

KINDER CAPERS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Hello
Kinder
Families.*

As we move into the end of Term 3, I wanted to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed meeting all of you and just how fantastic our bunch of kinder kids are this year.

I began my journey with Len Jeffrey Memorial Pre School last year through the 3yo program, and I also signed up to be the Fundraising Coordinator. Having no experience whatsoever, I went home after the AGM slightly bewildered at what I had done and a little overwhelmed. This feeling lasted until approximately 10 minutes into my first ever committee meeting, where I received enormous support from the other committee parents and the wonderful kinder staff. So much so that I then put my hand up to be this year's Committee President! The Committee is responsible for the overall running of the kinder. We do a great amount of work but we have a lot of fun too.

The main area that our kinder parents are involved with is our fundraising. Fundraising is vital to successfully maintain and run our kinder and to provide the best start to learning for our children. We rely

heavily on the support of our families to ensure we are successful in meeting our goals.

Our constant aim is to keep the fundraisers to a minimum and to make them as effortless as possible for you whilst still generating the funds we need. In order to do this, we need your full support.

We have our Trivia Night coming up on Saturday 15th September and it is going to be a fantastic night. Our Committee members have



been hard at work organising this event and we have had huge help from some of our parents to ensure the prize donations have been rolling in. Even if you are no Trivia Buff please come along to enjoy the night with us anyway and maybe leave with a few prizes too!

The 3yo teachers are organising a table and would love you to join them if you cannot get a table together yourselves. These events are a great way to socialise with other kinder parents – many of whom you will also move through the primary school years with.



You will also notice that we are working hard on the outside yard of the kinder, our Maintenance Coordinator Dean has done an amazing job so far this year and he has big plans for more improvements. The next working bee will be advertised soon, so come along and have a bit of fun making our kinder even better.



Sincerely, Skye Hewatt

RAINBOWS

Here we are half way through term three already. This is always a busy term full of fun experiences.

Some of the highlights of term two were Spanish lessons with pila, Autumn walk to the convention centre and Belgrave South library visits.



Dramatic play is a big part of kinder as it helps children better understand the world they are part of. This comes under the area of **Identity** within the framework we follow. Role play is a big portion of this play so you have probably noticed many different experiences over the past few weeks. We have had a hospital, police station, Dentist, fruit and vegetable shop, fire station and hairdressers. These areas also link to our look at the community we are part of this term.



As part of this focus on our community the children have visited the local shops to see what they each do. They then

bought fruit and vegies and had chopped them up for snack time. We have had a visit from Sasha the paramedic who spoke to the children about his job and then showed them the ambulance. Thank you, Sasha, for continuously providing this wonderful experience for our children on your day off. Police officer Dave visited to talk to the children about what a police officer does. The children were then able to have a look at the police car. A huge thank you to Skye & Dave Hewatt for



organising this. The children have also visited the local fire station where they learnt how to be fire safe and looked at the fire truck. Thank you to Kirsten



who gives up her time to provide this great community service.

A thank you to Hayley Lambert & Steph Krivohlavy for talking to the children about what a nurse does. Hayley described a nurse as being just like a mum when you are sick in hospital. This was a beautiful description which all the children understood. Steph showed the children the tools she uses and explained what they are for. Thank you ladies for a wonderful contribution to our program.



During dental week we spoke to the children about how to look after their teeth and the correct way to



brush. This was a great opportunity to make children feel comfortable about going to the dentist as they looked at pictures and learnt what happens. Hopefully they are all keenly brushing their teeth. This

forms part of the area of **Wellbeing**.

As part of the area of **Community** we have held our annual pyjama day at kinder. This is a great opportunity to discuss homeless people and how lucky we all are. The children had a fun snack and donated a gold coin for Melbourne city mission winter appeal. All our groups raised \$80. Well done everyone.

Walk to kinder days were held again this term but we are certainly walking quicker now than first term. This is a great way to aid fitness and independence as the children need to carry their own bag to kinder. This should also be carried on to every day at kinder. It is important that children feel success and the easiest



way to do this is allow them to do for themselves. Carry their bag into kinder is one way to do that.

With Father's night at kinder fast approaching the children have been very busy with Secret Kinder Business. They have created a special gift for dad and have been very busy cooking for their dinner. Cooking is a great way to



explore science and reactions between different food types. Father's night is Thursday 30th August 5.00 – 6.30. Please let us know if Dad is unable to make it so we can make sure the gift goes home early.

