

KINDER CAPERS

MAY 2015



Let children read whatever they want and then talk about it with them. If parents and kids can talk together, we won't have as much censorship because we won't have as much fear.

JUDY BLUME



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day everyone.

Last Friday saw the return of the LJMP Open Day. The event was a huge success with many families attending. There were balloons, personal tours, face painting, lots of yummy food, mat time, a huge door prize and generally a buzz of excitement and activity. Thank-you to everyone who attended and helped.

For those who couldn't attend but still want to check out the kinder please let me, the staff or committee know and we will arrange a time for you to check out the awesome facilities.

On a sad note, Coral Bowen has tendered her resignation and is looking forward to pastures green. Coral has been the backbone of the kinder for many years and no doubt we will all miss her charm, wittiness and support. As a show of thanks the kinder will be holding a leaving party on 10 June at 3.30 at the kinder. I encourage everyone who has or had a relationship with Coral and the kinder to attend and to give a little back to Coral for all her continuous efforts.

Later this year the committee and kinder will be going through a rebranding transformation. The committee has therefore decided to sell off our excess uniforms which carry the current logo. If you are interested in picking up a bargain please contact Emma Grondman or the kinder for details.



Thank-you all for your continual support to the kinder in the various forms that you do.

Future Committee meetings are

- 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.

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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RAINBOWS

The month of May is certainly proving to be an exciting & busy time for all in the Rainbows group. The children were busy making surprises for their mums. Lots of effort and love have gone into making these special presents. As well we have been reading books about our mums and talking about the things we do with our mums and why we love them so much. In the lead up to our mums' lunches the children made some yummy slices. Cooking is a great experience and one that children love.

Our Mother's day lunches were held on Tuesday 6th May & Friday 9th May and this was something that our kinder children were really excited about. Thank you to all the mums and nanas who came to make this such a special event. The children shared a lovely lunch with their mums and had a play outside with them. When it was time to go the children gave out their special surprise. We hope that all our mums had a wonderful day on Sunday.



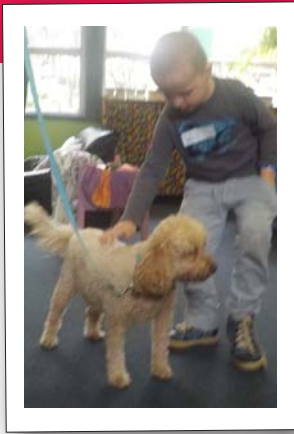
We had lovely visits from Lydia with her dog Ted and Megan with her dog Cooper. Lydia and Megan spoke to the children about being safe around dogs. They discussed the differences between dogs and humans and when it wasn't safe to touch or pat a dog i.e. when it is sleeping, eating or unwell. They talked to the children about what an angry, happy, scared or sad dog looks like. The children pretended to be angry and scared dogs. With the help from a song we learnt what to

do if we see an angry dog – stand very still, as quiet as a mouse, look at the ground, wait until the dog goes away and then quietly back up and go on your way and make sure you tell a grown up that you have seen an angry dog. Megan and Lydia also showed us how to ask a stranger if we could pat their dog. Everyone then had a turn of asking to pat Cooper or Ted & following the simple instructions to do so correctly. All children really enjoyed these incursions and it was great to see them all being so brave around the dogs.

Kris from the Belgrave Library came to kinder for story time on Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th May. The children enjoyed listening to several stories that she read and sang some songs. The favourite story was probably the scary one about the dark, dark house and the dark, dark things inside! The children loved it so much that Kris read it twice. It was great to see that some of our children knew Kris and were very familiar with going to the library and borrowing books, cds and dvds. All children got to take home their own special library bag with information about the library in it for parents to read. As a follow on from this library experience we will be visiting Belgrave South Primary School next week to visit their library. As many of our kinder children will be attending this school next year it will be a good opportunity for them to become more familiar with their new surroundings. Even if your child is attending another school it is still a great opportunity for your child to become familiar with what a school looks like and see how different it is to our kinder.

This week we also went on our Autumn leaf walks. On Monday the children enjoyed walking to the Convention grounds and collecting autumn leaves. On Thursday we had to modify our walk due to the rain. So instead of walking to the Convention grounds to collect leaves we walked along Colby drive. On both walks we found toadstools and mushrooms in the gardens and some children were so amazed that they thought they might be where the fairies live! These leaves which we collected are being used in numerous art experiences – ie paintings, pastings & laminating pictures as well as in our sand clam. Once again I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who helped with our walk. Your help is truly appreciated and it makes doing these fun excursions very easy.

