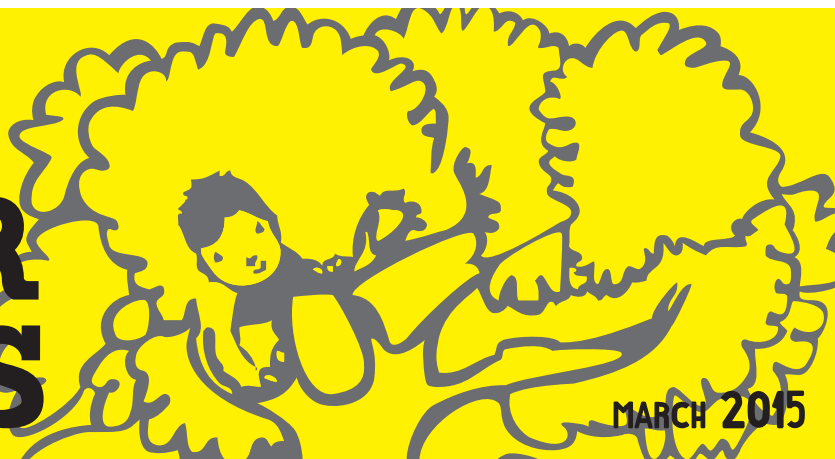


LEN JEFFREY
MEMORIAL
PRESCHOOL

KINDER CAPERS



MARCH 2015

KINDER KIDS RECREATE FAVOURITE MOVIE MOMENTS



LIFE OF PI



LORD OF THE FLIES

UNFORTUNATELY THE
PRESIDENT'S REPORT IS
UNABLE TO BE BROUGHT
TO YOU THIS MONTH,
SO HERE'S A PICTURE
OF MICK JAGGER INSTEAD...

WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE. NORMAL SERVICE SHOULD RESUME NEXT MONTH



BLUE STARS

WORLD PAINT SHORTAGE EXPLAINED...

CAN'T BELIEVE I AM WRITING AN END OF TERM

newsletter already, it's amazing how time goes quickly especially when you're having fun.

Firstly we are so proud of your children as they have settled so well and have learnt the routines really quickly. Kellie and I usually hate the sound of our own voices by the end of the first term but this term the children certainly have shown how eager they are to learn and listen. They have had so much to remember in such a short time and they have done an amazing job.

We have been practising our whistle game over the last couple of weeks. This is our emergency evacuation procedure which we need to practise. We talk about safety at kinder and that we might need to leave the building to be safe so the children are doing a great job. Next term we will be practising with the Rainbow children and different exit points around the kinder.

The children have experimented with many different art mediums this term and we have had a lot of fun creating different art work. Finger painting

is always a favourite as it's so messy and we LOVE messy. We have also painted with marbles, string, stamps and brushes, some of these pieces are displayed around our room. This week as a group activity we will be painting with golf balls and yes it is messy but this is such a great activity as many children are able

to participate as we will do it on the large wooden tray and have as many as 6-8 children rolling golf balls across the table at a time. Oh what fun!

Well since we last spoke we have had our beach day at kinder and we had a blast. On beach day our sand pit was a hive of activity with four clam shells

full of different beach activities including water wheels, sea creatures, boats and shells. Our fishing boat outside discovered many a keen fishermen as they caught the fish using magnetic rods and fish. Our craft inside included sea stars, whales, jelly fish and seaweed, make sure you check out our under sea wall in our room, the children created some amazing art work.



On Tuesdays we share our yard with Belinda & Genevieve's gorgeous Rainbow children and both groups seem not to mind each other in the yard and the rainbows are so helpful with our blue stars. We had our beach day together and both the groups shared and interacted with the different activities on offer, it's so nice to be able to share the play space with the older children.

This week we have our princess/pirate day at kinder, the children can dress up if they want to and we will be doing lots of princess/pirate activities. On our last day of term we will be doing Easter activities and having an Egg Hunt, which will be fun.

At the start of the term I sent out a note requesting a standard size family photo as I would like to do a family tree at kinder but I have only received a few



photos back so far, here's another reminder everyone please can you send in a family photo PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.

