying my Graduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood) at RMIT University. I will be on placement at Greenhills Pre-school in the 4 year old groups from Monday 5th September to Friday 28th October. I am looking forward to meeting the Greenhills families!

I live in Macleod with my husband Julian, who is a secondary school teacher and our three children, Sam (6), Ben (4) and Josh (1½) . We also have a cat, Mila, and five chickens, Dirt, Blackie, Poko, Hairy and Princess Layer – named by my boys. I like to grow food in our veggie patch and we have harvested potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, chillis, nectarines, lemons and more! I enjoy cooking different foods, although Josh mostly enjoys throwing his food over the edge of the highchair...

I also like going to see live shows, whether it is music concerts, comedy, musicals or plays, although I don't get to go very often. I previously completed an Arts degree at Melbourne University.

As part of my studies, I may be required to take photos and undertake observations of the children during their day. All photos taken will be used only for study purposes and no identification of children or the centre will be used. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself to me, as I am looking forward to meeting all the families and children at Greenhills Pre-school. Rebecca

ECMS Beyond Tomorrow Conference – Joanne's Story

We have gradually introduced Aboriginal culture into the 3 year old program. It all started at the beginning of the year when three of the children drew in the tanbark with sticks. We followed their interest in mark marking, then symbols, as well story telling (prompted by stories at the snack table). A variety of interests emerged as we held group meetings, read stories, and provided other materials for the children to engage with, question and discuss.

We recognise the importance of Aboriginal peoples in terms of Australia's history and cultural diversity, and pay our respect to the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nations as traditional owners of the land on which our kinder stands. We welcome the children to group meeting time, "Wominjeka" they reply, as we sit around the small fire to share our ideas and experiences.

I recently had the opportunity to display documentation of this process at the ECMS Beyond Tomorrow Conference all staff recently attended. I have also been invited to speak to a group of Early Childhood students at RMIT University on the ins and outs of project work referencing this project.



As I mentioned in the lecture, throughout the year we have been following a number of child-led interests, as well as purposefully building cultural competence, as guided by the Victorian (VEYLDF) and National (EYLF) Frameworks, to enrich the child's sense of identity and awareness to create a world-view.

Joanne van den Broek (Assistant with 3yo and 4yo groups).

Maternal Child and Health Nurse visit

Tuesday 4th October @ 10.45 am

The local nurse will be popping in at the end of our Tuesday session so if you would like to have a chat please arrive at 10.45am. Both 3 & 4 year old parents are welcome.



Meetings with Greenhills Staff

Greenhills staff would like to remind you that they are always available to speak to you if needed as stated in the 'Family Handbook' below. You can contact them for an appointment via email, phone or in person at any time, to arrange a mutually appropriate time.

Communication (From the Greenhills Preschool Family Handbook)

It is most important to maintain an open, accessible communication link between the kinder and parents. We have an open door policy and invite any questions and feedback. The Program book and daily photos are great way to inform the parents as to what is happening at kinder.

Parents can request an interview if needed to discuss a matter about your child. Please approach the educator for an appointment so there is ample time to have your queries answered. It is advisable to notify your child's educator of any unusual or stressful situations which may affect your child. Please note that during session times it is not appropriate to discuss any problems as the educators are busy spending time with all the children.

Reminders

Hats on in Term 4

Reminder that children will need hats and sunscreen during Term 4. There will be sunscreen available for children to apply themselves but it is appreciated if you can do this at home prior to kinder.

Rosters


We will have rosters available before the end of this term for Term 4. Please consult your diaries and see if you have some time to spend as parent helper or for laundry/ garden duty.

Donations

As always we appreciate donations of craft items, loose parts for outdoor play etc. We would particularly like the following:

- Ribbon
- Glitter; Boxes (small and large)
- Cardboard tubes
- Rope; Bricks
- Large/small stones and pebbles
- Wood offcuts
- Shells
- Stumps

Many thanks from all the staff @ Greenhills – Jo, Emily, Karen, Tracey, Debbie and Joanne





Social Catch Ups at Greenhills Kinder

School holiday play dates – 3 Yr Olds

Friday 16th September – 7pm

Mum's Drinks

Barpiccolo - 2A Luck St Eltham

Tuesday 27th September – 10am

Parents and Kids Park Catchup

Eltham Lower Park (Butterfly Park)

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Greenhills Fundraising

Greenhills Newsletter Fundraising Report

We have only two weeks to go before the end of term, and we have raised another \$1322.50 at our Mojo on Main shopping evening. This was held on the 29th July. Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a successful night. Also a big Thank You to our "Models" who strutted their stuff down that catwalk as though they were professionals!

5 Cent Frenzy

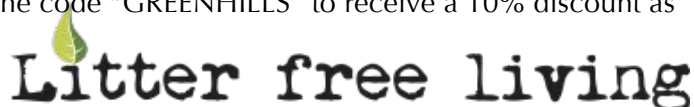
We would also like to remind you that our 5 Cent Frenzy has been running throughout the term. We will be counting the jar full of coins in the last week of term so start getting the Kinder friends to guess how much is in there. The Kinder Friend who can guess the closest will get a special prize!

Greenhills Preschool 80s Trivia Night

The Fundraising Team are sorry to announce that we have had to cancel our upcoming Trivia Night due to lack of ticket sales. A big thank you to those who did purchase tickets, we will be refunding your money ASAP via TryBooking. It should automatically appear in your bank account/credit card account (whichever you used to purchase the tickets). If it doesn't please let one of the Fundraising Team know and we will look into it for you. We also have loads of great prizes that were going to be used for the Trivia Night, but we will now use in a different way to raise money for the Kinder - either a Silent Auction, or a big raffle - stay tuned!

