

KINDER CAPERS

MARCH 2016



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

How fast time flies - almost at the end of Term One. I hope you have all settled into kinder well!

With end of term and Easter fast approaching please remember to RSVP our first Family Fun Night on the 24th March with a special egg hunt for the kids and BBQ. Slips can be returned to the room in which your child attends.

Be on the lookout for other exciting events happening throughout the year.

Please also note term fees are now due, if you're having trouble paying please talk to our very lovely and approachable Accounts Coordinator Kathryn, grab her contact details from your teacher.

On a more serious note I want to thank all parents, kids and staff for being so understanding of our Total Fire Ban policy; yes it can

be a bummer for our excited little ones to miss kinder, and it can be inconvenient for parents, but your children's safety is our priority!! You may say it's a bit on the cautious side, but with past experiences, and myriad of consultation, we would definitely prefer to be safe than sorry. So once again thanks for your support with this policy.

I want to send a shout out to our fabulous committee this year! You are all doing an awesome job. Yes, it's been a bit of an exhausting changeover, but we are getting there. Like ducks on water our kinder is run brilliantly calm on top while the people behind the scenes are furiously paddling underwater. So big thanks to the committee, the kinder cannot run without you and your generous support and time.

Committee members are here to help parents too. If you have any questions, queries or anything you'd like to discuss please do, we are always happy to help out and assist our kinder families.

Until next month enjoy your break, have a happy and safe Easter and we will see you in Term 2.

Naomi



BLUE STARS

Hi everyone
I can't believe I
am writing an
end of term news
letter already,
it's amazing how
time goes quickly
especially when
you're having fun.

Firstly we are so proud of our children as they have settled so well and have learnt the routines really quickly. Kellie and I usually hate the sound of our own voices by the end of the first term but this term the children certainly have shown how eager they are to learn and listen. They have had so much to remember in such a short time and they have done an amazing job.

We have been practising our whistle game over the last couple of weeks. This is our emergency evacuation procedure which we need to practise. We talk about safety at kinder and that we might need to leave the building to be safe so the children are doing a great job. Next term we will be practising with the rainbow children and different exit points around the kinder.

The children have experimented with many different art mediums this term and we have had a lot of fun creating different art work. Finger painting is always a favourite as it's so messy and we LOVE messy. We have also painted with marbles, string, stamps and brushes, some of these pieces are displayed around our room. This week as a group

activity we will be painting with golf balls and yes it is messy but this is such a great activity as many children are able to participate as we will do it on the large wooden tray and have as many as 6-8 children rolling golf balls across the table at a time. Oh what fun!

Well since we last spoke we have had our beach day at kinder and we had a blast. On beach day our sand pit was a hype of activity with four clam shells full of different beach activities including water wheels, sea creatures, boats and shells. Our fishing boat outside discovered many a keen fishermen as they caught the fish using magnetic rods and fish. Our craft inside included sea stars, whales, jelly fish and seaweed, make sure you check

out our under sea wall in our room, the children created some amazing art work.

On Tuesdays & Thursdays we share our yard with Belinda & Genevieve's gorgeous rainbow children and both groups

seem not to mind each other in the yard and the rainbows are so helpful with our blue stars. We had our beach day together and both the groups shared and interacted with the different activities on offer, it's so nice to be able to share the play space with the older children.

At our information day and the start of the term I requested a standard size family photo as Kellie & I would like to finish our family race track at kinder but we have not received everyone's yet, here's another reminder everyone please can you send in a family photo PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE. On Tuesday 15th of March we will be having



our Pirate/princess day at kinder, please don't make your child dress up if they do not want to as we will be doing lots of activities relating to the theme of the day anyway.

On the last day of term we will be having our own Easter egg hunt and doing different Easter craft activities to finish the term. Just a reminder that children need hats at kinder and it's a good idea to leave one in your child's work box then they will be able to go outside and not be upset because they don't have a hat. Also Kellie and I are noticing many belongings without names; many children have the same hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles so could you please make sure that they are named to avoid confusion.

The next terms duty roster and term overview will be in your pocket last week of term.