Just a reminder that children need hats at kinder and it's a good idea to leave one in your child's work box then they will be able to go outside and not be upset because they don't have a hat. Also Kellie and I are noticing many belongings without names; many children have the same hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles so could you please make sure that they are named to avoid confusion.



The next terms duty roster and term overview will be in your pocket last week of term.

Just letting you know that if at any time you would like to talk to me; my availability times are near the sign in book. If those times don't suit just let me know and we will work something out.

I hope you all have a lovely break and Easter and we will talk again soon.

THANKS HEAPS

SHAR & KELLIE



FUNDRAISING

FUNDRAISING TERM 2 CLOSET CLEAN OUT!

The closet clean out is booked for pick up on the 21st of April 2015. It is a clothing recycling fundraiser.

We are asking families to hold onto any unwanted adults & children's clothing, soft toys, sheets, pillowcases, paired shoes, belts, handbags.

We will have more information to follow.

BROOKE ROGERSON

RAINBOWS

ON THE BEACH, THE WORLD IS TURNIN'

HERE WE ARE WITH ONLY A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO GO of this term. The children have all settled in and some wonderful friendships are developing. The children are enjoying playing indoors and outdoors with most spending equal time in both spaces. For those who spend most of their time outside it will soon be winter and they will be restricted to indoors so we are letting them make the most of it.

Over the past few weeks we have finished talking about the sea and summer. We had some fun activities to finish with which included a couple of fun beach days. The sandpit became the beach where the children enjoyed lots of fun in the water. They played with boats, explored water wheels, played with the diggers, pretended to swim and picnicked under the umbrella. They also enjoyed an icy pole after lunch.

We also had our first incursion for the year. Xavier from Wild exposure visited us with lots of different sea creatures.

This was a very interactive, hands on experience for the children. They were able to observe sea horses and a blue ring octopus. They touched sea snails, sea stars, crabs and fish just to name a few. They learnt how the animals moved, what they ate, where they lived and what they liked to hide from. This was the first time we have used this company for the incursion and we were very pleased with the whole experience. Thank you Xavier.



We are now having fun pretending to be pirates, Princesses and Princes. The children are loving the imaginative play spaces we have created and are having fun dressing up. They have made masks and treasure maps of course. We have a couple of fun Pirate & Princess days planned for Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th March. So come dressed for the fun everyone.

Over the past few weeks we have been exploring different ways of



painting. The list is enormous and we have only tried a few to date. We have painted with marbles, golf balls, balloons, cars, widgets. What is a widget you ask? It is a small round plastic ball found in a can of Guinness beer! We

have spray painted, painted with sand rollers and with rolling pins. All were great fun.

At group time we have been playing lots of different games that develop listening skills, concentration, help us to learn names and are fun. We have also been discovering lots of fun new songs and using musical instruments. We also love listening to stories and acting them out.

The children also enjoyed the sensory experience of rice in the playdough last week. They enjoyed feeling, rolling, squeezing, squashing and hammering



the playdough into different shapes. Adding the rice creates a different sensation and makes the playdough a little more interesting.

Science is great fun with children and can be explored in so many ways. We have begun by placing a sea star and shark into water. Over a week these both grew rapidly. This provided lots of opportunity to discuss what had happened and why. This then led to discussions on absorption of water.

We have now planted chive seeds for the children to care for and watch grow. Hopefully these should be ready for the children to take home at the end of the term. The children carefully added soil to the biodegradable pot. We then sprinkled in seeds that the children then watered. We will be watching them closely for any development!

Last week we practiced our fire drill with everyone doing a great job exiting the building together holding hands. Great listening guys.

The last week of kinder we will be having an Easter Egg hunt. These will be held on Tuesday 24th March & Friday 27th March. Friday 27th March is the last day of the term. Kinder resumes on Monday 13th April.

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 or products containing 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 Jesse and his mum Chris. Please do not use this bay on those days for any reason.

THANK YOU

BELINDA, GENEVIEVE, JO AND JESS.

