



"learning through play"

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President's Report

PRESIDENTS REPORT JULY 2019

Another Term down already! We hope you all enjoyed a break away from routine and some winter weather.

This term has a few fun activities, one being the Fire Night. This is a great opportunity to meet some other families as well as share the excitement with the children as they show off their skills in lantern making and fire safety. This year we will have some hot chocolate, soup and marshmallows to purchase which will be a part of our fund-raising for the year.

We held a fundraiser at Alive Yoga and Pilates in June and raised \$420 for the kinder, and were able to do some dancing, mindful movement and meditation with the whole family.

Bringing our community together is important to the kinder as well as the children.

Enjoy this next term!

Lauren Angel

President - Greenhills Committee 2019

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IMPORTANT DATES



**Kinder Closed:
Friday 9th of August**

All Educators will be attending an ECMS conference

**Working Bee:
Saturday 10th of August 9am**

A roster has been uploaded to the website, please register your attendance (login details in the notice board section).

**Annual Fire Night:
Friday 30th of August**

More details to follow



Reminders

- If you have changed / updated enrolment information such as address, telephone and 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.
- Please help us keep everyone at kinder safe and healthy by keeping your child home if they are unwell.

Notice Board

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**

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

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
- 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).

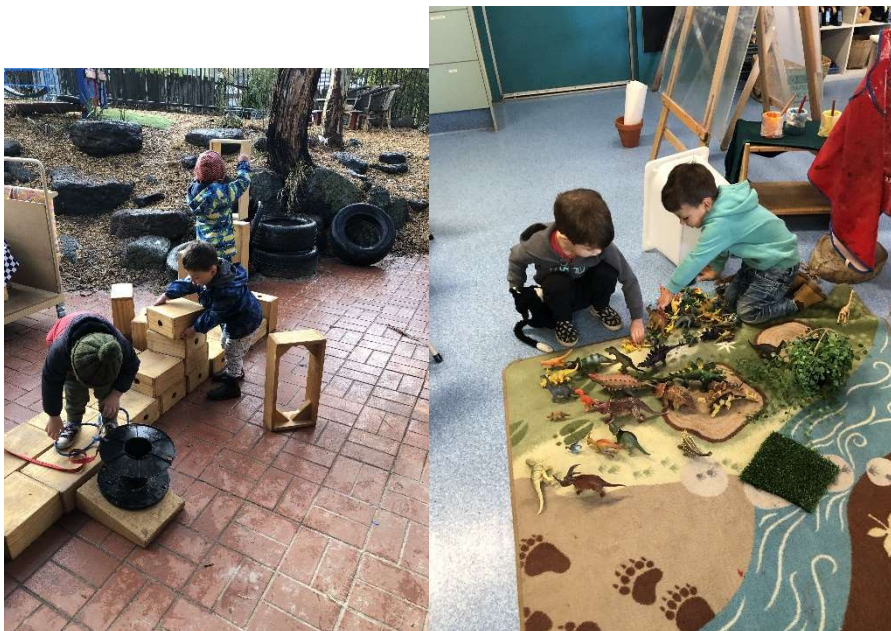
Also, we have lots of interest in playing with gadgets. So, if you have any old keyboards, phones, walkie talkies, cameras and other gadgets please send them our way.

Educator's Report

Swift Parrots

We have been enjoying the colder weather as it adds a different dimension to children's play, both indoors and outdoors. We are looking forward to exploring the outdoor environment further, so please remember to provide warm clothing each session and a change of clothes. Families are welcome to bring gumboots and leave them at kinder if this is more convenient.

Current interests that have emerged include making gingerbread men in mud kitchen, using the 'rainbow stampers' creatively, dance/movement, imaginative play with dinosaurs, construction play and large block play.





Welcome to Harry, Siena and Billy who have recently joined the Swift Parrot group. It's been wonderful to see how children have invited them into play and helped them understand our routines. In the middle photo we are singing 'Happy Birthday' to our new friend Harry.



During reconciliation week (27th May- 3rd June) we listened to a story by Auntie Joy Murphy called 'Welcome to Country'. We introduced the term 'First People' and discussed how Australia is now made up of people from many countries. Introducing children to these concepts at a young age helps develop an early and positive awareness of differences between people and cultures.

We also read a story 'All my Friends and Me' developed by the Australian Human Rights Commission that aims to build belonging. Through this story we are addressing the idea that we all have similarities/differences such as eye, hair and skin colour, and celebrating how this makes us special. We learnt a new song

'Colours of Australia' and are looking forward to revisiting this and learning the actions.



As we approach the end of term, we are looking forward to introducing a 'gingerbread man' cooking experience and story as well as a fire gathering in preparation for our lantern walk in term three.

Warmly,

Roseanne & Debbie

Growling Grass Frogs

Can you believe we are half way through the year! As we near the end of Term 2 we are proud to say that many of our kinder friends seem very comfortable and confident in their kinder environment and continue to demonstrate growing independence, curiosity and enthusiasm.



You may have noticed our new kinder bird house in the outdoor environment. A big thank you to Simon (Fabian's Dad) for helping our kinder friends design, construct and paint the new bird house for our resident Magpie.

We are sure this wonderful bird house will be a feature at Greenhills Preschool for many years to come.



As we rug up for the colder mornings at kinder with our jackets, beanies and scarves, we also decided that it is time for us to dig out our kinder fire pit from the shed as another way to help keep our bodies warm. Before we light the fire we have a group discussion on the "fire safety" rules so we can all remember how to be safe at kinder.

Some of our friend's ideas include:

Sana: you can't pass over the rope

Gus: don't go too close to the fire

Chelsea: don't step in the fire

Ava. B: don't touch the fire so you don't get burnt

Pierce: don't touch the fire

Will: don't go over the rope

Karen: walk around the fire pit





To also keep our bodies and warm and to raise money to purchase a new gymnastics wedge mat for kinder our GGF friends set up a vegetable soup stall. Many friends helped peel & chop the vegetables, helped set up the soup stall and our soup café. Our kinder friends raised just over \$230.00 and we will purchase our new gym mat early in term 3. Well done kinder friends!!





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, Sian, Sofia's Mum reading us a story book in Italian. 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.

Emily, Karen, Debbie and Carol