

KINDER CAPERS

DECEMBER 2022



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a fabulous year we have had. Thank you to all the children, parents & staff for their support throughout the whole year.



We have had a huge year with many highlights, but just to name a few:

- The toy library joined our building which has proved to be a great resource for the community and also for our kinder families.
- The minor works grant that we secured last year has been progressing, with the soft fall completed, new veggie planter boxes, all new edging in the sandpit and a shade sail still to come.
- The working bees each term have resulted in a lot of ongoing maintenance being completed, thank you to the families who gave up a few precious hours on those weekends.

We had a lot of fundraising happening this year, thank you to Alice for organizing & running the Bunnings BBQ and to the families who assisted also. Thank you George for arranging the Cadbury Chocolate drive and to all the families who sold endless boxes. Thank you to the teachers for organizing the picture plates & the raffles throughout the year.



Thank you also to everyone who helped run the trivia night. It was a fantastic night seeing the community come together & have fun, all while raising funds for our kinder. Thank you to Belgrave South Primary School for donating the venue and to the 40+ businesses who donated items & vouchers. We made over \$6,000 which has gone towards the running of the Kinder. We are already in the process of planning next year's event.

We are thrilled to have been successful in receiving the Facility Upgrade Grant which will allow us to breathe new life into our much loved kinder. We plan on refreshing the space cosmetically with internal and external paint, updated external signage, updated built in cabinetry, smart indoor and outdoor sound system, and a gazebo with toy storage for the outdoor play space. These changes will enhance the function of the kinder and benefit the kids, families and educators for many years to come.





A HUGE thank you to our teaching staff - the heartbeat of the kinder - Jo, Kate, Kylie, Leah & Sylvie. Thank you for nurturing our children in these times of uncertainty, it has been a tough year juggling many new normals, with external drop offs / pick ups and no events, right through to re welcoming parent helpers, incursions, excursions & community events on again. Thank you for your open communication, for your passion and patience, for your dedication, enthusiasm and the energy you bring each and every session with our little ones.

To our kinder committee, thank you. The Kinder simply could not function without your generous donation of time effort.



Thank you and farewell to Steph, Brooke and Mark after many years of service.

Thank you and see you soon to Lauren, Natalie, Ashleigh & Sam, who will be back in the kinder community in the years to come.

Adele, Tayler, Alice, George - thank you and looking forward to working with you again next year.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe festive season. Merry Christmas.

See you in the new year.

Ellen





2022 has flown by so quickly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teaching team - Kate, Jo, Sylvie and Kylie. You have each worked incredibly hard and the kindergarten is the wonderful place it is because of you all.



Thank you to our fantastic President Ellen. Your helping hands and support this year has been incredible and we're so fortunate to have you again in 2023.



Volunteering for the committee requires time and dedication. We cannot thank the parent committee enough for their support this year. Everyone has played a vital role in ensuring the kindergarten is run at its best.



Thank you to Mary (payroll) for another wonderful year. Your commitment and support to the teaching team is so appreciated. We look forward to you also joining the committee in 2023.

Joy has been so generous in her weekly delivery of bread to the kindergarten. This has been used for families in need and assisting with events within the kindergarten program.

Thanks also to the op-shop who generously donate to the kinder with any items they feel we might need.

Thank you to all of the families for a memorable 2022. Wishing all of the 4 year olds the best in their new adventure to primary school. We can't wait for you to drop in next year and proudly show us all your school uniform.



Have a safe and magical holiday break. Looking forward to 2023 with you.



RAINBOWS



As we come to the end of a brilliant kindergarten year it is a great opportunity to reflect back on how far the children have come, in their maturity, confidence, capabilities, and emotional wellbeing. Over the year the group have developed what I hope will be long lasting friendships. We are so blessed to have such a tight knit community, and watching the warm connections and support that our kindergarten community offer to one another has been a real joy. Although it is bitter sweet to say good bye to the children, I also feel immensely proud to send them on to school so ready to continue their learning.

Throughout the year the teaching team put a lot of time into observing and documenting the children's learning and development. These observations inform the educational program and ensure that we are supporting each child's development. Observations also assist in making the children's learning visible so that we can share it with families. On Thursday we had the pleasure of sending the children's portfolios home. We hope that each family enjoys looking over their child's portfolio and reflecting back on 2022.



To support each child's seamless transition into primary school, we work in partnership with the schools by providing detailed transition statements. These statements offer insight into the children's learning styles, and strategies that have been supportive this year so that next year your child's teacher can provide the most positive experience possible.

During this year we have enjoyed some amazing times together. Some examples are; Circus day, Pj day, Sports Day, the Jumpathon, excursions to Belgrave South Primary School, the Wild Xposure incursion, The Wood Working incursion, Book Week, The Cool Kids First Aid Incursion, The Tiddalick interactive drama incursion, walks to kindergarten, and the much loved Special Visitors Day which gave the children the opportunity to share our beautiful kindergarten with the people they hold dear to them.



We were thrilled to invite parent helpers back on site, and valued the time families contributed all throughout the year, during committee meetings, fundraising and working bees.

We would like to thank all 2022 families for allowing us to be a part of their child's learning journey this year.



Merry Christmas to all
Kate, Jo, and Kylie



BLUE STARS



Hello everyone,

Sylvie and I have had the most fantastic year with the 3 year old stars children. It only feels like yesterday we met them for the first time in term 1, but as we reflect on the year we have had together, we can't believe how many memorable experiences we have had with them.

Their development and growth

throughout the year really makes us so proud. They're all uniquely confident in their own way and we know that transitioning into 4 year old kindergarten is going to continue to support their development and love for learning.



Thank you to all of our wonderful families. Your support this year, is very much appreciated. We have truly loved getting to know you, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and special friends.



Thank you to Sylvie. She is an absolute superstar. She goes above and beyond every single week. If I share an idea with her, the next session she brings it to life. Your handwork and support has shaped our program and I'm very lucky to work with you.



Wishing you a wonderful and safe holiday break.



Leah & Sylvie



KINDER CAPERS EXTRA

ALLERGIES

Just a reminder that we have anaphylactic children and teachers in attendance at all times which is why we do not permit eggs or nuts at kinder.

For 2023, no sesame seeds are permitted either. These are found in foods such as hummus dip, sesame seed rolls and some protein balls.

PLAYDOUGH RECIPE

The children love using playdough and manipulate it to make amazing creations. Many parents have asked for the recipe to make at home.

We have provided a cooked version below which will last for a long time before it dries out.

1 cup salt
2 cups plain flour
4 teaspoons cream of tartar
2 tablespoons oil
2 cups water
food colouring

Mix all ingredients in a saucepan
Cook on medium heat stirring constantly until playdough becomes stiff
Take out of pot and knead till smooth
Once cool, store in an airtight container



RECYCLING BATTERIES



Batteries cannot be recycled through our regular bin service. Each year, over 300 million household batteries are thrown away with ordinary waste, meaning a staggering 8,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill. These batteries then take over 100 years to decompose with the chemicals being toxic to the environment, potentially harming wildlife and affecting surrounding soil and waterways.

By recycling batteries we can help reduce the amount that ends up in landfill each year.

Many supermarkets accept household batteries for recycling (AA, AAA, C, D and 9V batteries). Office works, Bunnings, Aldi, Woolworths are just a few that are local to us. With Christmas upon us and battery operated toys being gifted, please try to be kind to our earth and dispose of your batteries thoughtfully.



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