



"learning through play"

Greenhills Gazette

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Reminders...

*Remember we are encouraging growing independence within our program – please pack your child's snack in a lunchbox / container that they can open and get out of their bag independently. Some of the food packaging can also prove challenging and we would suggest that you trial the containers/lids with your child at home.

*If you have changed / updated enrolment information such as address, telephone & mobile numbers, email address – please provide staff with current information.

*Please make sure you pack a warm jacket, beanie, gloves and gumboots and a spare change of clothes.

*If your child is ill, please keep them at home.

*Please ensure your child's clothing is labelled with their name as we often have a lot of clothing floating around at the end of sessions. The Fundraising team have partnered with Stuck on You labels so this is a great opportunity to support the kinder and deal with this issue at the same time.

Parents portal - To sign up for laundry or gardening duty, please:

1. Go to our website: www.greenhillspreschool.org.au
2. Click on Portal
3. Sign in: the password is **swiftfrogs1956**
4. Select which day suits. *Both duties open to all GGF/SP families*

President's Report

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all coping with the sudden change of seasons and haven't been struck down with colds. There are still plenty of jumpers available if you'd like to purchase one to keep the kids warm during their kinder sessions. As the children are still welcome to play outdoors during winter, please remember to pack warm clothes, beanies and a change of clothes in case they get wet/muddy.

The parent's portal that was trialled in term 2 has been working well, so we will continue with this method of volunteering for laundry and gardening in terms 3 and 4. New dates for term 3 will be up soon, so please place your name down for a week that suits you (see sign-up details in the green sidebar).

With Jo leaving us recently, we have welcomed Helen to the kinder who is working with the Swift Parrots. Thank you to everyone who has made her feel at home.

A very big thank you to everyone who participated in the Greeting Cards fundraiser, we raised over \$1100!! Our mother's day flower stall and the soup fundraiser that the children ran were also huge successes this term. We have been able to put the children's fundraising money towards purchasing a new sandpit digger and outdoor toys.

In term 3 we will be running a Bunnings Bake Sale on Saturday July 28th. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and has been very successful in previous years. Closer to the date we will be asking for donations of baked goods to be sold as well as asking for volunteers to help out on the day.

If you haven't 'liked' our Facebook page already, please ensure that you do as important fundraising, social and kinder news will be shared there. Our active page is 'Greenhills Preschool'. We have also been running a separate page: 'Fundraising for Greenhills Preschool', however this page will be deactivated from term 3.

Enjoy the rest of term 2!

Claire Hatty

President - Greenhills Committee 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

Movie Night!

Friday June 22nd: 5-8pm at the kinder (see flyer at the end for more details)

Last day of term 2

Thursday 28th June

School holiday socials

Monday 9th July: Growling Grass Frogs school holidays play date, 10am @ Possum Hollow Playground, Beverly Rd Heidelberg (RSVP Donna)

Wednesday 11th July: Swift Parrots school holidays play date, 10am @ Eltham Copper Butterfly Enclosed Playground, 570-576 Main Rd, Eltham (RSVP Zoe)

Please note that these catch-ups will be cancelled if it is raining. If you're unsure, please email greenhills.kinder@gmail.com

Kinder photos - rescheduled

Due to illness, Leonie from Hop, Skip & Jump photography has had to reschedule. Photos will now be taken on the following dates:

Tuesday 31st July & Tuesday 7th August: Swift Parrots

Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th August: Growling Grass Frogs

First day of term 3

Monday 16th July

Fundraisers

Saturday 28th July: Bunnings bake sale

Meet the Committee

The committee are still welcoming new parents who would like to be involved in the committee, especially in the fundraising team. Please email us, or speak to a committee member for details. In this month's newsletter, please let us introduce you to:



Jacqui Armstrong
(General Committee)

Our warm thanks to Jacqui, who is also a Growling Grass Frog parent, and her family for donating the beautiful native flowers for the Mother's Day stall this year.



Thank you also to **Jessica Higgins**, another Growling Grass Frog parent and founder of Miller and Me (www.millerandme.com.au), a store filled with handmade jewellery and accessories (follow on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/millerandme.com.au). Jessica kindly purchased the flowers and donated her time and artistic expertise to help prepare our beautiful bouquets. Thank-you Jess!

