

# KINDER CAPERS

JUNE 2015

**WHO CAN'T WAIT FOR  
THE MINION MOVIE?**



**AARON CAN'T, THAT'S WHO.  
HE'S ALREADY IN LINE.  
FIND OUT WHAT HE THINKS  
IN NEXT MONTH'S**

**PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT**

# RAIN BOWS

As term two comes to an end we have been looking at Australia, its multicultural people and wildlife. As part of this the children made didgeridoos & Stax came to visit. He taught the children how to play their didgeridoos & explained how they are made. He explained that indigenous people are just like us in many ways but they live in different parts of Australia where there may be no shops to buy things so they make their own, such as paint using rocks. We also had a Spanish incursion. Pilar visited and taught the children how to say hello, goodbye, count and colours in Spanish. Throughout the unit we have talked about the many unique animals found in Australia. We have also talked about the many different people who make Australia such a special place. The children have had fun camping in the bush & under the sea according to some children! As a conclusion to this unit we held a travel round Australia day for Red, Orange and Purple Rainbows. The children enjoyed a variety of activities related to each state.

We made boomerangs in Northern Territory; bark painting in Western Australia, grapes in South Australia, Puffing Billy in Victoria, dolphins in Queensland, the Harbour Bridge and Opera house in New South Wales and Tassie devils in Tasmania. The children also made fairy bread for morning tea. They also dressed up in something uniquely Australian.

The children Blue, Green and Purple Rainbows enjoyed a multicultural day. The children came to kinder dressed in costumes related to a variety of countries throughout the world. Australia, Vietnam, Japan and Mexico were among the countries represented. The children then collected their passports before



heading of around the world. They visited Holland to make windmills, Japan to make origami dogs and cats, Germany to make cuckoo clocks, Scotland to make a Scotty dog and Australia to make fairy bread, lamingtons & vegemite sandwiches. It was certainly a busy week with lots of travelling at kinder!

Over the last few weeks we have had a pizza shop at kinder. The children have enjoyed creating their own pizzas for themselves to eat and to serve to friends. This area has created many conversations about what the children like on their pizzas, how pizzas are made and what you need to cook them.

This has now led to a Chinese restaurant. The children are enjoying being chefs, waiters and customers within the restaurant. With a variety of Asian food and cooking utensils available the children are cooking up a storm.

Box pasting has been very popular these past



few weeks. I know some parents feel that the children spend too long at this activity but it is developing many important life skills. Every time a child builds something with boxes they are problem solving as they work out what boxes will suit, how to join them successfully, what to use to hold it together. Then they need to think of all the little details that can be found on the item. So if they are building a camera it needs a memory card, off/on button, batteries, charger, and strap to hang it around your neck. And so the list goes on. So next time they show you what they have built ask what it is and then look at all the little detail that has gone into it.

Mat time has been great fun with the children's concentration span increasing the mat time games are increasing in difficulty. The children also love drama so we often dramatise stories such as Wombat Stew, Little Yellow



digger and the Fidgety itch. The children all eagerly wait to have a turn at a character as the teacher narrates the story. This is a great way of allowing the children to develop public speaking confidence and story recall skills which are needed when learning to read. There are many different activities that assist a child to develop important skills required when learning to read. One of those is puzzles. Puzzles develop visual discrimination skills which are needed when learning to read. These skills allow us to see the difference between who and how when learning to read. Same letters but they each make a different word.

This term we have visited Belgrave South Primary school library twice. This is a great way of experiencing a school and a library. The children listened to stories read by Jenny James and Carol Ould. This was a great way to extend the children's experiences beyond the kinder to the bigger community also. We will be visiting again in term 3 when the children will be able to have a computer session as well. Regardless of the school child is attending this is still a great experience for all the children.

We will be ending the term with a short unit on pets and farm animals. This always creates lots of fun things to make & talk about. There will be a vet hospital to play in. There will be lots of fun activities throughout the last couple of weeks but the most exciting event is a visit from Nelly's ark. Nelly, alias Narelle a kinder mum, owns a pet shop in Northcote but lives opposite kinder. She will be bringing some animals over for us to look at and hold. A huge thank you to Narelle for adding to our program in such a wonderful way.

Again this term the children planted seeds. This time they were flowers. The children watered them and watched them grow ready for them to plant in their gardens at home. This is a great way to explain plant life cycles and it helps





children understand where plants and food come from, not just the supermarket.

Please remember to look at your child's portfolio regularly as there may be something new in it. Midyear reports are now in your child's portfolio. Please remember if you would like to discuss your child's progress just make an appointment with the teachers at a time that suits both.

We begin playing outside at about 9.30. It is still cold then so all children need an extra layer to put on. Therefore please remember all children must have a coat or extra jacket they can put on when we go outside. Perhaps leave an extra jumper in their bag at all times so it's always there just in case. Even a beanie is a great idea.

Thank you to everyone for all your help this term. Have a safe and happy holiday and see you all on Monday 13th July when kinder resumes.

**Thank you**

**Belinda, Genevieve, Jo & Jess**



lots of moon walking. We also offered lots of different space activities such as astronauts, aliens, space ships and rockets. We also made our own rocket which is up on the wall in our room. The space theme was such a great hit we extended it for another week and added a moon surface for the children to walk on made moon biscuits and did other space craft activities. We also learnt a new song about flying to the moon. The children have had lots of fun doing this unit.

We have now moved into camping in our dramatic play area and the children have really got into this. They made a camp fire with yellow and orange cellophane and sat the billy on the fire and cooked lots of food. The children took it one step further and wanted to set up a camp fire outside and used sticks and white foam to toast marshmallows. The children liked pretending to sleep in the tent and some got in sleeping bags and slept under the stars.

As you can see changing the dramatic play around allows the children to explore different identities through role play and learn about different topics. It also encourages interaction with others as they learn to engage and contribute to shared play spaces. But most of all the children have lots of fun pretending to be someone else and doing things they may not have had the opportunity to do before.

The children are really enjoying the making table using boxes and the resources to make

some amazing constructions. The children are using scissors, sticky tape, paste, paint and baskets of resources to create many different things. We have had planes, rockets, castles, jewellery boxes and cars just to name a few. The children are becoming very creative and imaginative when thinking about what they are going to make and how they are going to complete their creation.

Just a reminder to put in a jacket and warm hat for your child as we still go outside even when it's cold. Sometimes the children don't want to go outside because they are cold and don't have a jacket to put on.

Also don't forget to have look at your child's port folio as they have things in their to show you their journey at kinder so far and we are continually adding art work, pictures of things they love to do and things that they have made. The children love looking at their port folios and sharing information with each other.

I have a very special thank you to make to the wonderful Kellie who took over for me while I was of sick she has done a wonderful job and took the worry away from me while I got better. Thanks again Kell your amazing!

Well it's nearly holiday time already have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you in term three with another busy term ahead.

**Thanks heaps Shar & Kellie**

**H**i everyone  
Well firstly I suppose I should let you all know that Hawaii was amazing at a lovely 27 degrees and it was an awesome place to visit I would certainly put it on your to do list.

As you know from our last conversation we had a Chinese restaurant in the dramatic play area as an extension of this the children made fried rice with Kellie. The children chopped up ham, scooped peas, corn and rice and mixed it all together once heated the children all had a taste test and it was great to see that everyone had a try; some children didn't like it while others came back for second helpings.

We had our space day at kinder and the children loved the space rocket and space station there were lots of countdowns to take off and

