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President's Report

PRESIDENTS REPORT OCTOBER 2019

Here it is! The last Term of 2019. For some of us this means school next year, for others it means the next step up into 4 year old kinder. Exciting times ahead.

This year has been such a great year for kinder. We have had our Fire Night which was so great to finally have everyone together, and that the weather gave us a break to enjoy the outdoors.

Just recently we held space at Bunnings in Eltham for the sausage sizzle which raised roughly \$1700! This couldn't have been done without the help of so many parents who donated money, time and even came down and bought a sausage on the day!

Our AGM is on Wednesday 13th November, please have a think about joining the committee next year. It really is a great team to be a part of and feels good to do something good for the kinder.

Enjoy term 4 and keep calm in the lead up to Christmas!

Lauren Angel

President - Greenhills Committee 2019

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IMPORTANT DATES



AGM

To be held on **Wednesday the 13th of November**

Last week of term

Swift Parrots: Last kinder session will be on **Tuesday 17th December**

Growling Grass Frogs: Last kinder sessions will be **Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th December**

Clean up days

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th December – we ask families to lend a hand to help with our end of year clean up. Jobs will be listed on the parent portal shortly.

End of year Greenhills Preschool celebration

Friday 20th December - All families are invited to spend time together as a kinder community to celebrate the end of the kinder year. Invites will be distributed into your kinder pockets shortly.





HELP NEEDED



We still have some availability on the **laundry and gardening rosters** as well as **parent helpers** for this term. Please consider putting your name down to help before the year finishes.

Towards the end of the year, we will be sending out a list of jobs that need to be completed before we finish for the year. This may be jobs that can take 30 minutes at kinder to do and can be done at drop off or pickup or jobs that can be done at home, like extra washing.

Please help us get the kinder clean and tidy for the Christmas holidays by volunteering.

Greenhills Preschool is Cluster Managed by ECMS since 2016. Can you help in 2020?

The role of the Parent Committee is to help the Preschool run smoothly, raise funds and be a support to the Teachers and Staff to ensure the best outcomes for our children. We are looking for a new team for 2019! Please read the role descriptions below and help to make your kids' kinder the best it can be!

PRESIDENT

- Chair committee meetings
- Cheque Signatory (Fundraising Money Only)
- Follow up on outstanding business from meetings
- Staff contact
- Liaise with ECMS

SECRETARY

- Record & distribute committee meeting minutes
- Collate agenda items and distribute agenda items for committee meeting
- Email meeting reminders
- Communication between staff and community – sending out emails and Newsletters.

VICE PRESIDENT

- Support the President in their duties including chairing committee meetings in President's absence
- Support the committee in ensuring all tasks are completed timely.

TREASURER

- Authorise payment from Pre-School Fundraising accounts
- Cheque Signatory
- Collect monies from kinder/Banking and pass on documentation to ECMS contracted book-keeper
- Collate monthly financial report for presentation to committee (ECMS

contracted bookkeeper will forward on to you)

FUNDRAISING TEAM x 4

- Each member can run one fundraising event for the year or tasks can be shared between members
- Assistance from both committee and non-committee members (as required)

I.T PERSON (website and Newsletter)

- Collate monthly newsletter
- Update Website where necessary
- Assist Staff with any IT issues

GRANTS

- Responsible for applying for any relevant grants associated with the kinder from previous templates.

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

- Organise 2-4 working bees
- Liaise with council or tradespeople regarding any maintenance issues
- Report back to committee regarding any issues

SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR

- (1 x3 year old group and 2 x4 year old groups)
- Arrange social gatherings for parents and/or children outside of kinder ideally once a term (example coffee, playground etc.)
- Be the contact point for your group back to the staff or committee

If you would like to volunteer or know more, please email greenhills.kinder@gmail.com.

Reminders

A reminder to all families that it is illegal to leave children of any age unattended in a car.

Please be aware that the carpark is a very busy place and it is terribly unsafe to leave children alone in cars.

As the weather warms up the temperature in a hot car can be 20-30 deg hotter than the temperature outside. A child's body temp rises three to five times faster than an adult, putting children's safety at great risk.

Further advice and information can be found at Kidsafevic.com.au

- Bring labelled sun hat and please apply sunscreen before the session. Greenhills Preschool hats can be purchased at kinder for \$15
- Please ensure that you sign your child in and out as this is a legal requirement.
- Please ensure your child's clothing and snack belongings are labelled
- Please bring your diaries and sign up for parent helper during our kinder sessions (even 30 minutes is worthwhile)

Parent's 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

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.



Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:

- Ribbon
- Glitter
- Recycled glass jars (jam size) for our lanterns
- Boxes - Please remember we do not accept toilet rolls or boxes that have had nut products
- Cardboard tubes
- Large/small stones and pebbles
- Wood offcuts
- Material
- Old appliances for tinkering

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

Towards the end of term three we had our first visit to Yandell Reserve. It was great to see how grown up and responsible our Swift Parrots have become. We discussed the safety aspects of our visit including wearing vests, holding hands with our friends and keeping to the path. During our visit we enjoyed a group story 'Ten in the bed' and puppets. The main activities included child initiated running races, collecting wildflowers and collecting and measuring sticks. Big thank-you to our parent helpers on the day. Looking forward to scheduling some more visits in term 4.

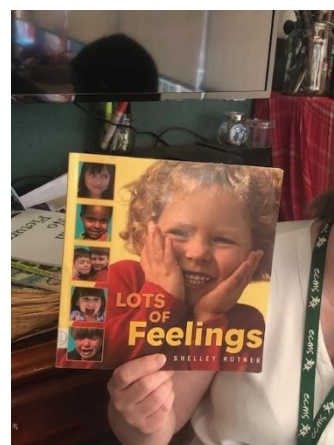


Preparing for our first visit to the reserve.



Lining up for a group running race.

Recently we have been discussing feelings during our kinder session. We shared a book and discussed how it is beneficial to acknowledge how we are feeling. We were pleased to see that the children were able to easily identify common feelings such as happy, sad, scared and also with support some more difficult to name feelings such as anxious, confused, thoughtful and curious. We highlighted how it's always okay to experience the full range of feelings and it is how we express these feelings that is important. Strategies to deal with anger that we discussed include taking some deep breaths, telling a friend or teacher, walking away, finding a quiet area to reflect and calm down.



Eloise, Knox, Zoe D, Chloe and Leo all enjoyed helping Debbie with making some slime. The ingredients they used included water, laundry detergent and food colouring. They took turns mixing and kneading the mixture. Comments included 'it's so soft, smells good and ewww slimy! Through this experience children practised measurement, scientific concepts such as elasticity and exploring the differences between a liquid and a solid.



Roseanne & Debbie

Growling Grass Frogs

It's hard to believe we are in the middle of our last term of the kinder year!!!! Such an exciting time for all our kinder friends as they consolidate their time at kinder and look forward to new adventures ahead. Our kinder friends have started chatting about "big school" and many have visited their nominated schools and have begun their primary school orientation programs. Transition and Learning Development Statements have been completed and are currently being submitted to the various primary schools.

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

- Read stories and have discussions about school
- Invite school students to kinder to interact with our kinder friends and talk about school
- Provide school uniforms in our dress up area to encourage children to role play and act out school scenarios
- 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). Our excursion dates will be Monday 25th & Wednesday 27th November (more information will be sent home to families closer to the date).





We also had a visit from Jim Mead, Environmental officer from Banyule council who spoke to us about Yandell reserve and the importance of looking after the beautiful and rare Eltham Cooper Butterfly. Together we planted a range of native plants including some Sweet Bursaria plants, a plant that is integral in the butterfly's life cycle. Currently we have a roped off area at kinder that is protecting the seedlings as they grow.



We have seen our emerging digging pit taking shape this term as our GGF friends dig, add water, move dirt, lay pipes and splash in muddy puddles.





"I love the digging pit, it is so special to us" Jackson

Term 4 is the culmination of a busy and fun year and we have observed children continue to grow in confidence and independence within the group environment. We are very proud of the way our kinder friends care for each other and our kinder environment. We have already observed lots of peer mentoring and kindness and look forward to sharing the remainder of the term with active, involved and connected learners.

Thanks

Emily, Karen, Debbie and Carol

Fundraising

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

We had a very successful day at the Bunnings Sausage sizzle on Sunday and raised \$2200 for Greenhills pre-school!! A big Thank-you to everyone who donated money and especially to those who took time out of their busy weekends to help us out on the day!!

Well done everyone!!

Fundraising team

P.S Also a big thank you our 2019 Committee and especially the fundraising team for all their hard work and commitment to Greenhills Preschool.

Many Thanks From

Educators at Greenhills

Worm Juice for Sale

You can purchase a jar of worm juice for your garden at home from kinder for \$2.

