

KINDER CAPERS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Hello
Kinder
Families.*

What a year we have had!!

As Term 4 begins to wind down, the kids seem to be winding up. There is so much excitement at every pick up and drop off and the stories coming home from kinder are more animated than ever.

We have had a very successful year with our Committee. Our yard is looking wonderful thanks to the hard work and vision from our Maintenance Coordinator. Dean is continuing on with this role into next year and has plans to make some really beautiful spaces within the yard area.



Our fundraising activities have been a success and have really supported the kinder with running costs and some fun extras and new pretend play equipment for the kids which they have enjoyed immensely.

Our **Bunnings BBQ** is coming up this **Saturday 8th December** and it is set to be a very busy day as there are only 3 weekends left until Christmas. We are still looking for donations of soft drinks and water if you are able to help in any way.



Friday 7th Dec is our **Kinder Christmas Party** which will be held on the Belgrave South Primary School oval from **4.30** onwards. Bring along a picnic dinner, blanket or

chairs and relax while your kids play. The Jumping Castle Booking Company unfortunately double booked and have left us with no time to re-book so instead please feel free to bring along bikes/scooters and a footy or frisbee so you can make the most of the school oval and bike track. The kids will also have full access to the play equipment, face painting and a special visit from Santa.



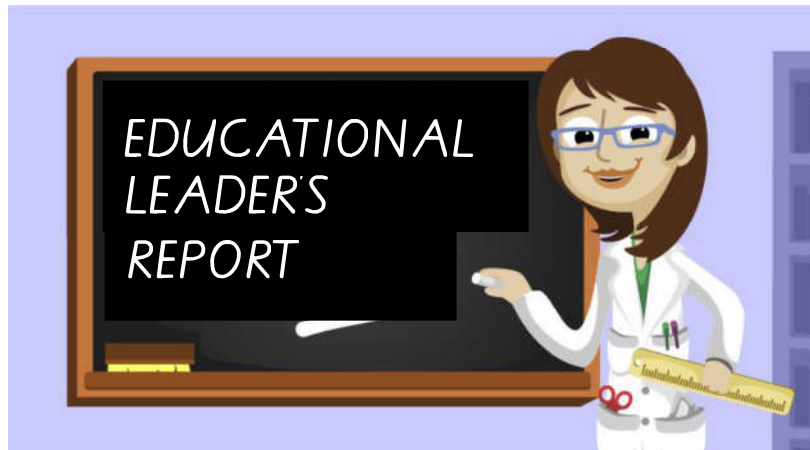
I would like to take a minute now to reflect on the tragedy of losing a beautiful member of our Kinder Community this year. Hayley Lambert was the kind of person who was friends with everyone. She was always smiling, always having a chat while we waited for the doors to open, usually with an anecdote of something that had gone wrong that morning in the rush to get everyone out the door for kinder. And no one would be laughing harder than she did at herself, she had a laugh that would burst out of her and make you laugh along with her. No words could ever express the hole she has left in our midst and I can't imagine that hole will ever be filled. But the support we have received has been no less than amazing and together you have all made it possible to look forward and to smile. Thank you all, so very much.



Finally, I am stepping down into the role of Vice President next year and Steph Krivohlavy will be the Committee President moving forward. She is a fantastic addition to our Committee and I know she will do a wonderful job.

Merry Christmas!!

Skye Hewatt



It has been another fantastic year with a great team.

Although our groups have been low in numbers compared to last year we have had just as much fun, laughter, play and learning taking place.

To the fantastic team I am privileged to work with. Thank you.

Genevieve thank you for filling in when needed, for all your great ideas and your patience with the children. It has been great working with you again this year.

Jo, thank you for putting up with both of us. It's not easy working with two different teachers. You are our rock that keeps everything together and ticking along. We could not do it without you.

This year we welcomed Sylvie to our team. Thank you for being such a wonderful support to Shar and for your patience and guidance with our beautiful three-year olds. Shar you are a great friend and support. Thank you for always being there to lend an ear when needed and a hug when required. Thank you for all the support you give to the children and families in your care.

