

KINDERCAPERS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE,
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH"
HELEN KELLER

Already term 2, this year is flying!

Hope your little people have settled well into term 2.

Just wanted to say thanks for all who attended our Family Night on the last day of term 1, this event was a fantastic night. Big Thanks to Skye, our fundraising coordinator, and her team for putting the event together, the venue, the prizes and promotion; it was a big effort and in my opinion well worth it. It was lovely to see so many families there.

Look out for our next big on the Girls Night Out Mother's Day Movie Night on May 12th, it promises to be another fun filled night!

And lastly our Annual Open Day is on May 26th from 9.30-12, please let all your friend who are looking for a kinder know about it, this is our chance to showcase Len Jeffrey Memorial Preschool.

Thanks Naomi



**OPEN
DAY**
FRIDAY
MAY 26
9.30AM - 12PM



RAINBOWS



Welcome

back to term two.
We hope you had a wonderful break and a fun Easter.
We have certainly returned to beautiful weather
which is allowing us lots of outdoor time.

Term one disappeared quickly. The children enjoyed our fun pirate & princess activities concluding with a treasure hunt. The pirate ship and princess castle were certainly busy areas allowing the children to explore a variety of roles through dramatic play.

This dramatic play was taken even further when the children were given the opportunity to dramatise a variety of stories at group time. This is a great way to recall the story in sequence whilst enjoying the fun of drama. Retelling stories is an important pre reading skill as it shows understanding of the spoken word.

The children also enjoyed a variety of Easter activities. One of these activities was a science activity that demonstrated the shrinking process. The children placed a plastic cover over a plastic egg. The egg was then dipped into hot water by an adult as the children watched the plastic cover shrink. While some children understood what had happened and could explain it for others it was a very new concept.

Last term the children enjoyed exploring our large tarp slide. This is a large canvas tarp that attaches to the side of the climbing frame. The children loved sliding down the large surface in many different ways.

Due to the heat last term water played a big role in the sandpit. We found ourselves adding a lot of water to the and so the children could build with it. This provided

opportunities or discussing dry, wet, same, different and change. It was great to then hear the older children explaining to the younger children that they needed the dark wet sand.

Friendships are continuing to develop which is wonderful to see. The children are all very settled and understand and follow the routine with ease.

Late last term there was great excitement as our fish finally arrived. A huge thank you to Narelle Walsh from Nelly's Ark for setting it all up and providing everything. The children voted on names and have decided on Rainbow, Goldie and Flippy Tail. The children love watching them.

This term the children are busy with Secret Kinder Business, so don't ask too many questions mum! They are very excited that mum will be joining them for lunch at kinder. Remember we have a byo Mothers Day Picnic lunch on Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th May at 12.30. The children will be baking something yummy for dessert.

This is a busy term. We have Thingle Toogle Road safety program Monday 1st May at 11.00. Green Rainbows are invited to join us. We then have a Museum Incursion. The museum will be bringing dinosaur bones and fossils for the children to explore on Thursday 4th May at 11.15. Red Rainbows are invited to join us.

We have now introduced bike helmets to the children. They are wearing them over their kinder hats and are doing a great job remembering to put them on. They are also remembering to put them in the tub when they have finished. These helmets were purchased using a grant from Cadbury chocolates.

When you are next on kinder duty remember to have a look at your child's portfolio. They are very proud of them and love showing them off.

Please remember that on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays there is no parking behind the gold Honda where the disabled parking sign is located. Please also explain to grandparents, especially those with a disabled sticker that this spot must be left empty at all times. It is the only safe place to get Willem in and out of his wheel chair. We thank you for your understanding.

Remember if you are a keen gardener we sell Worm Wee which is a great fertiliser for the garden. We simply ask a gold coin donation for the CFA.

Please remember that all this term Wednesday and Thursday sessions finish at 2.15

Please also remember that if your child is unwell they should be at home resting. Also please let us know especially if it is something that can easily spread such as gastro or a cold. We are required to advise all parents if there is an infectious disease about no matter how mild a case.

Don't forget that we are available for a chat at anytime. Just call or email to make an appointment.

Thank you
Belinda, Genevieve, Jo & Jess



BLUE STARS



Hi Everyone!

I can't believe we are heading into term two already, it's amazing how time goes quickly especially when you're having fun. I hope you all had a lovely break and Easter. I went to Bali for a week and then Perth to a beautiful wedding and had an awesome time.

Firstly just a bit of a catch up on what we have been up to. We are so proud of your 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, golf balls, cars, stamps and brushes, some of these pieces are displayed around our room. As a group activity we have painted with golf balls and cars, 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 and cars across the table at a time. Oh what fun!

On Thursday 23rd of March we had our pirates and princess day we had so much fun. The children all looked great coming to kinder dressed up and ready to go and look for buried treasure in the sand pit. We also had lots of pirate and princess craft activities the children could do. We made treasure chests, crowns, wands, pirate hooks and made treasure maps. We all had a great morning. We have also had a pirate ship and princess castle set up in our dramatic play area and the children have loved dressing up and enjoyed role playing in the two areas.

The children are enjoying learning new songs and playing different games at mat time, it's a great time for the children to enjoy doing things together and learning to take turns and be considerate of others. The children are beginning to express their own ideas and thoughts in the group setting which encourages social interactions and growing confidence to voice their opinions.

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.

Well this term we are going to be very busy getting ready for Mother's Day with the children making presents and doing lots of cooking getting ready for our Mother's Day morning tea. (Invites will be in your pockets soon.)

We have also introduced a new policy at kinder as of term 2, that all children will need to wear a bike helmet to ride bikes and scooters. We have a tub of helmets with two sizes and two colours so it's an easy way for the children to identify what helmet fits them, the children will need to wear their hat and then place a helmet on. The children have already adapted very quickly to our new policy.

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.

**Thanks heaps
Shar & Kellie**



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