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## Greenhills Gazette

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### President's Report

Hi everyone and welcome back to Term 2.

Already moving into the halfway point of the year. Due to the extreme weather conditions we are yet to have our Welcome Picnic, however, there has been an opportunity to meet other families at some of the social events organised within the Swift Parrots and Growling Grassfrogs.

So far this year the committee have been working hard on fundraising, which will mean even more improvements to the kinder and the ability to upgrade different toys and facilities throughout the space. The recent upgrade to the taps in the children's bathrooms has made it easier for them to use and mean that more people can use at once thus making the educators life that little bit easier. Watch out for some exciting fundraisers coming up!

Happy Mother's Day to all the special women out there! You do the best job :)

If throughout the year there is anything you feel you can offer, whether it's some of your time or an item to donate, please don't hesitate to touch base with us.

Email is best: **[greenhills.kinder@gmail.com](mailto:greenhills.kinder@gmail.com)**

If you are the owner of a local business it can also be a great way to promote yourself through donations for our raffles, or if you know someone who wants to be involved simply pass on our details.

**Lauren Angel**

**President - Greenhills Committee 2019**

# 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. You can take advantage of our fundraising labels through 'Stuck On You'.
- Remember to pack "healthy" food options for your child to eat at kinder – some ideas include sandwich, wrap, fruit, yoghurt, crackers, cheese, dip, sushi, popcorn, vegetable sticks. Also please remember that we only have water bottles (not milk or fruit boxes).
- We ask that you please refrain from packing nut-based foods in your child's snack box. We have 2 anaphylactic children enrolled at Greenhills Preschool this year who have severe nut allergies.
- Please bring your diary and sign up for Parent Helper (roster located near attendance book). We love having family members stay for a play and help with any odd jobs.
- As children may be involved in messy play, it is advised they wear old clothes to kinder, and have a change of clothing.
- Remember to check your child's pocket for kinder, social and fundraising information.
- If you are a parent on duty, it is also important that you become familiar with the information in the 'Welcome Pack for Parent Helpers' located under the sign in book.

# Notice Board

## Earn and Learn – Woolworths

Greenhills are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn this year. If you shop at Woolworths please remember to keep the stickers, attach to the sheet and bring them into Kinder before the deadline of 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

## Parents portal

To help the kinder run smoothly, we need parents to help with laundry and gardening. Please check the Parents portal on the kinder website and put your name down each term. The details for how to do this are as follows:

To sign up for a duty: 1. Go to our website: **[www.greenhillspreschool.org.au](http://www.greenhillspreschool.org.au)**

2. Click on Portal
3. Sign in: the password is swiftfrogs1956
4. Select which day suits you to do either the laundry or gardening. Add your details.

Thanks for your help

## Cold and wet weather

As the weather becomes increasingly colder and wet please remember to pack some warm spare clothes and bring in a rain jacket for your child to wear during outside play.

Please ensure you pack a **spare plastic bag** for any wet clothes that we need to send home.

## Snack boxes

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.

## Updating details

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


## Donations

Our kindergarten utilises a lot of materials that are generally considered to be throw away items.

Some are things you may have at home (and want to be rid of) and others are items such as natural materials that may be collected on a walk. As we are non – profit organisation we would greatly appreciate any donations or collections.

The list includes but is not limited to:

- Shells
- Stones

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- Trays
  - Buttons
  - Ribbon
  - Beads
  - Wrapping paper / old cards

