



**LEN JEFFREY
MEMORIAL
PRESCHOOL**

KINDER CAPERS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



WELCOME TO 2015.

This is the first Kinder Capers for 2015. I hope you and your little ones are all as excited as I am to get cracking with building on the already brilliant reputation of the Kinder.

On behalf of the new committee I extend a warm welcome to all the new and returning families to the Kinder for 2015.

The committee have had their first meeting for the year and are all trying to get their heads around their new roles – especially me!

Anyway, down to business;

By now you would all be aware that the Kinder is run by parents. That's right YOU.

We are still in search of willing parents to assist in all sorts of ways especially with the upkeep of the Kinder in respect of maintenance and financially in respect of fundraising. Don't be shy, we don't bite – it doesn't matter how big or how small your contribution is – it all helps.

Thank-you to those parents that have put their hand up to assist since the last email. A very special thank you to the parents that work either part time or full-time, raise kids, run their own business, care for others

and still find time to help out.

In the coming weeks and months you will receive notice of working bees, we hope you put those dates in your diary and help make the kinder pretty, presentable and, most of all, fun place for your kiddies to play. First 'cab off the rank' is the 3 year-old working bee on March the 22nd.

In respect of vacancies we still have 1 available spot in the 3 year-old

session (although because we are so popular this position may be filled by the time we go to print!). There are still a few more 4 year-old positions available, so if you know anyone that wants our lovely Teachers to look after some feisty four year olds, give them our number.

We are soon to kick off with a great fundraising event – I hope you like chocolate....

Give me a C-H-O-C-O-L-A-T-E. Seriously though, to keep the Kinder profitable and operational participating in fundraising is by far the biggest way that you can help. Personally this is my favourite event and I am glad it is at the start of the year, but Shhhhh don't tell my kids (more chocolate forme!!!).

You are all invited to the forth-

And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.

Roald Dahl

coming committee meetings for the rest of the year. Now you have the dates there is no excuse....

- 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)

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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STARS

**H I EVERYONE,
WELCOME WELCOME**

WELCOME to 2015.
Firstly I would like to welcome you all to kinder all parents, families and children. Kellie and I are looking forward to a great year of exploring, learning and most of all fun.

I would like to thank you all very much in being so understanding about the change of Information day and the short notice. You all turned up with all your paperwork in hand, this makes it so much easier to get all the paperwork requirements out the way and then we can get stuck into the fun stuff. We started kinder with one and a half hour sessions, this is because it's a great opportunity for the children and staff to get to know one another and for the children to begin to learn the routines and there is such a lot to remember so we can spend more one on one time to help your child remember and become familiar in the kinder environment.

Well you should be all very proud of how the children have settled in and how they are happily exploring the new environment. The most popular activity inside for the first two weeks has definitely been the playdoh, with the children rolling, cutting and manipulating it with their hands. The children made pizzas, cookies and even snakes and snails. The other popular area has been home corner, the children have done lots of cooking, they have baked cakes and cookies made vegetable soup and made lots of cups of tea. The sand pit has been a clear favourite outside with many sand castles made and digging of holes. It was great to see the children ready to explore the environment with

enthusiasm and willing to experience new things.

Next week we start our 4 hour sessions the children who are doing 4 hours will need to bring snack and lunch. The 2 hour session children will need to bring snack if you are attending in the morning and lunch if you are attending in the afternoon. Also we will be starting our indoor/outdoor program where the children can choose where they would like to play. The children will be sharing the yard with the big kinder children but from past experience this works really well as the bigger children tend to want be helpers in the yard which makes the children feel extra special.

On the 24th of February we will be having a beach day at kinder, the children will do lots of different activities inside and outside to do with summer & the beach.

On the 17th March we will be having a pirates/princess dress up day at kinder, the children do not have to dress up if they don't want to, they could just wear a pirate hat or princess crown. We will do lots of different activities in and outside to incorporate the theme of the day.

Now on a more serious note, you have received lots of literature about our little girl Sailor who is anaphylaxis to peanuts and eggs. There is to be no peanut products brought into the kinder and no raw egg products. We would like everyone to read the literature and help us to make our centre a safe place for Sailor to attend. Please when your child comes to kinder they need to wash their hands after hanging up their bags in the bathroom. The children will also be washing their hands before and after snack and lunch to eliminate risk. I know we

and Sailor's family would really appreciate your help with this so we can all have fun at kinder. As part of our no nut policy and as much as we love box construction could you please not bring in any egg cartons or boxes that say may contain traces of nuts. I have sourced a hair dresser for colour boxes and small boxes from a friend who works at a linen store. So if you have any other sources where we can get boxes please let me know that would be great.