Educator's Report

Can you believe we are nearly half way through the year?! As we near the end of Term 2 we can see that many of our kinder friends seem comfortable in their kinder environment and continue to demonstrate growing confidence, independence and enthusiasm...

During one of our meeting times it was decided that we needed to purchase a new digger. Our Growling Grass Frog friends took on this project with much gusto; brainstorming ideas on how to raise money and then pulling up their sleeves to help create our very own soup stall. This proved to be a very successful fundraising venture and the children will soon be playing with a new digger at kinder!



As the weather drops in temperature we have retrieved our fire pit from the shed. The children are able to experience fire in a safe environment and learn about how to be safe around a flame. The children created their very own safety barrier using our kinder bricks and some bright orange paint.



A big thank you to Scarlett's Mum and Dad, Jemma and Dean, for donating and creating a wonderful waterproof cover for our new outdoor blocks and trolley. This cover has allowed us to house the trolley and blocks around the side of kinder near our ampitheatre. And we have seen many wonderful block creations emerge in this space, such as a movie theatre. With the excitement of the kinder movie night approaching a group of friends created their very own cinema and spent time chatting and watching their very own movie.





We would like to thank all the family members who have helped out during our kinder sessions. Please remember that you don't have to commit to an entire session; any time you can spare is welcome. We would love to continue utilising families' skills, knowledge, passions and hobbies within our kinder programs. For example, Anthea, Anastasia's Mum is sharing her green thumb skills with our kinder friends and spending some time helping children plant and nurture our veggie patch. Some other ideas include: sewing, playing a musical instrument, reading your favourite story book, cooking, aerobics, sharing information about your occupation, woodwork, painting... The list is endless! Please see the Educators if you have an idea you are keen to share.



Welcome to our new Swift Parrot Educator, Helen Jackson!

Hello Everyone,

I have really enjoyed my first 3 weeks at Greenhills Kindergarten. I already feel very comfortable thanks to the warm welcome from staff, parents and children. I have been conducting interviews with the Swift Parrot families over this last week to help make the transition to a new teacher easier for all concerned and am already excited about some things we have planned for the coming weeks. This includes a visit to the reserve for a story, a gardening experience and a slime activity. Looking forward to meeting those of you I haven't yet.

Kind Regards
Helen Jackson

Fundraising

Movie Night

See flyer over page!

Uniforms

Warm jumpers are still available ☺

\$35 each, sizes 4 and 6. Please put correct money in an envelope with your name and size of jumper clearly labelled. Educators can help with the purchase of uniforms at any session.



Greeting Cards

A warm thank-you:

Dear Greenhills families,

Thank you everyone for your involvement in our Greeting Card Fundraiser. We couldn't have done it without you and are thrilled with the result.

We raised \$1,125.00, and your involvement has contributed not only to the amount of money raised, but also to supporting healthy, family-friendly choices and activities.

I hope you enjoyed this fundraiser and will continue to be involved in efforts to help our kinder community grow and flourish

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely,
The Fundraising Team



Kinder Movie Night 2018

It's nearly time for the Greenhills Preschool Annual Movie Night! This year we will be showing 3 short movies by Julia Donaldson. Movies will commence at 6pm.

There will be a sausage sizzle provided for dinner, popcorn for the movie, tea and coffee for the adults. Please BYO other drinks.

Children are welcome to bring along a comfy cushion, bean bag or blanket etc to watch the movie. Adult seats are limited, bring along a folding chair if you prefer.

Please note, parents are required to supervise their own children at all times.

Please make sure you have RSVP'd and paid by filling in your details below. Tear off the slip at the bottom of this sheet (flyers were also handed out at kinder!) and return to the Fundraising box with your payment - either cash in an envelope with your name on it, or by direct deposit (preferred) into the Greenhills Preschool Bank Account (BSB: 033053, ACC: 545224- reference: surname Movie). See you there!

Date: Friday 22nd June 2018

Time: 5:00-8:00 pm. BBQ from 5pm, movie commences at 6pm

Where: Greenhills Preschool

Cost: \$20/family

RSVP: Thursday 14th June 2018

Kinder Movie Night 2018

Family name:	
Child's name and kinder group:	
Number attending:	Adults: Children:
Dietary requirements:	
Payment:	CASH / ONLINE (circle one)