

KINDER CAPERS

JUNE 2017



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wow, halfway through the year!
How fast it's going. We have had a great year at LJMP, so far and looking forward to the 2nd half. You might see some changes to our kinder rooms next term so be on the look out!

Cadbury chocolates are also coming so if you have allocated to receive a box or 2, they will be here very soon.

Big thanks to everyone who helped us out for our annual open day, the day was a big success as we opened the doors to new families to visit and see how wonderful our kinder is.

Enjoy the rest of the term and stay warm!

Thanks, Naomi



Children
are not things
to be moulded,
but people
to be unfolded.

- Jess Lair

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on a little tour and check out the prep class rooms. At kinder we have had several special visitors. Thingle Toodle and Professor Eric visited us and taught us about road safety. It was lots of fun and now we can teach mum and dad how to cross the road safely!

Susan and Elki came to kinder with their dogs Bingle and Oskar. They taught us how to stay safe around dogs. We then practiced the correct way to approach a dog. This is a wonderful free community service.

crafts from each country – in England they made crowns, In Argentina they made soccer puppets and played soccer, in Germany they made cuckoo clocks, in Switzerland they made a swiss alps mountain climber. Back in Australia the children made a vegemite sandwich and lamington and tried a swiss fondue (yoghurt and fruit) for snack.

We would like to remind all parents to provide a coat and / or warm hat for outdoor play during winter. It is important we continue our program outdoors (when it is not raining), so that your child can keep developing their gross motor skills and learn in the outdoors environment. Belinda and I have put your child's report in his/her portfolio. Please read it when you have a chance. Don't forget that we are available for a chat anytime. Just call or e mail to make an appointment.

Well , here we are with only a few more weeks left of second term. Can you believe how quickly the year is slipping through our fingers. Belinda, Jo, Jess and I can't.

Our Rainbows have been very busy. We have been out and about in our community on several excursions.

We visited the Convention grounds and collected lots of autumn leaves. As well we got to play in their play ground. The children had a ball! Back at kinder we used our autumn leaves to make special pictures, pastings and threadings.

In May we had Walk to kinder days. The children and staff met at the St Martins Church and walked to kinder. These days provide opportunities to reinforce road safety and promote a healthy life style by promoting exercise.

We have been to visit our local school – Belgrave South Primary. This is a great way for children to become familiar with a school and for them to observe the differences between school and kinder . The children spent time in the library reading books with Mrs James (the librarian) and with some grade 4 students . During these visits the children met the Principal and the current prep teachers - Mrs Bok and Ms Dyer . We even got to go

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Chris from the museum came with real dinosaur bones and fossils. He told us lots of interesting facts about dinosaurs and then we all got to look at and touch the bones and fossils. Later we pretended to be palaeontologists and digging up dinosaur bones!

The children have been busy travelling around Australia and around the world on our special dress up days. The children were encouraged to dress up. In Tuesday's session the children travelled around Australia making wild flowers, bark painting, jumping dolphins, opera house, harbour bridge, puffing billy, tassie devils and boomerangs. In Thursday's session as they travelled around the world they made different

Please remember that next term (term 3) Wednesday sessions will still finish at 2.15pm BUT THURSDAY sessions WILL FINISH at 1.45 pm.

**Thank you
Belinda, Genevieve, Jo & Jess**



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Since we last spoke we had our Mother's Day morning tea and I would like to thank you all for making it so special for the children. Our morning tea was lovely and the children loved having you at kinder.

Well only two weeks left of term 2 can you believe it, where is the year going? We have been busy experiencing new things and exploring different activities within the kinder environment.

Our dramatic play area has been a very popular place especially our Kinder Curls Hair Dressing Studio. Kellie & I had lots of new and exciting hair styles and the children enjoyed working on Jenny & Cathy (Our hair dressing heads.) There was lots of colours and clips put in, the children had a great time and I'm sure there will be future hair dressers among them. We have also had an indoor construction site and at the moment we have our space station and rocket set up and there have been many trips to the moon. Our space box has been a huge hit as the children use torches to inside a large box covered with glow in the dark stickers. To end the term, we will be off camping in our dramatic play area.

Outside the children have loved the swings and riding the bikes and scooters. We also have a piece of new equipment our new net swing. The net swing is a large round swing which the children have said it looks like a spider's web, it can fit 4 children and the children are loving sharing the space with their friends. And if there is only two people they can lay on it how relaxing.

We have been doing lots of sensory play this term such as Goop, Geli snow, Shaving cream and rice. The children get to feel different substances and learn about what things feel like. Also we add different resources such as measuring cups and scoops so the children then begin the start of their mathematical journey learning terms such as heavy, light, more, less. But most of all it's about getting your hands dirty and having fun.

We did an experiment as a group with Bi Carb Soda, vinegar and food colouring. We talked about the substances individually and then seen what happened when we mixed them together. The children said things like there's lots of bubbles, it looks like a volcano, it's like magic. We extended this to a table activity so the children could explore this experiment themselves. We also made a book which is in the library of our experiment. Next term we will experiment with mixing colours and see what we can come up with.

The children are beginning to form friendship groups which is lovely to see, they are also joining in large group experiences sharing and interacting with others. We have been talking about how we can join in the play with others and being nice to each other. As a group we have also made a list of kinder rules, the children came up with most of the rules themselves, so it allows them to take ownership and responsibility of how we act at kinder. Our kinder rules are on the wall near the stereo.

I recently sent out a note regarding the children's snack. Kellie and I noticed a lot of children with too much food in their lunchbox and some children are sitting at the snack table for up to half an hour. Please don't overload your child's lunch box, two to three small portions of food is ample. e.g. yoghurt, cheese & crackers & small quantity of fruit such as strawberries.

Also don't forget to have look at your child's portfolio as they have things in them to show you their journey at kinder so far and we are continually adding art work, pictures of things they love to do and things that they have made.



The children love looking at their portfolios and sharing information with each other.

As the weather is getting colder please can you make sure that your child has a jacket and perhaps a warm hat to put on as we will always try and run our indoor/outdoor program even when it is cold? Could you also please keep your child home if they are unwell and please notify us if the sickness is gastro as we can notify parents that it is going around.

I hope you all have a lovely break and looking forward to the next term with your beautiful children.

**Thanks heaps
Shar & Kellie**



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