To all the parents who have helped out on walks, kinder duty or washing. Thank you. Your help is always greatly appreciated and your children have loved having you at kinder.



There are many people that I need to thank for all their hard work. To the outgoing committee thank you for giving your time so freely to keep the kindergarten running. Without a committee there is no kindergarten. Some members have been on committee for a few years and we really do appreciate it. So, to the outgoing committee thank you and good luck in 2019.

To the new committee good luck also and thank you for giving a little of your time to keep this kinder running.

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas

Belinda Niezen



RAINBOWS

Well this year has certainly been busy. Who can believe that there is less than 3 weeks left to go? Wow!

It is hard to believe that this year is nearly over. Looking back over the year it is amazing to look at the changes in all the children. They have all grown so much – many of them were quiet and unsure at the start of the year and now they are full of confidence.

Firstly, we would like to thank all the parents and carers for their much appreciated help over this busy year. Without this help so many of the things that have occurred throughout the year would not have been possible. Your help and support with the following is most treasured : incursions and excursions, washing roster, kinder duty and helping out when we have had no one able to stay, making smocks, bringing in dress ups for the children to wear, remembering dress up days and coming up with extremely creative costumes, attending special days held at kinder, bringing in useful resources that we can use in our program, helping out with special days such as the visit to the Belgrave South Fire station and having the ambulance visit and the list goes on and on....

School transition has been an integral part of this term. The children have really enjoyed spending time either at Selby school, Belgrave South and Narre Warren North Primary and from all reports each transition went very smoothly. Transition is now over and on **Tuesday 11th**

December all children will attend their orientation day either at school or at kinder. Please remember that on **11th**

December that there is **NO** kinder session on because of kinder orientation.

This term we have been busy with a variety of special days / events. The children have loved dressing up on different days such as fantasy/superhero days and on Crazy hair days we saw



some very creative hair styles - children with dough nuts in their hair, rainbow hair, mo-hawks and even clown wigs.

We had a visit from Wendy from the museum. She told us a story about dinosaurs and why they are extinct today. Wendy showed us some real dinosaur bones. With help from some kinder friends we uncovered the foot and 2 leg bones of a Tsintasaurus.



Wendy and Jo helped put the bones together and we got to see just how big this dinosaur really was. The children also got to see its head and how it had a horn on it. Wendy also brought in fossils which the children got to touch and hold.

Kris from Belgrave Library came and visited us at kinder. She read us some great stories and spoke to the children about borrowing books from the library.



The children have been busy making graduation invitations for their families and during the sessions on 27th and 28th November we posted our invitations. Afterwards we walked across the road and had a play at the park on Colby drive before heading back to kinder.



Our Kinder graduation will be held at kinder on **Tuesday 18th December at 5.15pm**. All families and friends are welcome to attend. The kinder children will sing a few Christmas songs and then we will have their Kinder graduation Ceremony. Children might like to wear a Christmas t-shirt or dress for the singing of the songs. At the end of the ceremony all families are welcome to stay for a byo picnic dinner in our kinder yard.



We are now enjoying making a variety of Christmas activities as Christmas is fast approaching. We will continue making a variety of decorations for the children to hang up at home and around the room.

Rainbows' PARTY DAY for all colours (red, purple, green & orange) is WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER and shorter session will be from 9.00 am - 11.30 am. All parents are invited to attend this informal session. Snack will be at 10.25ish and we are asking all children to please bring a small plate of party food to share. If your child cannot attend this session please let staff know as we are giving out little surprises to each child at the end of the session.



Please remember that **CLEAN UP DAY** is **Thursday 20th December** (in the morning). There is a list of jobs that needs to be done on the easel in the kinder room. If you are able to help out please write your name underneath a specific job or let staff know if you can help out. Remember - many hands make light work!

Good luck in 2019 where ever you may be or what ever you may be doing. We know that we will see some of you again in future years but for some this is the final good bye and good luck. Have a safe and happy Christmas and stay safe in 2019. And please remember our door is always open – we love seeing old faces return for a little visit .