Just a few reminders please make sure your child has a named hat for kinder, it's a great idea to have one that you can leave in your child's work box as we will be enforcing no hat no play rule as of this week.

Also can you please make sure all drink bottles, lunch boxes and clothing is named as it makes it easier for the children and us to know what belongs to whom and it also allows the children to be able to recognise their name and be responsible for their own belongings.

In your pockets this week is the term overview and the duty roster put this in a safe place so you know what's going on and when. As you will notice I have lots of spots not filled in the 11:30am-2:00pm if you can help please let me know.

If you ever wish to speak to me about your child or anything to do with the kinder I am available after session on a Tuesday so please feel free to stay for a chat.

Looking forward to a great term of getting to know you all and having lots of fun.

**THANKS HEAPS
SHAR & KELLIE**



RAINBOWS

WELCOME TO RAINBOWS GROUP 2015.

For old families it is great to have you back and for new families we look forward to getting to know you and your child.

The first week of kinder was great as we have had the opportunity to slowly get to know the children and it has given them time to get to know these strange people that are caring for them. The children seem to be coping well with two different teachers. Children are very flexible and are adapting well to this routine.

Over the next few weeks we will be discussing the sea and summer. We will talk about the creatures that live in the sea, what we can do at the beach and how to be sun smart. The children have already been enjoying a making a variety of sea creatures. As part of this unit we will be having a

Rock Pool Incurion on Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th February. As a conclusion to this unit we will have a beach day on Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th February. If your child loves dressing up they are invited to do so. This is going to be a fun day at the beach at kinder. As a treat we are having natural icy poles at kinder on those two days. Please let us know if your child is unable to have one for any reason.

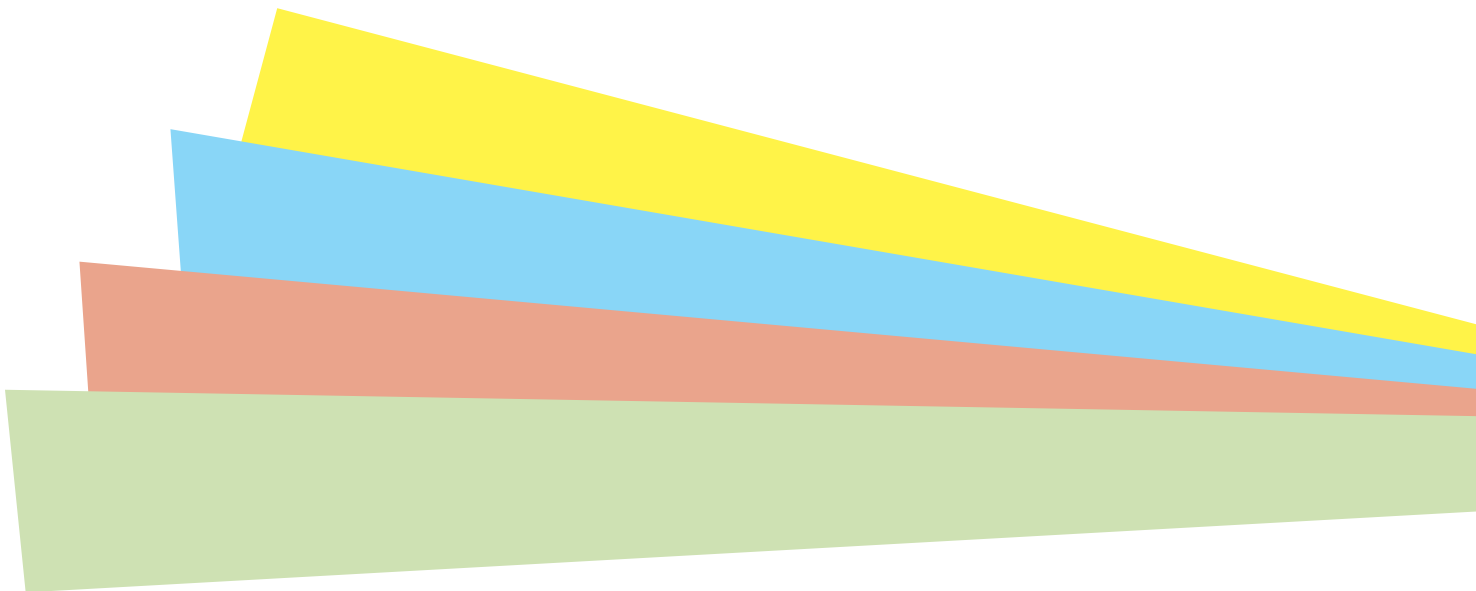
In this warm weather the children have been having lots of fun with water either added to the sandpit, to paint with outside or in the sensory tub. They have also had fun with the gelly baf in the sensory tub. This is a jelly like substances designed for children to bath in. It has been extremely popular at kinder.