Just letting you know that if at any time you would like to talk to me; my availability times are near the sign in book. If those times don't suit just let me know and we will work something out.

I hope you all have a lovely break and Easter and we will talk again soon.

Thanks heaps
Shar & Kellie



RAINBOWS

Well it's hard to believe the term is almost over. It has been a great term full of fun.

The children have enjoyed many water experiences including beach day. We had lots of fun playing with water in the sandpit, boats, sea creatures, spinning water wheels and lots more. The children had the opportunity to experience firsthand a variety of sea creatures when Xavier from Wildlife Exposure visited our center. He brought sea stars, seahorses, sea anemones, crabs, a shark egg and a blue ringed octopus. The children gained some great information about these animals, where they live, what they eat and how they feed.

As part of this the children have also created a variety of sea creatures. This is great for prompting discussions which develop language and concepts. It also helps to develop planning skills and fine motor skills.



We have extended our sea discussions into pirates and princesses with the addition of a pirate ship and princess castle in our room. Both areas have been very popular with all the children. The treasure appears to be the most exciting part however several boys rather like being kings.

We have held two walk to kinder days this week. As we live in area where walking can be a challenge, this provides the children



with an opportunity to walk to kinder safely with their friends. It provides us with opportunities to discuss and model road safety and the extra time to enjoy this wonderful environment that we live in.

We have also had a visit from Chris from Belgrave Library. Chris read a variety of stories to the children many of which were popup books. The children also had fun singing some old favorite songs. Chris talked



about the library with the children and the sorts of things they might see or do there.

Outside the children have loved playing with bubbles. While some create the bubbles others try to catch them. This is great fun and good exercise. It exercises the lungs as we blow the bubbles and our arms as we wave the wands around to create the bubbles. We then follow this up with a bubble song and touchable bubbles at mat time.

A huge thank you to Narelle who has kindly given us four very cute and cheeky hermit crabs. The children are enjoying watching them when they come out for a bath once a week. They are also taking responsibility for feeding the crabs fresh vegetables and fruit. We have learnt that they love carrot and apples but do not like grapes. The children have listened really carefully to the instructions they were given relating

to the crabs. They always remember to approach the crabs slowly and quietly. Well done everyone.

Treasure has begun and the children are doing a great job telling their friends about their treasure. Do not worry if your child does not want to do treasure.



In the last two weeks we have Pirate/Princess dress up days planned for Tuesday 15th March & Friday 18th March. If your child likes to dress up then they are invited to do so. There will be treasure hunts and fun pirate and princess activities. We will also be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday 23rd March and Thursday 24th March. Thursday 24th March is also the last day of term.

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There are still some children who do not have a hat to leave at kinder. 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, muesli bars, 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.

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!!!!!!!

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.

Please remember you cannot park behind Genevieve or Belinda's car if the disabled parking sign is out. Not even for a minute. It is the only safe place for Willem to access kinder. Thank you and have a safe and happy Easter and holiday.

Belinda, Genevieve,
Jo and Jess.



Thank You

A huge thank you to Justine Buckley.

Justine has donated an essential oil diffuser to use in the 4 year-old room. The oils will help control bacteria in the room which in turn will help those in the 4 year-old group with lower immune systems. We really appreciate it Justine.

Computer Help Required

> We are in urgent need of a new computer for the 3 year old office. The government will not fund this so we are hoping that perhaps a parent may have a contact. We are hoping that we may be able to have a computer donated. If you can assist us with this matter please speak to committee member or staff member.

Thank you
Belinda Niezen |

OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 20TH MAY 2.30-4PM



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Happy Easter

Join in some Easter Fun.

Your kids will love our Easter colouring competition!

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NAME: _____ CONTACT NUMBER: _____

AGE: 0-3 YEARS

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The winner will be drawn on 22nd March at the Belgrave office. The winner will be contacted via the phone number provided and published on our Facebook page. There will be 1st & 2nd prizes for each age group. 1st Prize - Easter hamper with Cameo voucher, goodies from Hugs for Kids & chocolate treats. 2nd Prize - special treat from the Easter Bunny. Hoppy colouring :)