

KINDER CAPERS

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RAIN BOWS



TIME TO *Celebrate*

This term is certainly proving to be rather busy.

We began this term exploring community. This has in fact been the focus for most of the term with many special activities taking place. A huge thank you to Alyssa and David and their teams from Belgrave Police station who visited us twice to talk about their jobs, how the children can stay safe and to look at the police car. This was naturally the most exciting part of the visit. Whilst they were visiting we all learnt something new. Did you know that all children until the age of 7 must be in a boost seat that has high sides to protect the child's head? We certainly did not know. So throw out those old little booster seats!

We then walked to our local shops to do some shopping. Along the way we discussed what each shop was, what they sold or what they did. Finally we visited the fruit and vegetable shop where the children bought fruit and vegies which we later ate at kinder. It's amazing how much they ate simply because they had bought it.

Orange, Red & Purple Rainbows were also lucky enough to meet Lara the Seeing Eye Dog in training. Lara is being raised by Bev and she kindly agreed to visit kinder so the children could learn more about

Lara and other members of the wider community. It was unfortunate that Bev and Lara were only able to visit once.

Next it was time to visit Belgrave South library. The children again listened to some stories but they also spent time playing educational games on the giant computer screen. Wow! It was amazing. Thanks Mrs. James.

We also held pyjama day. This is a great way to show children that there are people in the world who are homeless & do not have warm clothes or warm beds to sleep in. Thank you to all those who donated to this worthy cause. The Rainbows & Stars raised \$55.20 which will be donated to Melbourne City mission for their winter appeal.

This week we had a visit from Sasha a Paramedic based in Emerald. Sash is also a past kinder dad whose son is now in year 8 but he still comes to visit every year on his days off. He does an amazing job making the children feel comfortable about being in an ambulance. The children were shown all the items in his medical bags and were then able to sit in the ambulance. This year Sasha had an assistant, his daughter Charlise who also attended kinder here. Thank you for giving up your time for us yet again.

During this busy term we had an assessment and rating visit.

During this a staff member from DEECD spent the day at our service watching staff teaching and then asking questions once the children have gone. Jo and I were the lucky ones teaching that day. The rest of the staff and Aaron, the president, joined us for the question time. The whole process was from 8.20 am – 4.50 pm.

It has been an anxious wait over the past two weeks as we waited for our results but they finally arrived this week. I am proud to say that we received a rating of exceeding the national quality standards. This is the highest rating you can achieve.

A huge thank you to Jo and all her support leading up to the day and on the day. Thank you to Shar, Genevieve and Kellie for all the extra work you put in an especially leading up to this process. We have always made a great team and it is wonderful to get this recognition for all our hard work.

Belinda Niezen
Educational Leader



This week we also visited the Belgrave South/ Heights fire station. A huge thank you to Kirsten, Sean and Craig for giving up their time for our kids to be fire safe. Kirsten showed the children the special clothes they wear, the equipment on the truck and where the hoses dry. The children were then able to climb on the truck. They thought this was the best part. A big thank you to these members of our community who give up their time to assist us.

Over the past few weeks the children have been very busy creating Fathers day gifts & cards. Fathers Nights is fast approaching & we hope all dads can attend. It is Thursday 3rd September 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm.

Our indoor outdoor program is running smoothly. All the skills the children need to assist them in their transition to school can be gained either indoors or outdoors. And yes we still have structured mat times & there are still times when we ask all children to do an activity just not all the time.

Kinder photos will be taken Wednesday 2nd September and Thursday 3rd September during sessions. Envelopes will be handed out soon. These are to be returned to the photographers on the day of photos.

We are finishing the term with a short unit on ourselves & our family. We will be having special visitors' days on Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th August 9.00 – 12.00. Any one is welcome to visit. It could be Grandma, grandpa, Auntie, Uncle, Mum, Dad or a big brother or sister.

Remember to check your child's portfolio whenever you are at kinder. We try to add a few things each term.

Please remember that beginning September all children must wear a hat outside.

Thank you

Belinda, Genevieve, Jo & Jess



Hi everyone,
Well time is certainly ticking away as we move into the second half of term 3 where has this term gone.

The children have been busy with their SECRET KINDER BUSINESS and we are now putting on the final touches, the children are very excited about the presents they have made for their dad.

This term we have done a few experiments. We had a polar experience set up with ice and animals and from there we learnt about what happens when we put water in the freezer and then leave it out. The children were very interested and knowledgeable about what happens. We then talked about going to the snow and why we couldn't bring the snow home. From there the following week we made our own snow at kinder using shaving cream and bicarb of soda, it was very strange as it reacted with each other and got thicker

and looked like snow as the children played with it. We had fun watching it change but the most fun was had squishing it and feeling it between our fingers.

We have also been doing different types of painting one the children really enjoyed was the eye dropper painting. We placed different coloured edacol dye in containers with eyes droppers, using absorbent paper the children then placed drops of the dye onto the paper and watched as the colours merged and spread across the paper, the artwork turned out amazing and is proudly displayed around the room.

We have continued to talk about recycling, reusing and reducing waste. The children are getting the idea about the different bins and what they are for and that we can reuse many things such as the boxes we use for box construction. We are in the middle of making



a person out of plastic bottles and containers. Next we will do some planting and show the children our worm farm and how we look after it.

We had a pyjama day at kinder and it was so much fun, we were all so comfortable. We asked for a gold coin donation and the blue stars raised \$15.50 what a great effort. We explained to the children about where the money goes and why and how it assists people less fortunate than ourselves. We also had toast and vegemite for morning tea, Yum.

We also had a special treat the children got to meet Lara the Seeing Eye puppy who is in training to be a Seeing Eye dog. It was a great experience for the children as we learnt that when these dogs have their coats on they are working and learning therefore we cannot pat or play with them. The children were so good and really used their listening ears as Bev explained what the dogs are used for and how they help blind people move around and live normal lives. Thanks Bev and Lara for a wonderful experience.

I would like to thank those who filled in my small survey about hours for next year it really helps

to us to decide which way to go and your input is extremely important so thanks again.

On the 25th of August I won't be at kinder as I am having minor surgery on my knee so Kellie will be taking my place.

I have some wonderful news to share with you all as part of our requirements we need to get accredited as a centre, we were assessed a few weeks ago and we received our results this week and we got a rating of EXCEEDING NATIONAL STANDARDS so at the moment we are a very proud kinder. What a great effort!! Thanks to all the wonderful girls I have the pleasure of working with, special thanks needs to go to Belinda for all the extra work she did in making sure everything was where it was meant to be

Just a reminder to pack a jacket or warm jumper for your child as the weather is still cold and we still like to be able to go outside.

Thanks heaps

Shar & Kellie

A FEW DATES TO REMEMBER

1ST SEPTEMBER KINDER PHOTOS

8TH SEPTEMBER SPECIAL VISITORS DAY

YOUR VISITORS CAN COME BETWEEN 9 & 12 AND STAY THE WHOLE TIME OR JUST DROP IN FOR A QUICK VISIT; ENTIRELY UP TO THEM. THE CHILDREN WILL LOVE TO HAVE SPECIAL PEOPLE COME BY.

15TH SEPTEMBER SPORTS DRESS-UP DAY