The children also enjoyed the sensory experience of clay last

week. They enjoyed feeling, rolling, squeezing, squashing and hammering the clay into different shapes. This can be a very messy activity but it is a fantastic fun way to learn about texture, moisture (the clay dried in the heat and the children needed to add water to keep it soft) and to develop fine motor skills that are required for writing, cutting and so many other tasks in life.

We will be learning a few simple kinder rules to enable everyone to feel safe and happy at kinder. These are rules that the children have chosen. Treasure has just begun. This is another name for Show and Tell and each child has their treasure on a different day. This is a great way to develop confidence and expressive language skills.

The children will begin to learn a variety of new songs over the coming





weeks. Music develops language, listening skills, coordination & comprehension.

We will also be talking about fire safety and practicing our fire drill.

We are starting all our sessions on the mat so it is important that all children arrive at kinder on time. This mat time is when vital information regarding the day's activities is given to the children. It is also a great time for the children to interact with staff quietly and become settled and comfortable in the kinder environment.

Please remember that all children need to bring a hat to kinder every day. Even on cloudy days the children are required to wear a hat outside as it is part of our sun smart policy. No hat means the children are restricted to shaded areas to play. You may like to leave it in your work child's work box. Please also sun screen your child before they arrive at kinder.

Please remember that your child needs lunch and snack each day. We have a healthy food policy so please remember no lollies, chocolates, muesli bars, fruit bars, chips, chocolate biscuits, cordial or juice for lunch or snack and water is always the preferred drink. We also ask all children to take home their

rubbish so that you know what they have eaten that day. If you want less rubbish taken home then do not send pre-packaged items as this will reduce the rubbish. Also no eggs or nuts are allowed at this centre.

Remember you can have a chat about your child's progress at any time just arrange a time that suits.

If you have anything related to our current theme that you feel we will be able to use within our program please let us know. We are always looking for new ideas. Remember we do not get the chance to watch playschool so keep your eyes peeled for anything good!!!!!!!

Please be careful when signing your child in and out. Ensure you are signing in the correct spot by checking the number on the line. Please also remember you cannot put a departure time in until you pick up. It is against DEECD regulations to do so. If you put a departure time in when you drop off in the morning it means you have taken your child home again. This can be very confusing for relief staff and dangerous if we needed to evacuate as a relief teacher would assume that the child was no longer at kinder that day.

Remember to let us know as soon as possible if you cannot do kinder

duty. It is vital we have parents to assist otherwise we will need to alter our program.

Over the next few weeks check your child's portfolio as we are slowly begin to add information to these but please be patient as we have 37 to do!

Don't forget the parking bay behind the gold Honda is reserved on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday for a Jesse and his mum Chris. Please do not use this bay on those days for any reason.

Thank you and we look forward to having a great year.

BELINDA, GENEVIEVE, JO AND JESS.



FUNDRAISING FOR 2015

Fundraising is an integral part of the pre-school system, everyone's support would be most appreciated as different requests are asked of you through the year. We are all here to provide a good learning environment for our children and this is an easy way to contribute.

The first activity will be the tried and tested Cadbury chocolates. These will be sent home with your child the week starting 23rd Feb.

We are registered to receive benefits with the local IGA, just next to the primary school. If you could please ask for a card and follow the details on the receipt you receive from the cashier. You will need to visit myigacard.com.au and follow the prompts and select Len Jeffery Memorial Pre-School as the charity. Every little bit helps, just remember to take your card each time you shop there.

Please hold onto your old clothes, we are having a "clothes clean out" drive in term 2. Anything you, your family or friends may be throwing out, please ask them to hold and we will collect them in term 2... more details to follow.

Thank you in advance for your help. If anyone would like to help on the fundraising committee (there is only me), please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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LUNCH BOX FRIENDLY MUESLI BARS



Uncle Toby's & Freedom Foods both make lunch box friendly muesli bars that contain no nuts.

These are the only muesli bars that can be sent to kinder as we have children who are severely allergic to nuts. We have provided a photo of the boxes to help you recognise them when you are next shopping.

Thank you

STAFF