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## Greenhills Gazette

**December 2019**

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### President's Report

#### **PRESIDENTS REPORT DECEMBER 2019**

This is it! We say goodbye and move to school, or see you next year!

Kinder has helped to make so many great memories for our little ones and this all wouldn't be possible without our wonderful educators.

Thank you to Emily, Roseanne, Karen, Carol & Debbie for always being there for the children. Also to the parents who helped on the committee and with any of our fundraising or working bees. Everyone's time is valued and doesn't go unnoticed.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the kinder picnic next Friday 20th to say bye bye.

Have a lovely Christmas!

**Lauren Angel**

**President - Greenhills Committee 2019**

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**



### **Kinder Clean Up Day**

**Wednesday 18th December 9 – 1pm**

If you can spare an hour or two we would appreciate some help cleaning toys, furniture, equipment in readiness for next year.

### **Last kinder Days**

**Swift Parrots – Tuesday 17th December**

**Growling Grass Frogs – Tuesday 17th December**

### **Greenhills End of Year Celebration**

**Friday 20th December 9-12pm**

**Eltham Copper Butterfly Park (Eltham)**



# Reminders

## 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

We have enjoyed a wonderful year of learning and growth with our Swift Parrots in 2019. It has been such a pleasure over the year to see children gain confidence to separate from family and begin to form new relationships with peers and staff. Children have gained many independence skills, social skills and lots of confidence to explore the kinder environment.



On Thursday 28th November, Ethan's mum Vinci visited us at kinder. Vinci works as a dietician and came along to share her special skills with us and read a story about a superhero eating a 'rainbow' of fruit and vegetables. We then each had a turn picking a card from the mystery bag and each card had a different coloured fruit or vegetable. Our friends were all keen to share their like/dislike of certain foods and the ones they had tried at home. We matched the colour to the rainbow and learned about the nutritional value of different fruits and vegetables. Vinci brought along a rainbow fruit/veggie colour chart to encourage eating a variety of fruit and vegetables every day. You can find these charts in your child's kinder pocket if you'd like to follow up at home.

Thank you so much Vinci for your wonderful session!





On Thursday 5th December, Zoe L's mum (Sarah) joined us to offer a group art learning experience. Our Swift Parrots worked together to paint some large boxes. We were all proud of how the group shared space, resources and the teamwork demonstrated. After painting, our friends used doilies, patty pans and glitter to make our Christmas tree shine! Thank you so much Sarah and Zoe for sharing a wonderful learning experience with us!

We are looking forward to seeing all our families on our final session Tuesday 17th December from 10-11am. We will be enjoying a final play together, having a sing-along with a few of our favourite songs and handing out the gift our Swift Parrots have made for their families.



We would like to say a big thank you to all the families who have helped us during the year. We have had helpers with laundry, gardening, cooking, fundraising, maintenance, social club, book club, reserve visits and sharing special skills. All this has contributed to the running of the kinder and making this a memorable year for our Swift Parrots.

Finally, we would like to wish our Swift Parrot families a wonderful Christmas and the very best for 2020.

Warmest regards,

**Roseanne & Debbie**

# Growling Grass Frogs

Our GGF group of friends visited Greenhills Primary School recently to help aid in the transition from kindergarten to school and to catch up with our Grade 3/4 friends. The children had the opportunity to play in the playground, visit the prep classroom, spend time in the grade 3/4 classroom and listen to lots of stories.

A big thankyou to all our kinder helpers who helped on the day ☺







### **What will you do at school?**

Ava. A – Play on the monkey bars

Annika – make some new friends

Elsa – I think I might have to do homework

### **How are you feeling about going to school?**

Skyla – good

Zen – a little nervous

Sana – excited

Finn – I am sad about leaving kinder

### **What is different between kinder and school?**

Chelsea – At school you have lunch breaks and at kinder you can eat anytime you want

Poppy – Everybody goes to school at the same time and the same day and you go every single day except on holidays and weekends

### **What will you miss about kinder when you go to school?**

Charlie – all my teachers

Sebastian. D – All my other friends that will not come to school

Bella – playing with my friends



Thank you to our Greenhills fundraising team, our 2019 committee and to you for helping raise funds this year for our beautiful new kinder furniture!  
Well Done Team







Our Community Christmas Banner looks amazing!

Our entire bunting flags look fabulous and unique – thank you to all you families you have created a flag to add to the banner. It is on display inside the kinder room, so make sure you look.

To all our kinder friends and families

A big thank-you for your support, warmth, willing participation in sessions and contributions throughout the year

We are excited for our kinder friends who are moving on from Greenhills and we wish you all the best. For those who are returning in 2020 we cannot wait to see you in the next year and hear about what you have been doing.

On behalf of all educators at Greenhills, we would like to thank the 2019 Committee for their continued support, time and dedication to our kindergarten.



Love from all the Educators @ Greenhills Preschool

**Emily, Roseanne, Karen, Carol & Debbie**



## Fundraising

### Worm Juice for Sale

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

