

KINDER CAPERS

APRIL 2016



OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 20TH MAY 2.30-4PM



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All, Firstly I want to begin by saying a big thank you to our kinder families for being so understanding about our fee increase, we appreciate your support.

There was a typo of my email address on your letter it should be:
nahollingworth21@outlook.com

You can email me any time! Love to hear any comments, queries or concerns you may have.

Secret kinder business is also in the air so I want to send out an early happy Mother's Day to all our lovely mums! Can't wait to see what secret kinder business has in store for us!!

Please remember to check for upcoming working bees and fundraisers as we rely on your support to help us out with these. Keep warm and stay safe as the weather gets cold. Until next time.

Naomi



RAINBOWS

The children came back from a lovely 2 week break ready and raring to go for another fantastic term. And already term two is proving to be an exciting & busy time for all in the Rainbows group.

With Mothers' day not too far away the children have been busy making surprises for their mums. Lots of effort and love have gone into making these special presents. As well we have been reading books about our mums and talking about the things we do with our mums and why we love them so much. Next week the children will be busy cooking some yummy slices for our Mothers' day lunches at kinder. Cooking is a great experience and one that children love. Our Mothers' day lunches will be on Wednesday 4th May and Wednesday 5th May at kinder from 12.30 pm. We are hoping to see all mums attend to make these days special for



everyone. If mum cannot attend then maybe another special visitor will be able to come. We hope that all our mums have a wonderful day on Sunday at home on Mothers' day.

We had lovely visits from Megan with her dog Cooper on Tuesday 19th April and Peter and his dog Willow on Wednesday 20th April. Peter and Megan spoke to the children about being safe around dogs. They discussed the differences between dogs and humans and when it wasn't safe to touch or pat a dog ie when it is sleeping, eating or unwell. They talked to the children about what an angry, happy, scared or sad dog looks like. The children pretended to be angry and scared dogs. With the help from a song we learnt what to do if we see an angry dog – stand very still, as quiet as a mouse, look at the ground, wait until the dog goes away and then quietly back up and go on your way and make sure you tell a grown-up that you have seen an angry dog. Megan and Peter also showed us how to ask a stranger if we could pat their dog. Everyone then had a turn of asking to pat Cooper or Willow & following the simple instructions to do so correctly. All children really enjoyed these incursions and it was great to see them all being so brave around the dogs. As well on the Tuesday Megan ran a Parent information session about pet safety and it was great to see parents from the rainbows and stars group attend. After talking to a few parents

about this session they agreed that it was worth while and they were happy they attended.

This week at kinder we all enjoyed our Walk to kinder on Tuesday or Friday. This is a great way to promote exercise and a great way to get to know our local community. It provides us with opportunities to discuss and model road safety and the extra time to enjoy this wonderful environment that we live in.

This week we have enjoyed dressing up and using our imagination. We have incorporated super hero dress ups into our home corner and super hero play into our activities. We have all enjoyed coming to kinder dressed up as a super hero or in a fantasy dress up. There has been lots of



Supermen, Batman, turtles, princesses, Toy Story characters and even a vet. We were going to have our Super hero program on Thursday 28 April with Michael from Paragon Martial Arts but that has been postponed to Thursday 19 May due to sickness. It will now be at 12 noon on Thursday 19 May and all children

from the rainbows group are invited to attend – even if it is not your child's kinder day. Please let staff know if you will be bringing your child to kinder for this program.

We will be starting library next week. The children will be provided with a library bag to take their book home each week. If you would like your child to borrow a book you may do so with your child at the beginning or end of the kinder session. Please write your child's name on the bag & return it at the end of the year. It is your choice how often your child borrows but they may only have one book at a time. Please write your child's name on the top of a borrowing page in their section – ie Red for Red rainbows, blue for blue rainbows etc. Once you have written their name on a borrowing page, please write the date and then name of the book you are borrowing. When you return it sign the old book in and complete the date & name of new book. If you have any questions about library



and customers in our ice cream shop & next week we will incorporate a restaurant into our program. The children have been busy cooking in our home corner and washing our clothes.

Our babies (dolls) are always well looked after by both boys and girls. The dolls are taken for many walks in the prams inside and outside. The children have loved playing with the dinosaurs, super heroes and castle play.

Art /craft is generally popular. The outdoors table under the verendah is always a busy place – usually with children making paper planes or creating and making with our big cardboard box that we have out there. With the children we try to offer a variety of craft experiences. The children are loving painting with different mediums – such as roller painting, stencil painting, painting with marbles, golf balls & toy cars & stampers. This week we have introduced paper rubbing pictures and bubble blowing painting

which the children are loving.

An experience which was enjoyed by lots of the children was our plastic volcano. During our session last week one of our kinder kids saw our plastic volcano and was curious about it. We got it out and then others were very interested in it. So at mat time we showed the children our plastic volcano.

