

# KINDERCAPERS

OCTOBER 2015

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**H**i everyone.  
On Monday 16 November 2015 we will be holding the Annual General Meeting and Information night.

I encourage you all to attend because, as you are all aware, the Kinder is run by volunteer parents. Without the volunteers the kinder won't run which means that you will need to find a new kinder and our fantastic staff won't have a job.....

We will be calling for nominations for:

I encourage you to come to the AGM not only because it is catered for, not only because it is run by a great team of people, not only because it will be fun but because we will also be launching our new LJMP logo!!!!!!!

In addition we will be entertaining representatives of Belgrave South Primary School who will be pleased to answer any of your questions about the school. In a previous edition I promised that families could expect to receive the annual kinder parents survey. As time has got the better of me, this survey will now be provided in the first week for Term 4. It should only take a matter of minutes to complete but the feedback in relation to the operation and facilities of the kinder will have ongoing effects for years. I hope you can all find the time to complete the anonymous survey and return it to the kinder; after all the only comments and criticisms we can solve are the ones we hear! Finally I would like to congratulate all our fantastic staff given the exceedingly brilliant results from the assessment and rating of our service under the National Quality Framework.

Len Jeffrey Memorial Kindergarten has achieved the following ratings:

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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President for 2015

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Events Co-ordinator  
Uniform Co-ordinator  
Book Club Co-ordinator  
Grants Co-ordinator  
Communications Co-ordinator  
Fundraising Sub-Committee  
Maintenance Sub-Committee

**Educational program and practice**  
*Exceeding NQS*

**Children's health and safety**  
*Meeting NQS*

**Physical environment**  
*Exceeding NQS*

**Staffing arrangements**  
*Exceeding NQS*

**Relationships with children**  
*Exceeding NQS*

**Collaborative partnerships with families and communities**  
*Exceeding NQS*

**Leadership and service management**  
*Meeting NQS*

# RAIN BOWS

**W**elcome back to kinder. We hope everyone enjoyed their two break and is ready for an action packed fourth and final kinder term ( for many of us).

This term will certainly be a busy one – with the children involved in their transition at their chosen school for 2016 , our end of year graduation as well as the other exciting experiences that occur daily.

Just recapping on the last few weeks of term three – Our Father's night was held on the 3rd September and it was great to see so many dads attend. In the lead up to our dads' night the children had been busy cooking lots of yummy food for us all to eat with our dads. The children had a ball playing with their dad at kinder and showing him off to their friends!! It was also good to get to know our dads. A big thank you to all the dads for taking the time to come to kinder – it means a lot to the kids and to us.

Our Sports Days were held during the last week of term 3 and all children were encouraged to dress up either in their team colours or in a sports uniform. Although it rained heavily on the Tuesday it did not dampen our spirits! Instead of playing outside we had to modify our program and incorporate some of our sport experiences inside and under cover. However on the Friday we had glorious sunshine and we all made the most of it. The children enjoyed playing golf, totem tennis , skittles, soccer, basketball, footy. We even introduced the egg and spoon race to the children which they loved. During the session we painted pictures of sports and footy teams. At mat time we listened to the footy ( afl) story. A big thank you to all the parents for remembering our dress up day. The children looked fantastic in their sports uniforms and footy team colours.

As of 1st September all children must wear a sun hat outside and by now most children are great at remembering to put their hat on before venturing outside. Now that the weather is getting warmer sunscreen will also



be applied to all children prior to outside play. On hot days it would be handy if you could apply sunscreen to your child prior to kinder.

We began term 4 with a little focus on the author Eric Carle. Many of you will be familiar with the story “The very hungry caterpillar” written by Eric Carle. As well as reading this story we also introduced the children to a variety of other stories by the same author – such as The bad tempered lady bug, Brown bear, brown bear what do you see? And Mister sea horse. With the use of technology the children explored Eric Carle and how he wrote and drew his pictures in his books. Afterwards the children were encouraged to make their own art work for some of his books.

With the weather getting warmer the children have been enjoying water play experiences. We set up the sand clam and filled it with water, sand, shells and sea creatures to recreate the beach. Lots of beach conversations have flowed from this as the children played.

We set up a big box under the verendah for the children to play with and everyone has had lots of fun in it. Our big box has been made into several different things such as a shop, cubby, monster jail, flower shop, castle for Elsa and Anna ( from Frozen of course!) and a house. The children have used the big pieces of material to decorate the box and even drawn on it with the textas. Other props from our flower shop ( from inside) or materials have been used for dress ups. It is great to see the imaginations of the children run wild and see them have so much fun with a simple box.

