



KINDER CAPERS


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my third and final year at Len Jeffrey Memorial Preschool, with my youngest heading off to prep next year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time being a member of this beautiful kinder community. 

 Thank you to the staff, committee & parents who have done an amazing job this year for the kinder, inside & out, far & wide.

 Thank you to those who attended the AGM, you will have heard me speak about our wonderful community already, but I wanted to mention it again.

One of the many things I will take away from my time here is how lucky we are to be involved in this community. Time & time again, this community proves itself in abundance. From the staff creating a safe space with a beautiful program nurturing our children, to the committee & parents pitching in at working bees, fundraisers, or putting their hand up to help with pick up & drop off, it all helps so much.

To the wider community, we are so fortunate. Nothing has been too much to ask, particularly of a few key players.

Paul & the team at IGA's generosity has blown us away and has given us such a head start for every fundraising effort this year.

Shane at Shane on Colby has allowed us to host many a committee meeting on his nights off and couldn't be happier about opening for us.

Stuart & the team at Belgrave South Primary School's generosity has also meant so much. Donating the space for our Bingo night, making sure we had a good position at their fete, any question or query posed they have been 100% willing to help. The transition program is also very thorough and supportive of our little ones. It is wonderful working in partnership with such a great school.

To the teachers & educators, Abby, Leah, Sylvie, Kate, Jo, Kylie & Sue, thank you for a big year. Thank you for nurturing our children and helping them grow & learn. Thank you for your patience & passion, enthusiasm & energy and your commitment & communication. I wish you all the very best for next year.

A special thank you to Jo for your service at Len Jeffrey Memorial Preschool, I hope you enjoy your retirement, you will be missed.



To the 2023 committee, the kinder simply could not function without your generous donation of your time & effort. I enjoyed working with each & every one of you & you have all achieved a lot this year.

Good luck & all the best to the 2024 committee.

Ellen Holland





The end of term 4 has come around so quickly! This term we have been as busy as always at Len Jeffrey, with excursions, incursions, building works and transition days.

The teaching team has been busily organising our end of year celebrations. I am sure you will all get pleasure from joining in with these special events.



We farewelled our much loved educator Jo at the end of term 4. Jo has been an educator at Len Jeffrey Memorial Preschool since 2000 and prior to this a parent of the kindergarten. Jo has worked both in the 3 and 4 year old programs throughout her time at Len Jeffrey. Creating a wonderful program alongside a wonderful teaching team that have become lifelong friends over the years. Jo is currently on long service leave from her educator role. She is however continuing to be an active part of her Len Jeffrey family in the future by covering leave and continuing her cleaning position. Jo has played a vital role in many of the children, families and teachers lives along her journey at Len Jeffrey.



A big thank you to our incredible 2023 parent committee. Their efforts and dedication has been fabulous! Thank you for all of your handwork over the year.



We would like to wish all of the children and families all the best their new learning journey as they transition to primary school in 2024. It's such an exciting time. We can't wait to hear all about your new school life and see all of the children in their uniforms! At Len Jeffrey we absolutely love knowing, this is not goodbye, our community relationships is forever growing. It's - we will see you soon!

As the new year comes around, we look forward to welcoming the new families into our kindergarten family.

Wishing everyone a safe and Merry Christmas with your families. We look forward to 2024 and all of the joy it will bring.

Thank you, Leah



RAINBOWS



Term four has been an absolute whirlwind of action and fun.

We enjoyed the

Grandparents and other Special Person's Day which gave the children the opportunity to share their beautiful kinder with someone close to them. We also had a Storytime incursion shared by Chris from our local library. One of our families shared their knowledge and experience around firefighting and the equipment fire fighters use during a delightful spontaneous incursion. The teaching team supported the children in really focusing in on pulling together some of the learning concepts they have developed throughout the year as they explored increasingly complex literacy and numeracy activities.



A popular topic in our classroom related to exploring food and traditional dance from around the world. We had lots of fun having a go at the Haka and Tarantella dances together. Currently the children are enjoying working on Christmas craft, and preparing to wow with their songs at the Christmas concert we will share with our families. We have a Christmas tree in the classroom that the children created with Sue using paint and sparkles. Currently the children are taking pleasure in contributing food items under the tree which we will pass on to families in need this Christmas.



We have worked hard to prepare the children for a positive transition to school. Part of this process has involved open discussions and activities aimed to remove some of the unknowns of starting school. We enjoyed a brilliant drama incursion called 'Ready Steady School' presented by the Drama Toolbox and the children responded really positively to opportunities to explore topics such as, what they might wear to school, what they will eat, and activities they might do at school.



I am really thankful to our beautiful families who worked collaboratively with me in developing a transition document outlining each child's learning style, development, and some of the strategies that I have found supported their learning wellbeing. This information is shared directly with each child's prep teacher to assist them in providing a positive transition to school.



We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to another great year together in 2024.

Kate, Kylie & Sue



BLUE STARS



Hello everyone, 🙋😊

Term 4 has been full of learning and fun experiences. The children have been very interested in learning about mini beasts. We started to learn about bees and what they provide for our environment. We have read lots of stories, enjoyed social play areas, watched documentaries and even have an incursion on our last day from Holly's bees.



Each session the children decide which creature they would like to know more about. It's amazing the knowledge they have and what they learn. You can see their little minds ticking with all the information they have gathered.

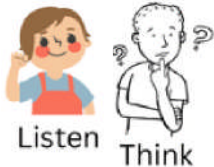


I think the children will agree that their favourite time in term 4 was performing Tiddalick the frog during our dramatic incursion. It was great to see the children dressing up as different Australian animals and using their imaginative skills to act out their parts with such enthusiasm.

The blue stars have been very busy at kinder lately. They have been making end of year presents, preparing Christmas songs for our end of year concert and sharing the joy of Christmas with our local community by donating food to our reverse advent calendar that will be given to those in need at the end of the year. For any food the children bring in and place under the tree, they are able to add another decoration to our Christmas tree.



LOOK!



We celebrated road safety week by preparing ourselves to go on a walk to the local café - Shane. The children were able to demonstrate what they had learnt from the class discussions about road safety - what is safe and unsafe and how to ensure we cross the road correctly.



Each child had a gold coin that they took to the café and ordered their own baby chino which was enjoyed before our safe return journey to kinder.

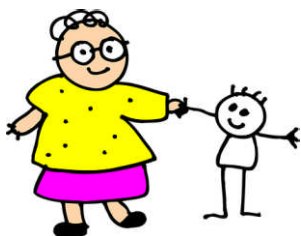
We are preparing for our next adventures in 2024 and have had a wonderful year full of fun and learning.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer break and we'll see you in 2024.

Abby & Sylvie



The children were so excited to invite their grand parents and special friends into their kinder environment and we loved meeting lots of new family faces.



KINDER CAPERS EXTRA

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



With Christmas upon us and battery operated toys on the wish list of many children, just a quick reminder that 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. Please try to be kind to our earth and dispose of your batteries thoughtfully.



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