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IN BRIEF...

HELP NEEDED

The Fundraising Team are looking for helpers in the lead-up to the Trivia Night in June. Do you know someone who may be able to donate a prize or can assist with decorations and/or refreshments on the night? Please see the Fundraising section of the Newsletter for more information!

KINDER POLICY UPDATE

We have recently updated some of our policies around fee payments and late collection of children from sessions. You will find this new information on our webpage

<http://greenhillspreschool.org.au>

SURVEYS

Surveys are an important way of gaining feedback on our program and service and ensuring that we are truly in a partnership with families. We know your time is precious but we would really appreciate your feedback through our periodic surveys.

President's Report

Hello everyone!

The year is passing so quickly isn't it? The children are growing so much in their independence, ideas and connections and I hope you are seeing these things at home as well as at kinder.

It has been lovely to hear of the many connections being strengthened both within and outside of the kinder over the past months. From library and musical visitors to meet ups with parents and children. Please take these opportunities whenever you can as you never know when you might need some information or some help and these connections can be vital in such circumstances. (Plus you might make friends that you keep for a lifetime).

On June 1, **Kai** from our 3YO group will be joining his family, Chris, Kara and Jonah in participating in the MS walk/run. As a kinder we are wanting to support this family to raise as much as possible for this cause. Watch out at kinder for opportunities to support them or speak directly with Chris or Kara when you see them. Let's really get behind them!

It is once again the time of year where children (and parents) are getting sick. Please do not send your child to kinder if they are unwell. And please be aware of the Kinder's policy regarding when a child should return to kinder after being unwell. We really appreciate your help in keeping our kinder (including our educators) a happy and healthy place to spend time.

Open Day was a great success and special thanks must be made to Naomi, Jackie, Mel, Jennie, Jo, Emily, Shannon, Liz, Kate, Rachel, Pauline and Jennifer. These ladies all came to help promote our kinder to those who came to check it out. And from the feedback gathered, people continue to be impressed with the style and standards we hold to at our kinder. Thanks ladies and keep up the great work Educators!

If you haven't already heard our **Trivia Night** is fast approaching and it is going to be a great night. A great deal of effort has already gone into preparing for this evening but there is still much to do. So please let the Educators or Fundraising team know if you have a little (or a lot of) spare time. Every bit counts and we want it to be a fabulous evening.

And lastly, for those of you who will be around next year, it is a good time to start thinking about how you can be involved in the kinder in 2015. If you would like more information about what different roles on the committee involve, please feel free to chat with myself or any other committee member. I promise that your interest does not pin you down to a position!!

*Kayte Kitchen,
President*

Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate warm/wet weather clothing to Kinder each day. If your child tends to get wet and dirty, also pack a change of clothes!

Educator's Report

Music, Movement & More

Recently both the Growling Grass Frogs and Swift Parrots have been offered a music session each week by Brooke and Jason from Music, Movement & More.. The children have enjoyed joining in with familiar songs, playing along with instruments, singing and generally have a good time. These sessions are over 4 weeks and are fully funded by your fees.



Community Celebration

Recently at Kinder all groups invited their mothers, grandmothers, Aunts or special family female friends to come and celebrate Mother's Day. This celebration took place for an hour at the end of each session, the week leading up to Mother's Day.

Growling Grass Frogs

We wanted it to be special for everyone involved. It was lovely to see the excitement in the children as their special guests arrived. Many spent time showing their guests around, showing them tricks on the climbing frame, playing in the sand pit, working in the studio and cooking in the outdoor kitchen.

We invited Jason & Brooke to participate in our celebrations by singing a range of songs with all our friends. We then bundled together as a marching band and marched out into Yandell Reserve singing and playing our instruments.....



Swift Parrots

The children finished off their preparations in the morning ready for their special visitors. Cheese sandwiches were made, and the Lemon Slice and Fruit Balls were put onto plates. When our special guests arrived we all went out through the door into the Reserve and sat on the picnic blankets and chairs. Some of the children passed the food around to the guests and then we heard a story. Jason & Brooke arrived and we sang and danced with our friends and guests.



Grandparents we need you!

We would love to have some Grandparents coming into kinder to read to the children/garden/play music – or any other interest you might like to share. If you have some free time and think this would be something you would like to do please let us know.