During the holidays some one kindly donated a little red wagon and what a great addition it has become to our outside play. The children are loving going for rides in it, towing it behind them on the bikes or simply filling it with items and pulling it along themselves. As it is very popular the children are developing their sharing and turn taking skills with it.



Transition statements are currently being prepared by Genevieve and Belinda for each child going to school in 2016. All transition statements need to be at schools by the end of November. All parents have received the parent copy of the form to fill in. Please do so and return to kinder as soon as possible so we can put it together with the teacher's part. All parents will need to sign their form to allow teachers to give their child's statement to their chosen school. If you need a new form or have any questions relating to the form please see staff. On completion of these statements you will all receive a copy of your child's statement for you to keep. We will put your child's copy of their school transition statement in his / her portfolio.

Next week on Wednesday and Thursday we have Bike days at kinder. All children are encouraged to bring their bike and helmet from home to ride outside at kinder.

To end I would like to remind all parents that Genevieve and Belinda are always available for a chat about your child's progress. So if you have any concerns, queries or questions about anything related to kinder – ie programs, duty rosters, or your child's progress please come and see staff and we can arrange a time to talk. As well if anyone has any suggestions or ideas that we can incorporate into our program we would love to hear from you . Once again thank you all for your help and support over the year.

**Thanks  
Genevieve, Belinda, Jo and Jess**



# BLUE STARS

**H**i Everyone,  
Welcome back we hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for the busy term ahead. Just to recap on the end of last term. The children were amazing with kinder photos and all had their beautiful smiley faces on. We worked hard to finish our Father's day presents which I hope all the dads loved, the children were so excited when they could finally take them home. Our special visitor's day was great with lots of visitors coming throughout the session joining in the fun with the children, I think the visitors enjoyed it just as much as the children, thanks for the great support the children loved it. To end our term we had sports dress up day and the children looked gorgeous we had footy players, dancers, soccer players, gymnasts just to name a few.

Well we now are moving into 4th term and there is lots happening. We are going to be talking about spring and the mini beasts that live in our garden, we have done some more planting this time we have planted parsley so in a couple of weeks you can plant them into your own gardens cup and all. We also had a spring dress up day at kinder with the children dressing up as bees, lady bugs and some of the girls came with beautiful flowers in their hair. We have done some craft activities to compliment this and we have our own kinder garden

on the back wall and it looks great. Also this term we will look at different modes of transport, we have a bus set up in our dramatic play area and the children have enjoyed taking trips to the city and the beach. The children have taken it in turns driving and being passengers. We will also be talking about ourselves, our body parts and that we are all different and very special.

The children have some favourite songs they like to do at kinder and their new favourite is the bubble song, the children lay on the ground and close their eyes and imagine that they are floating in a bubble as they listen to the music. In the middle of the song I blow bubbles over them and the children watch and wait until the bubbles fall, it's very relaxing. We have also learnt the body song where the children need to pat different parts of the body and in time with the music, then the music gets faster and we all start to giggle because we can't keep up. But still their all time favourite is Mr Clickety Cane we call this our silly song as we wash our face in orange juice and clean our teeth with bubble gum. Music and movement are a wonderful way of teaching the children hand/eye coordination, balance, rhythm and a genuine love of music.

We will be very busy this term starting our SECRET KINDER BUSINESS for Christmas, Yes I did say Christmas scary isn't it. I heard the other day that there is only 10 weeks to go I am not quite ready to hear that just yet.

Please remember that all the children need a sun hat to go outside and play, it's easier if you leave one in your child's work box. Sunscreen will be put on the children at the start of session when the weather is warm. If you have any queries at all please don't hesitate to speak with us our door is always open.

Thanks heaps Shar & Kellie

## A few important dates to remember this term.

Thursday 5th November  
**Kinder session**

Tuesday 10th November  
**Jack & Molly Incursion**

Tuesday 24th November  
**Candy Can Incursion**

Tuesday 8th December  
**Orientation Day**

Tuesday 15th December  
**Party Day**

Thursday 17th December  
**CLEAN UP DAY**

## FUNDRAISING

### CLOSET CLEANOUT

Extended to October 30th

Bags can be dropped off at kinder anytime during opening hours.

### BUNNINGS BBQ

Sunday 15th November

Looking for volunteers on the day.

Forms have been left in kinder rooms near the sign in book.