

# KINDER CAPERS

APRIL 2015

OPEN DAY <sup>20</sup>/<sub>15</sub> 15 MAY 2-4PM

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### **CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT WE ARE FAST APPROACHING THE END OF APRIL?**

It's not that bad though, Autumn is without doubt my favourite season. Although it's not very Australian, I do love the autumn leaves changing colour and falling...

Anyway, I hope you and your little ones are easing back into second term and reflecting on how wonderful first term was. This term will see even more special events, over the coming weeks the Kinder will be holding a responsible pet program, Mothers' Day event and an Autumn walk.

For those who attended the Belgrave South Primary School's Stax-a-Fun silent auction might have noticed that the LJMP had a discount voucher for next years term 1 fees. Congratulations on the lucky bidder – we look forward to seeing you next year.

The Staff and Committee have already started turning their minds to next year's enrolments. If you are wanting to attend the Kinder next year I encourage you to speak with our enrolment officer (Naomi) who can assist you in securing your child a place.

By far the BIGGEST news is the Len Jeffrey Memorial Preschool OPEN DAY to be held on Friday 15th May from 2 to 4pm. You will start to see advertising around town, at the Kinder and on social media. I urge you all to advertise as much as you can even if it is by word of mouth.

Over recent weeks there has been mysterious disappearances of some of those horrible agapanthus – not that anyone is complaining! Russell our maintenance man has secured a few hundred FREE native plants which will slowly be planted in the newly cleared areas. Thanks Russ.

In relation to fundraising, Brooke has done an amazing job for the Kinder and kicked off a great start to the year with the chocolate drive. We raised a substantial amount of money which will be reinvested in the continued growth and improvement of the Kinder and the students – Thank you all for your contribution.

**Some reminders:** Please keep watch of the upcoming working bees. Many hands make light work and don't forget that you get a financial reward for attending – even if it is 30min, an hour or more.

As always, if you need to contact me for any reason, my contact details are below. I look forward to hearing from you.

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*President for 2015*  
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*“Today you are you!  
That is truer than true!  
There is no one alive who  
is you-er than you!”*

*Dr Seuss*

Future Committee meetings are:

- Tuesday 10th March
- Tuesday 14th April
- Tuesday 12th May
- Tuesday 14th July
- Tuesday 11th August
- Tuesday 8th September
- Tuesday 13th October
- Monday 9th November
- Monday 16th November (AGM)
- Tuesday 1st December (Handover Meeting)

Remember everyone is welcome to attend.

# RAINBOWS

OPEN THE  
POD BAY  
DOORS...



**W**ELL HERE WE ARE BACK AT KINDER all ready for an action packed term 2. We hope everyone enjoyed the two week break and had a happy Easter. The children have been sharing with us some of the exciting things they did over the 2 weeks. From all reports it seems the break was filled with many children involved in camping experiences, Queensland holidays, holidays to Grandma's, plane trips, trips to the movies, plays at the park, plays with their friends and lots of fun.

Firstly I will quickly recap the end of term 1. During the last week of term 1 there was lots of excitement from the children as Easter was fast approaching. There was lots of talk about Easter bunny and we incorporated some Easter experiences into our program. Many children enjoyed making bunny masks, painting foam

bunnies & making chicks and bunnies out of paper plates and paper cups. Extending on this theme we set up the wooden dolls house and put in it a variety of bunnies, chicks and eggs which the children enjoyed playing with. All children got to participate in an egg hunt on the Tuesday and / or Friday. It was very exciting as we thought we had seen something white hopping around our yard. Could it be the Easter bunny?? The children thought that it may so we all went out looking to see what we could find. The children were very excited to find Easter eggs hidden in our yard as well as white paw prints and even a tiny bit of fluff that some were adamant that it had to be from the Easter bunny. After our egg hunts the children all made Easter baskets to put the eggs in.

Our first week of term 2 has already zoomed along and it was great to see the children

excited to be back at kinder amongst friends. Already we have got straight into our secret surprises for our mums in preparation for Mothers day. We will be having a Special lunch for all mums at kinder on Tuesday 5th May & Friday 8th May. The children will be making the invitations very soon and we will send them out to all so please keep an eye out for your invitation and we hope to see everyone there. If you are working or have a prior commitment maybe a gran or special friend may be able to attend .

This week we have set up 2 main areas for our dramatic play. As many of the children have been looking at our rocket keenly in the shed we decided to set up the rocket and space station inside on our lino area. The children were super excited to see this inside and many have been enjoying being astronauts. We have

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had several countdowns as a variety of children take it in turns to travel to the moon. Some children spend time in the space station with all the controls & radios and talk to the astronauts on the moon. With all this space play it has been a great introduction to talk about space. The time it takes to travel to the moon changes all the time for us – many think it takes a day then others say 5 mins. We have talked about the different planets and are reading great books about space like “The man on the moon” & ‘Faust in space”. The children have been enjoying making aliens, space ships , astronauts and rockets which are decorating our wall at the moment. As this is still a big interest for our kinder children we will continue to include some space experiences into our program next week.

