

Dearest Families.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. We can't believe how fast this last term has gone. Thank you to all the families who brought us special gifts we really appreciate them. This term has been exciting, fun, eventful and full of anticipation for Christmas.

This Christmas the children have made beautiful ornaments, Christmas crackers for the tree, Christmas pompom garlands and Christmas shapes seed cards, beading Christmas jewelry, sewing, shapes. Santa dropped off a mail box so the children could write wish lists and letters to Santa. These detailed letters have been sent to Santa's house.



Kerry continued to visit this term, she created an art inspired opportunity for the children, encouraging the children to "EMBRACE THE DAY". Through art, prompting and discussions the children were able to reflect, learn about themselves. Kerry has made some great relationships with the kindy children this year and found joy in reading a story to the Kindy children at one of our last Kindy group times. We are so thankful to Kerry for this experience and all she brings to the children and the service. We look forward to sharing in more experiences with her in 2021.



This term we were excited to host 4 weeks of **Generation Pound** on a Monday afternoon. Taking turns in stage groups the instructor, Sam, showed them different dance routines, they were encouraged to mimic her actions. It was an exciting new activity in which they were encouraged to use their rhythmic skills, as well as their imagination to perform various dance pieces. On the last week the children were excited to have a glow in the dark session. The kids loved the excitement of doing something different, and exploring new skills. They enjoyed the freedom of banging their sticks as loud as they could and making as much sound with their voices as possible. Thank you to Sam for coming to and sharing your love for physical movement and music with us.



We did a range of cooking experiences this term. We have shortbread cookies with Zoe and to make banana bread with Ava with our leftover bananas from afternoon tea. French toast was a hit and pizza scrolls were a usual favorite with Jono, and for a change we made these outside. It was wonderful to share some of our favorite recipes with the Kindy children after restrictions on cooking were relaxed.



The children have been missing Susie while she had been away doing a

practical at an early childhood center for her studies. During Kindy Group Time the children asked if they could send her a message. Loving this idea, we sent her an email. The children took turns to type what they wanted to say to her and at the end we addressed it from all the Kindy children. The following week the



children were so excited to see Susie had replied, she had included photos of her dog and a new puppy. The children were thrilled to hear Susie's reply and see her pets. We created a collage of her dogs, sent one back to her and started to create a display for all our pets.



Remembrance Day was on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and we took time to educate the children on what this day is about the children and educators. Shona organized a special activity and craft with the children, they created a wreath with poppies around. The process was great as we talked and reflected on why we take the time to engage in



Remembrance Day.

Between the 8th- 15th November we hosted NAIDOC Week. The children used the lightbox and sand to explore and write stories using Aboriginal Symbols. This was hugely popular and allowed the children to engage in this strategy of communication that the Aboriginal people used to for generations. We discussed how some of these stories through symbols are still seen around Australia. The children reflected on our Acknowledgement of Country and we followed the children's request to make Aboriginal art from rocks, tube rolls and sticks. This week was a great reflection on our Traditional Land Owners



Our giant-sized Yard Games arrived this term! The children were so excited for the fun and exciting games that arrived. We loved the human size snakes and ladders, ostrich egg relay race, large dominos, ring toss, cornhole and, especially the giant connect four. The children also set up our new keyboard, this was hugely popular with the children and also with the educators as it came with headphones.



Now we are in summer the children are excited for lots of water play activities, the water trough and our new boat ramps have been a huge hit. We even experimented with making boats out of box craft and paddle pop sticks. The children tested if to see if their boats would float in the trough.



This term we celebrated Children's Day. We took the time to talk and create a display with a letter telling the children how much we care and appreciate them. To end the year off we held a fun and hilarious Christmas Party thank you to the **Amazing Magician Peter Woods**. We all laughed, danced, ate and celebrated our year together. It was an amazing opportunity we all felt valued, joyous and welcomed. Thank you to all the children for an amazing year.

It was a different year, experiences we had never had, but all our children have been caring, supportive and in positive spirits. We are so grateful to be here with you and your families and we are looking forward to another great year. To the friends who are moving away, we wish you all the best, it has been amazing getting to know you all and we hope to see you in the future.









