

KINDER CAPERS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello, welcome back and welcome to all our new kinder families, for those of you who don't yet know me I'm Naomi Hollingworth your 2016 President at Len Jeffrey; this will be my 2nd year on this wonderful kinder committee.

As the 2016 kinder year kicks off to a flying start, hopefully all your children are settling in to their new kinder routines and are meeting lots of new friends. I just wanted to give all our families a heads up on what to expect this year and how you can help out! Our kinder relies on your support. We are a volunteer community organisation.

Throughout the year you will see many fundraising opportunities, Cadbury chocolates are coming, so are raffles, family nights, sausage sizzles and working bees, we'd love to see you support these in any way you can.

This year we are hoping to get some much needed painting done on the kinder buildings and new play equipment for our kids! So please look out for signs, notices and Facebook updates about what's happening at Len Jeffrey, but most of all have a great kinder year in 2016!



STARS

Hi Everyone WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME to 2016.

Firstly I would like to welcome you all to kinder all parents, families and children. Kellie and I are looking forward to a great year of exploring, learning and most of all fun. I would like to thank you all very much for how our information day ran very smoothly you all turned up with all your paperwork in hand, this makes it so much easier to get all the paperwork requirements out the way and then we can get stuck into the fun stuff.

We started kinder with one and a half hour sessions, this is because it's a great opportunity for the children and staff to get to know one another and for the children to begin to learn the routines and there is such a lot to remember so we can spend more one on one time to help your child remember and become familiar in the kinder environment.

Well you should be all very proud of how the children have settled in and how they are happily exploring the new environment. The most popular activity inside for the first two weeks has definitely been the playdoh, with the children rolling, cutting and manipulating it with their hands. The children made pizzas, cookies and even snakes and snails. The other popular area has been home corner, the children have done lots of cooking, they have baked cakes & cookies made vegetable soup and made lots of cups of tea. The sand pit has been a clear favourite outside with many sand castles made and digging of holes. It was great to see the children ready to explore the environment with enthusiasm and willing to experience new things.

We start kinder with shorter sessions and split groups, this allows the children time to get to know us and to become familiar in the

kinder environments and with routines. When we all come together we will be starting our indoor/outdoor program where the children can choose where they would like to play. The children will be sharing the yard with the big kinder children but from past experience this works really well as the bigger children tend to want be helpers in the yard which makes the children feel extra special. We will also have rotating snack and this will run from 10:15 -10:45am approx and the children can come and eat when they feel hungry. It gives the children more independence, decision making skills and it is a great way of encouraging social interactions with the other children, Kellie and myself.

On the 23rd of February we will be having a beach day/dress up day at kinder, the children will do lots of different activities inside and outside to do with summer and the beach.

On the 15th March we will be having a pirates/princess dress up day at kinder. We will do lots of different activities in and outside to incorporate the theme of the day.

On both these occasions the children do not have to dress up if they do not want to. They might like to wear a hat or bring something relating to the theme.

Now on a more serious note, you have received lots of literature about our little girl Sailor who is anaphylaxis to peanuts and eggs. There is to be no peanut products brought into the kinder and no raw egg products. We would like everyone to read the literature and help us to make our centre a safe place for Sailor to attend. Please when your child comes to kinder they need to wash their face and hands after hanging up their bags in the bathroom. The children will also be washing their hands before and after snack and lunch to eliminate risk. I know we and Sailor's family would really appreciate your help with this so we can all have fun at kinder. As part of our no nut policy and as much as we love box construction could you please not bring in any egg cartons or boxes that say may contain traces of nuts. We have sourced a hair dresser for colour boxes and small boxes from a friend who works at a linen store. So if you have any other sources where we can get boxes please let me know that would be great.

Just a few reminders please make sure your child has a named hat for kinder, it's a great idea to have one that you can leave in your child's work box as we will be enforcing no hat no play rule as of this week. Also can you please make sure all drink bottles, lunch boxes and clothing is named as it makes it easier for the children and us to know what belongs to whom and it also allows the children to be able to recognise their name and be responsible for their own belongings. In your pockets this week is the term overview and the duty roster put this in a safe place so you know what's going on and when.

If you ever wish to speak to me about your child or anything to do with the kinder I am available after session on a Tuesday or Thursday 12:15 – 12:45pm so please feel free to stay for a chat.

Looking forward to a great term of getting to know you all and having lots of fun.
Thanks heaps

Shar & Kellie



RAINBOWS

Welcome to Rainbows group 2016. For old families it is great to have you back, and for new families we look forward to getting to know you and your child.

The first week of kinder was great as we have had the opportunity to slowly get to know the children and it has given them time to get to know these strange people that are caring for them. The children seem to be coping well with two different teachers. Children are very flexible and are adapting well to this routine.

Over the next few weeks we will be discussing the sea and summer. We will talk about the creatures that live in the sea, what we can do at the beach and how to be sun smart.



The children have already been enjoying a making a variety of sea creatures. As part of this unit we will be having a Rock Pool Inursion on Wednesday 17th February. As a conclusion to this unit we will have beach days on Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th February. If your child loves dressing up they are invited to do so. This is going to be a fun day at the beach at kinder. As a treat we are having natural icy



poles at kinder on those two days. Please let us know if your child is unable to have one for any reason.

The children also had fun cooking pancakes with Jo for Shrove Tuesday. Cooking is an important part of our program as it develops language, science and math skills.

In this warm weather the children have been having lots of fun with water either added to the sandpit, to paint with outside or in the sensory tub.

We will be learning a few simple kinder rules to enable everyone to feel safe and happy at kinder. These are rules that the children have chosen. Treasure will begin on Monday 15th February. This is another name for Show and Tell and each child has their treasure on a different day. This is a great way to develop confidence and expressive language skills.

The children will begin to learn a variety of new songs over the coming weeks. Music develops language, listening skills, coordination & comprehension.

We will also be talking about fire safety and practicing our fire drill.

We are starting all our sessions on the mat so it is important that all children arrive at kinder on time. This mat time is when vital information regarding the day's activities is given to the children. It is also a great time for the children to interact with staff quietly and

become settled and comfortable in the kinder environment.

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, 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 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.



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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 32 to do!

Don't forget the parking bay behind the gold Honda is reserved on Monday & Wednesday for a Willem and his mum Lee. Please do not use this bay on those days for any reason.

Thank you and we look forward to having a great year.

Belinda, Genevieve, Jo and Jess.



FUNDRAISING

Fundraising for term 1 is the Cadbury chocolates. We really appreciate everyone's help in selling these chocolates, it is one of the biggest fundraisers for the kinder each year. Could every family please ensure that all money from the chocolates is paid in by the end of term 1.

An Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ is planned for Thursday 24th March 5.30-7.30pm at the kinder. Sausages will be available for \$1 each. We would love to see you all there!

Cheers
Tiana

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