The children have been enjoying having lots of fun at kinder. Some of the highlights have been in our dramatic play areas. Children love using their imaginations and together with their help we have been transforming our dramatic play areas into



all sorts of things. The children enjoyed being shop keepers and customers in our ice cream shop & supermarket. The children are loving having picnics on the rug or little table and cooking up on our bbqs.

Art /craft is always popular. The box construction table is always a busy place. With the children we try to offer a variety of craft experiences. This week we have introduced pattern pasting and it's been interesting to see the different patterns the children are coming up with. Some children were very confident with making a pattern whilst others needed help to understand how to make a pattern. We set up threading experiences and several have enjoyed doing this. We like to use a range of natural resources so this week we have been painting with some of our leaves from our walk.

An experience which was enjoyed by lots of the children was our plastic volcano. During our session on a Thursday some of the boys were outside in the sand building a volcano and being dinosaurs. So at mat time we showed the children our plastic volcano. We discussed what a volcano is and the differences between our plastic one and a real one. The children got to see and touch the volcano as well as touching the ingredients to make our volcano erupt. Several children had a turn at pouring the vinegar and red dye into the bi-carb of soda so we could all see exactly how a volcano erupts. This was a great child initiated experience that was enjoyed by all.

Although the weather has turned colder we still like to get outside as much as possible. Please remember to pack your child a coat for outside play. As of 1st May (just like at schools) the children no longer need to wear their sunhat outside. Don't forget to also pack a change of clothes now as well for your child just in case they fall over onto the wet grass or wet tan bark area & need to be changed. Outside swings are always popular. This week we have introduced the rope ladder and trapeze swing and the children have been enjoying the challenges that they offer. As well many are enjoying our monkey bars – they love hanging upside down or climbing over them.

Please note that by the end of the 3rd last week of term 2 Belinda and Genevieve will complete a mid year report on your child's progress. We will put them in your child's portfolio for you to keep. Please have a look at them and then if you still wish to have an interview with either Genevieve or Belinda please see us to make a time if needed. Please remember if you wish to talk to either Belinda or Genevieve about your child's progress at anytime please see us and we can make a time at the end of a session or when you are on kinder duty we can also talk about your child's progress.

**Thanks
Genevieve , Belinda, Jo & Jess.**



WORKING BEE

**SUNDAY 31ST MAY
10AM-12PM**

Hi Everyone,

Well we were extremely busy since last we spoke putting the finishes touches on our SECRET KINDER BUSINESS. And Tuesday we celebrated with our mums at our morning tea. The children helped set the table and decorated a table runner and placed vases of flowers on the table. We hope you enjoyed the morning tea with the yummy food the children made and enjoyed your time with the children. It was lovely to see you all join in dancing to our Fit & Healthy song. The children were very excited to finally be able to give their presents to their mums. I hope you all had a lovely Mother's day. I had a beautiful relaxing day with my gorgeous family.

The last few weeks we have had a fruit & vegetable shop in the dramatic play area where the children have enjoyed doing the shopping while others served at the cash register. We now have a Chinese restaurant with chop sticks, Chinese food, menus; this allows the children to explore different cultures through dramatic play. To extend on this the children will be making fried rice next week.

We have been experimenting with different art mediums the most recent was shaving cream painting which was a lot of fun. We sprayed shaving cream in the bottom of a tray and the children squeezed drops of different coloured paint on the shaving cream. Using a wooden icy pole stick the children made patterns in the cream then placed paper on the top and pushed it to the bottom of the tray. We scraped off the shaving cream and revealed some amazing art work.

We have done some planting with the children and talking about what they need to grow. The children have observed the changes over the last couple of weeks and how much they have grown. The children can take them home and plant them



directly in the garden. We have made a book about our planting which the children can access our library.

We are having a space day at kinder on the 26th of May, we will have a space station set up and will be making a rocket, ufo's aliens and astronauts as part of our day while learning about space and space travel. Just a reminder to put a hat and jacket in the children's bags as we will always try and get outside even in the colder weather.

I have some news I won't be here on Tuesday 19th as my husband Gary won an all expense paid trip to Hawaii with his work and he gets to take me with him, how lucky am I. So I will see you all when I get back. Kellie will be looking after everything while I'm gone.

Thanks heaps Shar & Kellie

UNIFORMS
EVERYTHING \$5



All uniform items now available from Emma Grondman in the Rainbows. What's there is there and what's gone is gone, so get in quick.

KINDER COMMITTEE

Committee spots are still available for next year, so put up your hands to volunteer and help keep your child's kinder going strong.

Contact Belinda on (03) 9754 5965
or Aaron on 0414 226 706

Thank You!