The children have each had their silhouette drawn by Belinda and these are now on display near the mat area. If you have not had a look yet do so. Can you pick your child? These will be given out after Fathers Night for you to keep. A photo of them has also been put into each child's portfolio.

Last week the children visited the computer lab at Belgrave South Primary school. This was a great opportunity for the children to use a computer and mouse rather than a tablet and fingers. A huge thank you to Jenny James for organising this experience.

The children love table games and are now able to play many of them without adult help. Table games are a great way to develop co operation, math and language. Many of our games reinforce counting skills, sequencing skills and visual discrimination. All vital for developing math and learning to read. This all forms part of the areas of **Learning and Communication**.

Special Visitors day is happening towards the end of term. Any one is welcome as your child's special visitor. Special visitor days are Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th 9.00 – 11.30.



Kinder photos are being taken on Wednesday 29th August for Red, Green and Purple Rainbows. Orange rainbows photos will be taken on Thursday 30th August. All photos are taken during session. They must be either prepaid on

line or the order form returned with credit card details or cash. The kinder does not handle any payments for these photos. We do however get a

commission from all sales. All envelopes must be handed in on the morning of photos.

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.

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 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 and Jo.



BLUE STARS

Hi Everyone,

I don't know whether you have noticed but we are heading into September already - where has the year gone? We have had an incredible time learning new things, new skills and just simply having fun.

These are some of the skills your child has been learning and developing through term 2 & 3 through different activities and play.

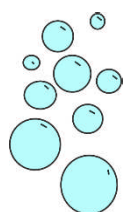
- The children are comfortable with routines and love having a chat with me on the mat about different things. They are establishing trusting relationships with other children, Sylvie and I. Some of our mat times are called mat chats which the children named when we lay on the floor on our tummies in a circle and talked about different things that have happened that day or I need to discuss with them. This is one of my favourite things to do as we are all connected as we show interest in each other and being a part of a group.



- Through play the children are beginning to cooperate with others and negotiate roles and relationships in small and large group activities. The children recognise turn taking at the games table, work together doing floor puzzles, sharing of equipment and playing together in experiences such as dramatic play.
- The children are beginning to take considered risks as they become more confident and are seeking out new challenges and are very happy when they succeed. A good example of this is some children have struggled going down the fireman's pole without help, with practise and gaining confidence those children are now going down that pole on their own. This is happening across the obstacle course as well.
- The children love to learn new things. Our aim is to provide them with lots of different opportunities for learning and for them to be able to imagine, investigate and explore ideas. Our painting table has new and different ways of painting for the children to explore. In other areas the children can add to their own play, inside using baskets of resources and outside the children can access the shed to extend and follow their own interests.



- We have learnt many different songs although the children have their favourites. Mr clickety Cane and the bubble song are requested often. Mr



Clickety Cane is a silly song with actions, we wash our face with orange juice and clean our teeth with bubble gum. Our bubble song is a relaxing song where the children lay on the floor, close their eyes and pretend they are floating in a bubble and after a while I blow bubbles over them. Some of the children have nearly fallen asleep. It's a nice way to end the day. The children learn to listen and respond to the music or the instructions given using movement, musical instruments and learning to sing chants, rhymes and songs.

So as you can see there is lots of learning taking place every time your child comes to kinder, but the best part is we have so much fun while we are learning.



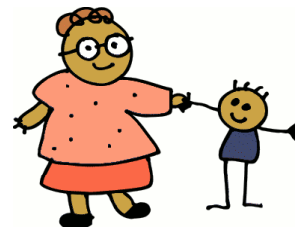
DATES TO REMEMBER THIS TERM

28th August - Kinder photos

2nd September - Father's Day. The children have been working very hard on their special gift for their dads. The children will be bringing them home next Thursday 30th August.

18th & 20th September - Special visitors week.

Special visitor's week is time for your child to have someone special at kinder. We do it over the two days just in case someone can't make it on either day. Your child's special visitor does not have to stay for the whole session they can come for as long or as little time as they like. Your child can have visitors on both days it's totally up to you.



Having another awesome term, talk again soon.

Thanks Shar & Sylvie