Thank you

Genevieve , Belinda and Jo.



BLUE STARS

Hi Everyone,

Well I can't believe it's just about time to say goodbye.

Fourth term is always a busy one and this is no exception. We started our term with the aeroplane in dramatic play and the children loved wearing the captains hat and using the intercom radios. They were all set for take-off, many of the flights were to Queensland which included a snack and in-house movie which was Paw Patrol.



We made a beautiful rainbow for our room as a group with lots of lovely collage, we created a spring garden on our back wall, the children made caterpillars, snails, butterflies, spiders, suns & rainbows and some beautiful flowers.

Outside the children are enjoying the challenge of the obstacle course and jumping off the large A-Frame onto the big blue mat.



The sand pit is always popular. The children have created worksites, parties, have dug vast holes and made huge mountains using a variety of the resources from the shed.

The children have enjoyed the sensory tub with shaving cream, rice and recently water play. They learn about measurement and science through different sensory activities.



We have been busily working on our Special Kinder Business which the children are very excited about. We can't give you any more information.



On Tuesday 20th November we had a yoga incursion with Mary-Lou. The children wore different superhero costumes and learnt many different yoga positions. We did lots of deep breathing with relaxation to music to end the session. The children had a lot of fun.

As we head into December we will be moving into Christmas activities including painting and decorating a tree as a group activity. We will be enjoying lots of paper chains and Christmas activities to finish off the year.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

11th December Orientation day
Normal kinder session. Orientation takes place within kinder session.

18th December Party Day 10:00am- 12:00pm
This is also your session time. We would like to have everyone stay with us and spend our last session together. Could you please bring a small plate of healthy party food to share?

20th December WE NEED YOUR HELP!

It is a department requirement that all furniture and resources be washed. If you could spare any time to help us between 9:00am-11:30am it would be very much appreciated.

I just want to say that your children are amazing and it's been a privilege to watch them as they have developed into independent



little people with lots of confidence to try new and challenging activities, not frightened to give things a go.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.

Looking forward to doing it all again next year.

Thanks heaps

Love Shar & Sylvie

SPECIAL THANKS

As another year ends it is time to remember all those who have helped this year run smoothly. As always, the ever-reliable Belinda has done a great job coordinating everyone and making sure that everyone knows what is happening and when. Thank you, Belinda, for keeping everyone informed and coordinated so that everything happened when it should. I would personally like to thank you Belinda for all your support and your constant belief in me and answering my constant questions. Our debriefs in the mornings are much looked forward to and the laughs are always a plenty and for your amazing friendship.

To Jo who is always willing to help and do extra things to make our lives a little easier, thanks for the laughs and friendship throughout the year.

To Genevieve it's been fun being able to spend some time with you this year, thanks for the laughs and support.

To Sylvie my partner in crime, well I am so glad we picked you to come and join our team this year, what an asset you have been. We have lots of fun and we have had a ball with the children this year. Thanks so much for the support, ideas, staying back and helping with the program and all the extra things you do to help the room run smoothly. Thanks for the friendship and support.

What an amazing bunch of people I work with; they make it a pleasure to come to work and looking forward to doing it again with all of you next year.

No kinder can run smoothly without a dedicated team of committee members and this centre certainly has that. Thank you to all the committee for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. It has been a pleasure working with such a professional group of people. Thank you for your constant support. I'm sure that as many of you leave the committee this year, the new-found skills you now have will be very useful in the years to come. You have all done a fantastic job.

Last but not least thank you to all the parents that have helped in so many ways. Without your constant support and assistance we could not run our program. Thank you for assisting with kinder duty and a special thank you for all the extra things that you have shared with us to enhance our program. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Most importantly thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's education - it is a great honor. Your children are what make it an absolute pleasure for me to come to work and be a part of their lives in a small way. I know I have certainly made some great new friends who I look forward to keeping in touch with in the future.

Thank you
Shar Henderson