Our castle has been turned into a home corner which is regularly played in by most children daily. This week it has been a hype of activity as the children have had picnics, morning teas, cooking sessions and dinner parties in here.

You may have noticed lately that we have a few Early Childhood students from different campuses around Melbourne at kinder. It is always great to have students to help out at kinder. Your children are enjoying having them & already they have gotten to know most of the children very well. Please make them feel

welcome when you see them at drop off or pick up times.

Remember if you have something related to our current unit that you think may be useful let us know. Extra equipment, books, ideas or knowledge is always appreciated. Also please remember that Belinda and Genevieve are always around to have a chat about your child’s progress if you have any questions or



concerns. Please don’t hesitate to talk to us to arrange a time to talk.

Thanks for everyone’s help last term with kinder duty. Your help is necessary for us to run an exciting, challenging and interesting program. As well as being a great help to staff your children LOVE having you at kinder. If

you are unable to attend your duty we also understand – we realise that many of you work or have several commitments. Please remember that it doesn’t have to be your self on duty. If you cannot help out then maybe Gran, Pa, an aunty or even a special friend may be able to attend duty.

Term 2 has several special days with incursions and excursions so please keep an eye on your term 2 overview to make sure you don’t miss out on anything. Please note - prior to each event you will receive a notice or permission slip for you to fill in .

Here are a few dates to remember early on in the term -

\*WALK TO KINDER DAY (meet at St Martins church 8.45 am) : Monday 27th April & Thursday 30th April

\* MOTHERS DAY LUNCH : Tuesday 5th May 12.30 pm & Friday 8th may 12.30pm

\* AUTUMN LEAF WALK : Monday 11th May 11- 1pm Thursday 14th May 11am – 1pm

\*SCHOOL LIBRARY VISIT :Monday 18th May 11.45 am & THURSDAY 21ST May 11.45am.

Thanks  
Genevieve , Belinda , Jo and Jess

# FUNDRAISING

**Thank you** to all of our families for supporting the Cadbury fundraiser and closet clean out. We have so far raised \$1250 for LJMP this year. This money will be going towards home corner furniture. Without fundraising there are no extra funds to purchase new equipment and furniture so your support is much appreciated and its our children who benefit.

There will be another closet clean out at the end of the year, hold onto any unwanted items.

Mothers’ Day raffle tickets are out, tickets are \$2.00 each. Winning tickets will be drawn at the rainbows Mothers day lunch on Friday the 8th of May.

A big Thank you to Bianca Greik for donating her time for our 3rd prize the 1 hour massage at Resort Beauty @ home mobile service, Ph: 0430 754 822

**Thank you, keep up the good work!**

**Brooke Rogerson**

# BLUE STARS

NOT ALL TREASURE IS SILVER AND GOLD...

**H** I EVERYONE,

I hope you all had a nice break and am ready for the busy term ahead. The last two weeks of term were lots of fun for the children as we had our pirate/princess day at kinder. We had a blast as we split into two groups and followed a treasure map around the yard and went to X marks the spot. The children dug and dug and yes they found treasure how exciting. After finding the treasure the children were able to take it to the pirate ship inside and sail away with it. We also made lots of different things at the making table, there was swords, crowns, pirate hats, wands and the children decorated these with lots of different resources.

Our last day of term we had just as much fun as we went on a chocolate hunt outside and the children helped each other as they scoured the yard looking for chocolate frogs. Inside we made rabbit ears, Easter baskets and the children painted eggs and rabbits using pom poms as brushes and they turned out fantastic.

Towards the end of term we have been playing a few mat time games where the children learn to take turns and that sometimes not everyone gets a turn at a particular game but that they will next time. We have played Rickety rickety, Bingo and our colour game. Games such as these are to help the children with each other's name and colour and shape recognition and in turn they learn to share in large group activities.

Moving onto this term the children will be busy getting ready for our mum's special day coming up soon. The children are so excited about keeping secrets so if you ask about anything to do with Mother's day the response will be it is SECRET KINDER BUSINESS. We will be having a Mother's Day morning tea and I will send out a note to you all shortly. The children are doing lots of cooking and making something very special for their mums.

We set up an ice cream parlour in the dramatic play area for the start of term and the children have loved playing in it. Some are happy to serve the ice creams while others want to be the customers and sit at the table and eat their ice creams. Areas such as this are a great way for the children to role play, negotiate roles and be able to interact in a group experience. The dramatic play area is one of my favourite areas because you can be anything and set up anything the ideas are endless so if you have an idea please let us know and if we have the resources we will try and make it happen.

As the weather is getting colder can you please make sure you put in a warm jumper or jacket for your child as we will always try to keep running out indoor outdoor program even when it's cold.

We are trying a rotating snack system this term as I have noticed that some children are hungry so we will run snack from approximately 10:15-10:45 so this allows the children that are hungry to eat and others to wait till a bit later. We will still make sure that all children have snack by 10:45am. We will see how it goes.

Looking forward to another fun term.

Thanks, Shar & Kellie

