



*"learning through play"*

# Greenhills Gazette

March 2014

## CURRENT NEEDS WITHIN THE KINDER COMMUNITY

Landscape gardener needed for assistance in the planning of upgrading our Kinder grounds

## RESOURCES WE NEED

- Mirrors
- Fresh flowers (not only for aesthetics but for art inspiration)
- Plastic display pockets for use in the children's journals
- Pebbles/glass nuggets
- Pot plants indoor/outdoor
- Plastic spray bottles

**KINDER WORKING BEE**  
Sunday, March 30th



## President's Report

Can you believe we are heading towards the end of the term already? The children all seem to have settled in very well particularly given the unrelenting warm weather! The kinder picnic was a lovely way for parents and children to spend some relaxed time together and a lovely time was had by all. Thank you to the staff for organizing this for everyone.

It is great to see the **rosters** filling up with names. Thanks to all of you who have given up your time to support your children and the kinder. There are still plenty of days without helpers so if you find yourself available, please help where you can. You can just stay and help on any day you find yourself with some time. It doesn't have to be for the full session or on your rostered day. When you come to help, please familiarize yourself with our parent helper information, pop on a nametag and check the list of 'things to do'.

Have you seen the prizes for the **Easter Raffle**? They are a great motivation to sell lots of raffle tickets or just purchase them all yourself!! Please help support the kinder in this simple way and return your tickets on time to ensure you are in the draw.

Does anyone know a **local landscape gardener**? We would like to get a master plan for our grounds drawn up so that over time, we can upgrade our garden with a big picture in mind. Please let a committee member or one of the

Educators know (we would be willing to pay too!).

Finally, please put **Sunday March 30th** in your diary for our Kinder's Working Bee. You can come for one or more hours and your attendance goes towards receiving your maintenance levy back at the end of the year. There are plenty of jobs, big and small and we get a great deal done when people contribute just a small amount of time. Last year we even went home early we were so efficient!!

I hope that the holidays provide you with lots of time with those you love and some to relax ..... perhaps with some chocolate thrown in too!

*Kayte Kitchen,*  
*President*

## In Brief...

Please check your pockets regularly.

Please use nametags when you come as a parent helper.

The blackboard is the way to keep informed. All you need to know is on there.

Now that the weather is cooling down, why not grab a Kinder jumper. They are priced to sell!

**Term 2 starts Tuesday April 22th**

## *Educator's Report*



As educators we are happy to report that both the Swift Parrots and Growling Grass Frogs are continuing to build those important relationships with us and their friends on a daily basis. We regularly observe children helping each other, responding to their friend's feelings and enjoying each other's company. Progressive snack has been a large part of the relationship building with lovely conversations occurring, new friendships formed and lots of laughter. Circle time is another component that both groups do on a daily basis. We sing songs, read books and dance but we also have important discussions about a variety of subjects. These all help us to get to know each other and have fun.

Being together as a group is another great way of building a sense of belonging and we have worked as a team on the following together:

### **Swift Parrots and Growling Grass Frogs:**

- Planting our seedlings into our vegetable garden and are making sure we water them regularly.
- Caring for and respecting our kinder environment by clearing up after each kinder session.

### **Swift Parrots:**

- Creating a 'Swift Parrot' sign for our pocket area.
- Investigating seeds and planting beans in jars.

### **Growling Grass Frogs**

- Working together to implement numerous scientific experiments, taking group observations and reflecting on what may happen
- Taking care of Ned & Magda (our social puppets). We use the puppets at meting time to help discuss different social scenarios

We have now organised all the children's Kinder journals which are stored in the shelving where the sign in book is located. We encourage you to look through these at any time and we will be sending them home at the end of the term and welcome your feedback. Our program book is on display every session and again we encourage you to read through it and make written comments.

