

Kinder 4 and Kinder 3 Newsletter Term Four

2020

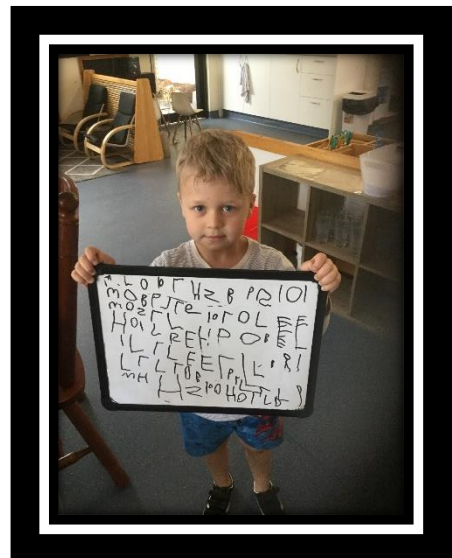
To all our Kinder 4 and Kinder 3 Families,

What an unusual year that we have had and we are so impressed of how all of the children have managed the uncertainty, the unpredictability and the changes that have occurred in their lives both at kinder and in their personal lives. Children are very resilient and this year we have seen that in all of the children attending our kindergarten room. It shows us that they are competent and capable in many different ways and forms and we are incredibly proud of what they have achieved and learnt in the last year attending our programs.

Kinder 4

This last term we had a number of events reintroduced, including activities that developed a sense of 'normal' within the learning environment. Mini movers attended for 8 weeks of this term – some sessions taking place on the oval, allowing small groups to participate in more challenging and complex activities.

Book Week and NAIDOC week provided further exploration regarding diversity and inclusion.



School transition statements have all been completed and sent to the schools. We have been ensuring that children have the opportunity to share their orientation experiences with educators and peers. Much of this term has been focused on the preparation for school. The dramatic play space as a school area has supported the children's transition by bridging the gap between kinder and school. The children have enjoyed wearing school uniforms and pretending to be 'students' and 'teacher'. The children have shown how resilient and adaptable they can be and are looking forward to a new challenge in 2021.

Please check Educa for a surprise performance by the kinder 4 children in the final week of term



Liam pretending to teach "times tables".

Kinder 3:

This term we continue to observe the growing confidence amongst the children both individually as well as in small and large group work. We are now often seeing small groups of children collaborating on a task or an idea, negotiating ways in which they can achieve the outcome successfully together. This has been evident in the children's play. Some of these example have been when the children work together to create large floor puzzles together, magnet blocks, building with lego/duplo to make mansions with solar panels and swimming pools, and making restaurants.



We have noticed that pretend play cooking is a large part of the children's day on a Friday – whether that be in the sandpit, tanbark, or with the playdough. This interest supports our concept of friendships. Play cooking is an activity that draws children together as they pretend to serve and consume it. In our everyday lives with our families and friends, food serves as a means of sharing memories, as well as enriches us with a culturally diverse range of tastes, customs and practices. Friendships are fostered through positive engagement with food as it is a social and interactive experience. We find that re-enacting food play is essential in building friendships and exploring positive relationships with food in a fun and meaningful way.

“Jenny’s 100th Birthday Cake”
– by Thomas

Lastly, the children are looking forward to performing their ‘Christmas Song’ which will be uploaded to Educa to celebrate the end of their Kinder 3 year. The children have also been actively involved in making Christmas craft and decorations for their end of year gifts. We are currently in the process of orientating some of the children that will be attending Kinder 3 in 2021, and our current Kinder 3 children have been very supportive showing them around the room and joining in with our group times.



The Kinder team of 2020 wish all of our families a safe and happy festive season, and thank you for your understanding and support during the year. We wish our Kinder 4 children all the very best for a successful transition to school in 2021. We look forward to seeing returning families in 2021 – hopefully it will be a smooth year, full of fun and exciting times ahead.

Paula, Jenny, Lisa, Lina, Bradley, Amanda, Ulrica (Wed) and Liseth (Fridays) – Kinder Team 2020