Litter Free Living

At Greenhills we are committed to reducing lunchbox waste and one excellent way to do this is through the use of reusable food wraps and bags. Litter Free Living (www.litterfreeliving.com.au) has an amazing selection of lunch boxes, food wraps, reusable sandwich bags and reusable fridge bags. Please take the time to check out their website and make an order. At checkout, enter the code "GREENHILLS" to receive a 10% discount as well as a 20% commission for our preschool fundraising!

Litter free living

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

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kids' labels and gifts simply enter the code

"GREENHILLSPRESCHOOL" for us to get up to 20% commission!

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Newsletter Advertising

We have recently started approaching local businesses to sell advertising space in our Newsletter. If you or anyone you know owns a local 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 amanda.furber@live.com to get further details and prices.

Uniforms

Our new purple and green uniforms, in line with the kinder colours, have arrived they look awesome!

They are up on display in the bag area, 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.



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.

Upcoming Dates

Mark these dates in your diaries to keep free for some exciting events coming up.

Living Fundraiser - Following the success of last year's Living Fundraiser, we will be selling Flowers and Herb seedlings and seeds. This will be starting in week 2 of Term 4.

Kinder Disco - Another successful fundraiser from last year was the Kinder Disco. So lookout for that one toward the End of Term 4.

Regards,

The Fundraising Team



Has your child had their 3½ year assessment?

3½ year assessment

At this consultation your child's growth, health and development will be reviewed and the nurse will give you information about starting kindergarten (if required). Your child will also be given a vision screening.

This consultation will focus on

- family health and wellbeing
- healthy eating
- how to care for your child's teeth
- sun protection and water safety
- improving communication, language and play
- immunisation

Other areas you might want to talk about

- your parent evaluation of development status (PEDS) questions in My Health and Development Record

Tell the nurse if your child is not doing any of the following

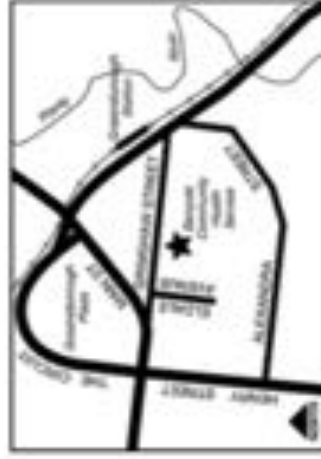
- is not talking clearly
- is not able to talk in sentences
- is not coming to you for affection or comfort
- is not playing imaginary games
- is not playing with other children
- is not showing any signs of pretend play
- is not drawing

To book an assessment for your child contact Banyule Maternal and Child Health on 9457 9990 between 9.00am and 1.00pm, or book online at www.banyule.vic.gov.au



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Waiting List

Due to the high demand of these services, a waiting list usually applies.

Priority is given to families who live, work and/or study in the City of Banyule area.

Fees

There is no fee for Health Care Card holders and low income earners.

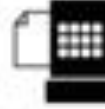
Fees may apply to high income earners.

New Referrals

For new referrals or for information about any of our services contact Service Access



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PAEDIATRIC ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES

Occupational Therapy

Speech Pathology

Physiotherapy

Podiatry

Dietetics

Family and Child Psychology



Occupational Therapy

- Children aged birth - 8 years.
- Short to medium term concerns.
- Assessment and therapy for fine and gross motor skills, self care, sensory needs and school skills.
- Children on the waiting list for Early Intervention or who qualify for other funding sources are not eligible.



Speech Pathology

- Children aged birth - school entry.
- Short to medium term concerns.
- Assessment and therapy for articulation, language, stuttering and social skills.
- Children on the waiting list for Early Intervention or who qualify for other funding sources are not eligible.

Physiotherapy

- Children aged birth - 8 years.
- Assessment and treatment of gross motor concerns, plagiocephaly and musculoskeletal issues.
- Children on the waiting list for Early Intervention or who qualify for other funding sources are not eligible.



Dietetics

- Children of all ages.
- Assessment and advice for general healthy eating, fussy eating, weight loss or weight gain, introducing solids, allergies/potential allergies, and body image.
- Children already diagnosed with an eating disorder are not eligible.



Podiatry

- Children of all ages.
- Assessment of flat feet, in-toeing, toe walking, foot/ankle/lower leg pain, ingrown toe nails and warts.



Family and

Child Psychology

- Children aged birth - 8 years.
- Available to families already accessing Paediatric Allied Health Services at Banyule Community Health.
- Assessment, counselling and therapy for behaviour, cognition and learning, parenting and family support.

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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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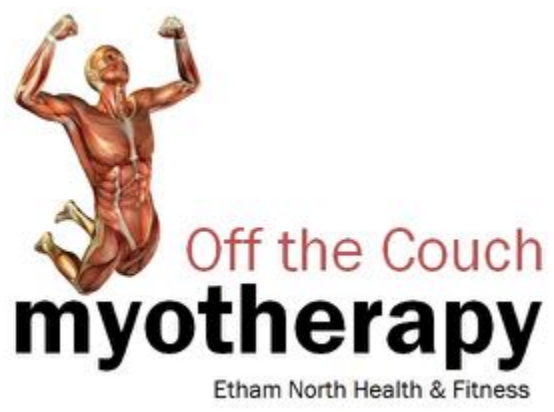
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