

Educational Leader Report Dec 2020

It has been another fantastic year with a great team, but it has been a year with many challenges.

Although our groups have had restricted attendance we have had just as much fun, laughter, play and learning taking place whenever possible.

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

Genevieve thank you, 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.

Thank you, Sylvie, 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.

This year has been a challenging time for staff. Behind the scenes during Covid Genevieve, Jo and I have continued to teach daily and along with Shar and Sylvie support children through videos, activity packs and ideas sheets. This has been a lot of extra work for staff so thank you guys for your dedication.

We as a team also have a new normal whereby everything the children play with is disinfected daily. This is a huge task but it is what we do to keep everyone safe and at kinder. So again, thank you to my team.

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 2021. I'm sure Covid wasn't what you signed up for as committee but you have survived it all so you can achieve anything.

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

Now for some sad goodbyes. Shar is retiring and it is very sad to see her leave. Shar and I began working together in 2003 when she was my assistant. She then bravely returned to study and became part of our teaching team in 2008. We hope Shar enjoys a well earned rest and some extra family time.

Genevieve is taking a year off to pursue full time teaching at another service. Genevieve began here in 2002. Good luck Genevieve. Our loss is their gain but hopefully we will see you back in 2022.

I too am having some time off. Long service leave is calling and I will be on leave for terms one and two. No real plans other than some rest time and coffee and lunch with Shar whenever we want to!

I would like to welcome Leah Cunningham to the team. Leah will be teaching three year olds and taking on the role of Educational Leader and teacher in charge during my absence. I'm sure she will do an amazing job. A new four year old teacher is yet to be appointed.

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas
Belinda Niezen