Sick Children – as stated in our parent handbook:

If your child is ill please keep them at home. Our kinder has a policy of 24 hours but a recommended 48 hours after the last vomit/diarrhoea episode to ensure that the rest of the children/staff at the kinder are not unnecessarily exposed as stated in the 'Schedule 7 Minimum Period of Exclusion from Primary Schools and Children's Services Centres for Infectious Diseases Cases and Contacts' (Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009). To see this exclusion table in full please visit:

<http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/guidelines/school-exclusion-table.asp>



MS Walk + Fun Run – Get fit for a cause and help Aussies with MS

We are hoping our Kindergarten community will get behind Kai (Swift Parrot) and his family who are taking part in this event. A family friend of Kai's has been diagnosed with MS and they are hoping to raise much needed funds to provide services and support to Aussies living with MS. We will be asking the children in both groups for their fundraising ideas this week – so stay tuned!

You can directly support Kai's family **right now** via this link: <http://register.mswalk.org.au/2014-MS-Walk-and-Fun-Run-Melbourne/karagunn>

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Student Visits

A group of students from Living & Learning Nillumbik visited the kinder recently as part of their studies. The visit provides Early Childhood students with the opportunity to see a program in practice and also helps Greenhills Preschool strengthen ties within our local community.

"The students of Nillumbik Living & Learning highly value the opportunity to visit Greenhills Preschool as it provides them with an opportunity to see a beautiful kindergarten in action, seeing children being able to move freely between indoors/outdoors, unhurried time to pursue their own interests, connecting with nature and to gain inspiring ideas to set up and implement play and learning for young children. This spaces encourages, supports and challenges children to explore, investigate, problem solve, imagine, create and experiment. Thank you to all staff, families and children for providing us with this opportunity"

Andrea Jenkins



Donations

At the moment we are in need of:



- Polystyrene trays
- Glass jars in particular squat glass jars with lids (the type Salsa comes in)
- Kindling
- Wood offcuts (soft)
- Plastic pockets for journals
- Reams of paper for photocopying

Jo, Emily, Karen, Stephanie and Tracey

Fundraising Report

KINDER TRIVIA NIGHT

The Fundraising Team are very excited to announce The Social Event of the Year ... the *Greenhills Preschool Trivia & Auction Night!*

A great opportunity to get some friends and/or family together for some fun and at the same time raise some much needed funds for our kinder. We are keen to make this as successful as possible; there will be games and plenty of opportunities to win prizes. We will also be holding an Auction for big ticket items (alert the golfers we have a round of golf at Huntingdale Golf Club up for auction!) and smaller raffles + auctions throughout the night, so make sure you come cashed up – you don't want to miss out!!! Failing that bring rich friends, that's what we're doing!!!

Tickets now ON SALE.

Contact Anita Gutknecht for enquiries and ticket/table sales.

0413 992 394 or anitag1969@hotmail.com

HELP WANTED

We are also looking for people to help out on the night and in the lead up. Please speak to Mel or email Jackie - jackie@greensboroughpilates.com - we are still looking for donations (ask around) for our auctions and also some raffles, decorations, tea/coffee, some people to help man some games on the night (information will be provided and support given). We are also holding some Facebook auctions in the lead up - please join and like our new FB page **Fundraising for Greenhills Pre-School**.



FRIDGE MAGNETS

Fundraising Team has put together a fridge magnet with some important dates and ways that you can contribute to Pre-School. Hopefully you have received one in your pocket or in person - this will help plan some special dates. If you don't have one or would like a digital copy just send Jackie an email - jackie@greensboroughpilates.com



Trivia Night

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Greenhills Pre-School
Trivia & Auction Night

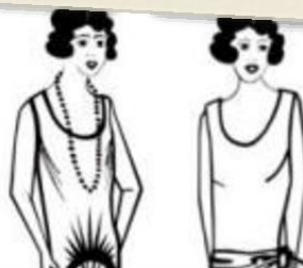
DATE: Saturday, 14 June 2014

WHERE: Apollo Parkways PS Community Centre
Civic Drive, Greensborough (entrance @ rear IGA carpark)

TIME: 7.15pm
\$10 a ticket. Tables of 8
-make your own table or we can help put together

WHAT: **Adults** gather your friends or family members for a fun night of Trivia, games, auctions and surprises. Target \$3000 on the night from games & auctions. BYO food & drink.

THEME: Wear a hat or if you are feeling like dressing up- 1920s Gangster/Flapper/Downtown Abbey



**Tickets on SALE
NOW**



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