We discussed what a volcano is and the differences between our plastic one and a real one. The children got to see and touch the volcano as well as touching the ingredients to make our volcano erupt. All children had a turn at pouring the vinegar and red dye into the bicarb of soda so we could all see exactly how a volcano erupts. This was a great child initiated experience that was enjoyed by all.

Although we have been really lucky with our weather, it will start to turn colder. And even in the cold weather we still like to get outside as much as possible. Please remember to pack your child a coat for outside play. As of 1st May (just like at schools) the children no longer need to wear their sunhat outside. Don't forget to also pack a change of clothes now as well for your child just in case they fall over onto the wet grass or wet tan bark area & need to be changed.

Outside swings are always popular. This week we have introduced the 2 person swing, dizzy swing and trapeze swing and the children have been enjoying the challenges that they offer. As well many are enjoying our monkey bars – they love hanging upside down or climbing over them.

Please note that by the end of the 3rd last week of term 2 Belinda and Genevieve will complete a mid year report on your child's progress. We will put them in your child's portfolio for you to keep. Please have a look at them and then if you still wish to have an interview with either Genevieve or Belinda please see us to make a time if needed. Please remember if you wish to talk to either Belinda or Genevieve about your child's progress at anytime please see us and we can make a time at the end of a session or when you are on kinder duty we can also talk about your child's progress.

**Thanks
Genevieve, Belinda,
Jo & Jess.**



please don't hesitate to ask staff.

The children have been enjoying having lots of fun at kinder. Some of the highlights have been in our dramatic play areas. Children love using their imaginations and together with their help we have been transforming our dramatic play areas into all sorts of things. The children enjoyed being shop keepers



BLUE STARS

Hi Everyone,
I hope you all had
a nice break and
are ready for the
busy term ahead.

Our last day of term was lots of fun as we went on a chocolate hunt outside and the children helped each other as they scoured the yard looking for chocolate eggs. Inside we made rabbit ears, Easter baskets and the children painted eggs and rabbits using pom poms as brushes and they turned out fantastic.



Towards the end of term we have been playing a few mat time games where the children learn to take turns and that sometimes not everyone gets a turn at a particular game but that they will next time. We have played Rickety rackets, Bingo and our colour game. Games such as these are to help the children with each other's name and colour and shape recognition and in turn they learn to share in large group activities. Moving onto this term the children have been very busy getting ready for our mum's special day coming up soon. The children are so excited about keeping secrets so if you ask about anything to do with Mother's day the response will be it is SECRET KINDER BUSINESS. We will be having a

Mother's day morning tea and I hope you have all received your invitation. The children are doing lots of cooking and making something very special for their mums.

We have had a fruit & vegetable and flower shop set up in our dramatic play area. The children have enjoyed it very much, using baskets to pick their fruit & vegetables and paying for it at the cash register. Areas such as these allow the children to learn to role play, encourages social interaction and for the children to play together as a group. I love our dramatic play

area as it allows us to put lots of different play areas in place, next week we have a construction site equipped with wheelbarrows, trucks, bricks, tools and signage it should be a lot of fun.

As the weather is getting colder can you please make sure you put in a warm jumper or jacket for your child as we will always try to keep running out indoor outdoor program even when it's cold.

Just to let you all know our gorgeous Kellie will be away for the next couple of weeks as she is going on a well

deserved family holiday to Bali. Lucky duck. Hope you have a ball Kellie and come back with a tan.

Looking forward to another fun filled term.

Thanks,
Shar & Kellie



JUST A FEW DATES
TO REMEMBER.

Thursday 5th May
Mother's Day Morning Tea
10:30am - 12:00pm

Friday 20th May
Open Day
2:30pm - 4:00pm

Thursday 26th May
Crazy Hair Day



FUNDRAISING

All **Mothers Day Raffle** books are due back by
Thursday 5th May at the latest...

(raffle drawn Friday 6th May)

Please place in the star boxes in each room (not the cash box)

Please keep old clothes for the **Closet Cleanout**
which is scheduled for the **17th June**

A **Bunnings BBQ** is booked for
Sunday October 23rd.

Please keep this date free if you are able
to help out for a couple hours.

Big **thank you** for everyone who booked in for the
Vision Portraits session!

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To Kinder Families,

Brand new uniforms are ready for order!

Sample t-shirts and hats are display in both kinder rooms, you are welcome to use the samples to try on for correct size as there will not be the option to return or exchange your order.

Please place order by Friday 6th May with cash payment.

You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions - 0430 662 200

Thanks,
Julie
Kinder Committee

UNIFORM ORDER

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| T-shirt | \$15 | Size 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Qty | _____ |
| | | Size 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Qty | _____ |
| Bucket Hat | \$15 | Size SM | <input type="checkbox"/> | Qty | _____ |
| | | Infant | <input type="checkbox"/> | Qty | _____ |
| T-shirt and Hat package | \$25 | | <input type="checkbox"/> | Qty | _____ |

TOTAL AMOUNT _____

Cash Payment (correct amount with order)

Parent name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Child's name: _____

Kinder Group: _____