

## The Hills Community Kindergarten

### Social Committee Report 2021

Typically, social and fundraising activities are held throughout the year to encourage and foster the relationships and the community spirit that the Hills Community Kindergarten is so well known for. Unsurprisingly, the current global pandemic has greatly impacted our ability to conduct social activities for the second year in a row!

Whilst a typical year may have seen us reporting on events such as Bunnings BBQ fundraisers, cake stalls, picnics and social evenings, 2021 was a little different. Prior to the 2021 lockdown, our families were able to take part in a park play date where children and adults alike were able to spend some time playing and getting to know one another. Families also enjoyed the Mother's day event at kindergarten, spending time in the classroom with their children for a 'stay and play' morning. And then there was lockdown...and plans for future events such as a plant sale were put on hold indefinitely.

Nonetheless, our community rallied as always and supported the activities that we were able to organise. This included Picture plates which generated \$616 and Gingerbread houses which generated \$494.

In addition, this year the Kindergarten teamed up with Eduthreads to offer t-shirts and hats emblazoned with the Kindergarten logo. The optional 'uniform' is intended to encourage and foster a sense of pride and belonging. A small commission is earned for purchases made via Eduthreads.

Some members of our community thought outside the box and came up with their own ways in which to support our Kindergarten. This included:

- Donation of funds generated from a cake stall and lemonade stand run at home
- Donation to purchase new pot for the garden
- Taking care of the preschool garden / purchasing plants
- Maintaining furniture
- Donating time to run the preschool library

Generated funds were utilised for maintaining and painting the monkey bars and A frame, purchase of equipment and raincoats.

As always, the generous spirit of the community enables our kindergarten to continue to provide the best possible environment for our children, and we greatly appreciate every contribution made.



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