Both the Swift Parrots and Growling Grass Frogs are enjoying the many spaces provided for open ended play. Through the use of Intentional Teaching we are also sharing our interests and knowledge with the children in many different ways. We encourage you to share your expertise, interest or career with the children as well. So please come and talk to us if this is something you would like to do.





Your continued support with assistance during session times, working bees, laundry etc. and donations of materials is much appreciated and a massive part of our program.

At Kinder we use many recycled resources to enable the children to create their beautiful masterpieces, to play imaginary games, to use in the sandpit and outdoor kitchen and many more experiences. Thank you to our families for all their donations and contributions to kinder. It is much appreciated.

Please continue to think of kinder before you discard potential resources – you would be amazed what the children can create. At the moment we particularly need:



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It has been lovely getting to know you all and we really enjoyed our conversations with you at the 'Welcome Picnic'.

*Jo, Emily, Karen, Stephanie and Tracey*

## Fundraising Report

### 2014 Greenhills Easter Raffle Prize List

<b>Balance Gymnastics Research</b> Term 2 Fees (Insurance & Rego included)	Voucher \$250	<b>WaterMarc</b>	Family Swim/Slide Passes x 3
<b>Stuart McDonald Movement and Pilates Studio</b> , Greensborough Voucher(s) 3 x Personal Training session value \$210 (Donated by Stuart McDonald)		<b>Endota Spa</b> Eltham	Voucher \$30
<b>Simone Perele Lingerie</b> Uni Hill Bundoora	Voucher(s) 2 x \$150	<b>Greensborough RSL</b>	Bistro Voucher \$30
<b>Puffing Billy Railway</b>	Family Passes	<b>Diamond Valley Leisure Centre</b>	1 month free membership
<b>Phoenix Trading</b> (donated by Anita Gutknecht – Independent Trader)	Stationery pack & voucher value \$60	<b>Ravensburger puzzles</b> (suitable 4+)	35 piece puzzles x 2 2 x 20 piece puzzles x 2
<b>Wriggle It</b> Play Centre Bundoora	\$50 party voucher	<b>Urban Grooves</b> Greensborough	Voucher \$30

<b>Café ZENDEN</b> Eltham	Voucher \$50	<b>Diamond Valley Mini Railway</b> Family Day Passes
<b>Racquel's Skin Care Centre</b> Reservoir (donated by Roncallo Family)	Voucher \$50	<b>JC Personal Training</b> Voucher 1 x personal training session (donated by Roncallo family)
<p>Prize for the highest ticket sales: Easter hamper from <b>Jenny Macklin</b></p>		

## GREENHILLS 2014 EASTER-RIFIC RAFFLE



**Tickets \$2, 3rd April 2014**  
**Over \$1000 worth of prizes to be won!**

**Greenhills Preschool needs your help!**  
**Please enter our Easter Raffle and offer to sell as many raffle tickets as possible to help us raise funds for our preschool.**  
**THANK-YOU**

•Tickets will be issued to all parents via children's pockets. Please place money from ticket sales & ticket butts in an envelope into the Returns Box located at Kinder Staff office. Extra raffle tickets can be obtained from this same location. Unsold tickets don't need to be returned.  
**Raffle closes Friday 1st April 2014, 1:30pm.**  
**•Raffle drawn Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014, 9:30am.**  
 •Winners will be notified using contact information provided on ticket butt.

•**Prizes to be won include:** Balance Gymnastics Research voucher, Pilates Personal Training sessions, Simone Perele lingere vouchers, Wriggle It Play centre voucher, Phoenix Trading stationery, Puffing Billy family passes, Café Zenden voucher, Racquel's Skin care centre voucher, JC personal Training voucher, Watermarc family swim/slide passes, Endota Spa voucher, Greensborough RSL bistro voucher, Urban Grooves voucher, Diamond Valley Leisure Centre voucher, Diamond Valley mini railway family passes & Ravensburger puzzles! **Prize also to the family that sells the most tickets!**

•Raffle Queries contact Anita Gutknecht (Annika) 0413 992 394