

Blue Stars Dec 2020

What a strange and challenging year for everyone, but here we are, through it all, at the end of another year.

We started the year well and the children were settled and began to gain confidence in the kinder environment and wanted to explore the different aspects of kinder. When we came back in term 2 things began to change and everyone became unsure of what was happening around us. The term ended early and term 3 began late due to covid 19. Throughout term 2 we had smaller numbers attending and we tried to keep things as normal as possible encouraging and working with the children we had so kinder remained full of activities and learning experiences. Term 3 began again with smaller numbers and two and half weeks into term we were locked down.

During lockdown we as educators needed to find different ways to stay connected with you all and while making videos was all a bit daunting in the beginning, we got used to it, then with your support and encouraging words it became a bit easier and gave us the confidence to do different things. So, thank you.

Boy was it good to be back and see all your gorgeous faces. The way we do things has changed but I think we have all adapted really well to these changes. As you know pick up and drop off has changed. The children definitely know the routine and it makes me smile when they remind you to sanitise your hands when entering the building.

The way we program has changed due to covid as there is so much extra cleaning that needs to be done. We've modified our program to make it easier for us to achieve all the necessary requirements of making sure our environment is virus-free.

Term 4 - here we are full steam ahead with all children back which is just fantastic. I'd like to say that all our families have done such an amazing job during lockdown and the children have come back with confidence, ready and glad to be back at kinder.

The children have a very good understanding about the virus and why we need to do the things we do and that is thanks to all you amazing parents.

Considering all that the children have been through they have developed and blossomed and shown such resilience ready to face the challenges ahead.

Even though we still have our covid guidelines, we are embracing term 4 and trying to fit in as much fun as we can. We are busy creating our Christmas presents for our families and will start lots of Christmas activities in December. I hope we never have to face another year like this one so enjoy Christmas with your families, stay safe and onward and upward for 2021.

Thanks heaps

Shar & Sylvie

Special Thanks

As this year comes to an end it is time to remember all those who have helped this year run smoothly even through these challenging times. As always, the ever-reliable Belinda has done a great job coordinating everyone and making sure that everyone knew what was 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 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 what an amazing lady and educator, 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.

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 that 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. 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.

On a personal note it's time for me to say goodbye to this wonderful community and kinder that I have been privileged to be a part of for such a long time. I have met so many wonderful people and well the children make my heart sing. I will miss you all very much. I'm not quite sure what I will do with my time yet or what the future holds but I know that this kinder will always have a special place in my heart. Thanks for all the wonderful memories I have to take with me.

Shar Henderson