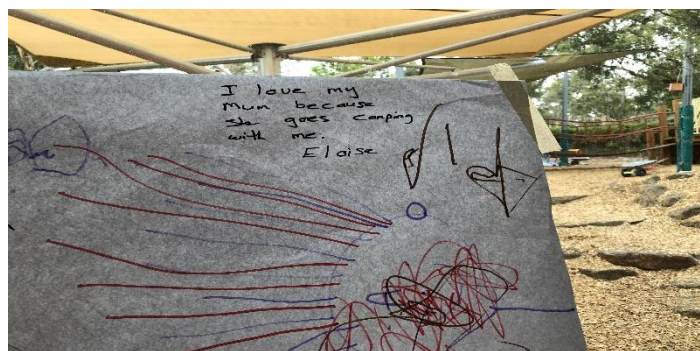
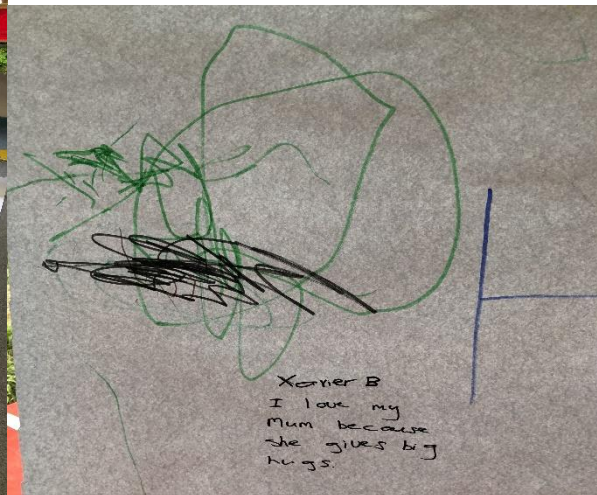
Box construction is becoming popular in our kinder studio, so please think of recycling your boxes by bringing them into kinder for our kinder friends to utilise (just remember not to include toilet rolls or any food boxes that have contained nuts).

Also, we have lots of interest in playing with gadgets. So, if you have any old keyboards, phones, walkie talkies, cameras and other gadgets please send them our way.

# Educator's Report

## Swift Parrots

On Thursday 9th May we enjoyed a special Mother's Day celebration with the Swift Parrot families at Greenhills. We invited Mums to join us and enjoy some special play time together. We spent the morning busily decorating and preparing our 'Happy Mother's Day' banner. Everyone was so excited to share their kinder experience with Mum. Below are a sample of the experiences we enjoyed.





Our new 'Kick Bricks' have been very popular. It's great to see our Swift Parrots co-operating and working together to build supermarkets, bridges and towers. Zoe D's mum Vanessa was a great help in reaching the top of this tall tower.



Anthea joined us to offer a wonderful gardening experience. Children were keen to assist in digging a hole for the pots and planting flowers and vegetables for our garden. We are looking forward to lots of learning about how to care for flowers and vegetables.

Thank you, Anthea!



During our time together some children used beads to make a special bracelet or necklace to take home. We also enjoyed decorating our seedling pots with stickers.



Sharing stories with family.

Thank you to all our wonderful families for celebrating Mother's Day with us.

**Roseanne & Debbie**



## Growling Grass Frogs

What a wonderful time we had with our visitors during our Mother's Day celebrations. The children came up with some very special things for their Mums and Grandmas to do and enjoy while they were at kinder. As Educators, it was lovely to be part of this special celebration, and see our visitors connecting with other families, children and our play space. Your children demonstrated that they were confident, comfortable and proud of their kinder.





Other visitors we welcomed recently were the Dentist's from Banyule Community Health Dental Clinic. Jane and Pearly the dinosaur discussed the importance of oral hygiene and tooth friendly food.



"We need to brush and brush and brush so our teeth are clean and shiny" informs Evelyn

Our first visit to the Reserve this year as a group was full of adventure! Moving sticks to create a stick house, climbing, running and discovering what might be some "dinosaur bones" kept our kinder friends very busy. We will continue to make regular visits to the Reserve to strengthen and support children's respect and love of nature.







Just a reminder that we love family members spending time with us at kinder so please remember to add your name to our family helper roster. If you or any other family members have a skill or passion that you could share with our kinder friends, please speak to Educators about your idea. Some ideas include: sewing, knitting, building, drawing, sport, cooking, painting, reading stories in English and other languages... The list is endless.

Thanks

**Emily, Karen, Debbie & Carol**



# Fundraising



## **Mindful Movement Fundraiser**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of June 11am – 12PM join us at Alive Yoga and Pilates in Greensborough to spend some time in downward dog and maybe learn some new dance moves, all topped off with some relaxing savasana at the end.

This Mindful Movement session will be led by Leah and is surely the best way to spend some time with your family AND raise money for our favourite kinder.

Tickets will be on sale soon available from kinder. \$10 per Adult and \$5 per Child. All money raised will donated to Greenhills Pre School. Bookings are essential and a limited number are available.

Don't miss out!

## **Picture plates**

Fundraising for the picture plates has concluded. We sold x25 plates which is a fantastic result.

## **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

We are in the ballot for a Bunnings sausage sizzle for the second half of the year at Eltham. If Eltham falls through, we are also in the ballot for Thomastown.



### 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!

*Yours sincerely,*  
**The Fundraising Team**