

# KINDER CAPERS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT


We have had a great first semester this year, thank you to the teachers, educators, families and children.



At the end of this term, we say farewell to Leah who is off to have her third child. We wish her, Ryan, Ayla & Lace all the very best on this exciting new chapter in their lives, and we cannot wait to meet their new baby.

We also say farewell to Jo who is taking the rest of the year off on long service leave. We hope you have a great break & look forward to seeing you back next year.



 We are fortunate to be able to welcome Abby & Sue. Abby will be teaching in the 3-year-old Stars room for the rest of the year & has already begun her time in the classroom getting to know your children.

Sue will call the 4-year-old Rainbow room home for the next 6 months as she assists Kate & Kylie. She has already spent a month in the room so is a familiar face for the children. We welcome Abby & Sue to Len Jeffrey Memorial Preschool and look forward to getting to know them both.

The committee has been busy in the background, thank you to the fundraising team for a successful Thermomix raffle, and congratulations to Brooke, a past parent who won!

They are also busy organising our Bingo night, so save the date – FRI 13 OCTOBER. Many more details to come.



We have locked in our Bunning BBQ date – SAT 26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – We will be doing a shout out for volunteers and donations next term.



Thank you to the maintenance team, the kinder is looking fantastic and was sparkling for our very successful open day held a few weeks ago. Thank you to the staff for a fantastic day, with lots of families from the community coming to have a look at our kinder.

The new internal & external sound system has been installed as part of our Facilities Upgrade Grant. The children have been enjoying the music inside & outside. New cabinetry for both rooms is currently being built and will be installed during Term 3. Preparation works are under way for external paint on both rooms. Thank you, Rhonda, for coordinating all these works.



Our next committee meeting will be Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July at 1:45pm in the 4-year-old room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Have a great break, see you back at kinder next term.

Ellen Holland





What a busy and fun term 2 we have had at Len Jeffrey. Our highlight this term was our first family day out at Myuna Farm. The feedback from families, children and the teaching team was so positive. A big thank you to Myuna Farm for a wonderful educational program. The conversations and learning extensions from the day have been incredible. We're looking forward to many more new learning opportunities like this.

Our open day was a huge success! Meeting new families and welcoming our future enrolments to share in the day with us. Thank you to our committee helpers for your assistance on the day and the teaching team in sharing their love for our kindergarten.



We have recently welcomed 2 new teachers to the Len Jeffrey. Sue will be commencing in term 3 in the 4 year old rainbows room 3 days per week. Sue brings a strong wealth of knowledge and passion. Abby will be taking on my maternity leave teaching in the 3 year old stars. She is enthusiastic and

has already created wonderful new relationships with the children and families.

Over the course of my maternity leave, I will be continuing my director role - communication with the Department of Education, Kindergarten Funding and enrolments. If you have any urgent matters regarding this please contact me.

Storypark has become a wonderful form of communication for our kindergarten.

Please take the time to check any new notifications that come through. This is a great way to keep updated on your child's time at kindergarten, important kindergarten communications, events and of course sharing any videos or photos with your family. If you would like any assistance with navigating the app, please reach out to the teaching team.



Please ensure that if any of your child's enrolment details change, you inform the kindergarten so that we can make these changes accordingly.

Wishing you a fun filled school holiday break!

Thank you, Leah



# RAINBOWS



A warm hello to you all. The year is absolutely flying by and what fun we are having in The Rainbow Group classroom! Honestly, I could write a chapter book about our shared learning but I know time is precious, so here is a snapshot.

Each year we tailor the learning environment, and activities to meet the unique needs and learning styles of the children in our class. During term one we focused on settling the children into the class routine. We enjoyed getting to know one another and the teaching team were busy gathering lots of observations. This provided valued insight into each child's current abilities, developmental needs and learning styles. Armed with this knowledge we were able to create a positive, stimulating and supportive learning environment. We have found that a 'project approach' is really well suited to the children's learning style this year. The project approach involves a sustained, in-depth exploration of a topic and encourages children to ask questions and search for answers.

During term two we conducted two projects. The first utilised the children's interest in snails.

We created a mind map to gain insight into what the children already knew, and what they were curious to know more about.

We conducted a bug audit in our yard where the children sketched diagrams of bugs they discovered.



We created habitats by considering and researching what attributes bugs required in their environment. The children learnt about the important role bugs play, and we viewed footage of the curator of collections at the



Carnegie Museum of natural history and learnt that in the Olympic National Park there is a 'jumping slug' that is capable of jumping to escape predators.







Our next project was conducted in our spacious veranda area and explored the influence of different music genres on art making. In week one of our project the children created artwork to classical music. During the second week we painted (and danced) to jazz music, and during the third week the children formed art to reggae music. Open ended questions created opportunities for the

children to consider the emotions the different music styles created within them. This experience supported the children's emotional awareness as

they honed their ability to identify and name feelings within themselves.

We enjoyed a whole kindergarten family day at Myuna Farm. It was a really special event that I'm sure the children will remember and enjoy reflecting on in the future.

In term three we are excited to engage in our third project for the year which is based around 'Story Telling, and Story Making.'

A member of our teaching team, Jo is enjoying long service leave throughout the rest of this year. We wish her a restorative break. We welcome Sue in Jo's place and are excited for the valuable skills she brings which will complement our well-rounded teaching team which now consists of myself Kate, Kylie and Sue.



Stay warm and safe.



# BLUE STARS

Hello everyone, 🙋😊

Term 2 welcomed new children and families into the 3 year old stars kindergarten.



Each morning on arrival we join together to share an acknowledgement of country and then begin talking circle. This is such a special time for the children. Sylvie and I are so proud

to see how their confidence has grown, their communication skills are developing and their greatest success - how they have become such caring listeners to their peers and teachers. We have heard so many wonderful stories.

We engaged in our first excursion this term, as we ventured to Myuna Farm for a family day. It was fantastic to share this experience with parents, grandparents and special people. The children made new discoveries together, challenged



themselves in their participation and shared their knowledge together. Thank you to all of the helping hands that attended to create this wonderful experience for the children.

Throughout the term we welcomed parent/carer helpers to our sessions. Helping in the Kinder is also a wonderful opportunity to observe your own child in the group setting and enjoy some fun play time with them. The sign-up sheet is located at the entrance, with available dates throughout the term.

Exploring reconciliation week this term, we



acknowledged that *"reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all"* we invited the children to a Be Brave Make Change

pledge and created a sea of hearts. This was displayed outside our kindergarten on the windows for children, families and members of the community to view. Change begins with brave actions in your daily life – where you live, work, play and socialise.

Throughout the final weeks of term the children engaged in self portrait

creations. Educators discussed facial features and body parts that were observed with the children to guide them along. Many of the children have developed an increasing interest



in creative drawing over the term. This was evident as the children felt extremely successful with their finished works and we photographed them to share with their families at home. I really believe that walking them through this process together helped to increase their interest and confidence in drawing their portraits. These will be ready for you to see next term, as we create a visual display with them all over the holiday break.

We welcome Abby who has joined our team to teach the 3's for the rest of the year. Have a wonderful holiday break. We're looking forward to another fun filled term in the coming weeks.

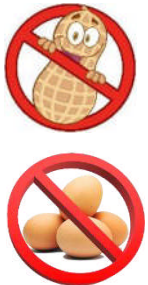
Thanks Leah, Sylvie & Abby



## EXTRA INFORMATION

### SNACKS & LUNCHES

- We appreciate your efforts at providing the children with healthy snacks and lunches. A list of snack ideas is provided below.
- We are a nut free and egg free kindergarten so please remember not to pack any food that contains these products.  
The exception is that homemade biscuits and muffins made with a small amount of egg are ok but quiches or zucchini slices where the main ingredient is egg are not permitted.  
No nut muesli bars please.
- This year we also ask you to not bring any food into the kinder that have sesame seeds in it. This includes multigrain breads with sesame seed as an ingredient and hommus dip.
- Sometimes foods are best left for eating at home.  
We prefer the children eat healthy food at kinder and will generally ask them to leave any lollies etc in their snack boxes until they go home.  
Easier for everyone if they are not included for their day at kinder.



### KINDER SNACK IDEAS

- Fresh fruit
- Dried fruit
- Raw vegetables
- Yoghurt
- Cheese and dry biscuits
- Dips with vegie sticks
- Sandwich (no egg or peanut butter)
- Sushi
- Wraps
- English muffin
- Raisin bread
- Rice crackers
- Savoury muffin
- Popcorn
- Muesli bar (no nut)
- Vege chips
- Pasta
- Homemade biscuit or small muffin without icing

### WINTER TIME

With our winter weather upon us, please ensure the children have warm coats to wear for our outside play.

A beanie or warm hat is a good option for added warmth.

