

2022 AGM Dr Harry Little Preschool Prekindergarten Report

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Dear Committee

The PreKINDER Year of 2022 has been enjoyable and enthusiastically well attended by beautiful groups of children and their families/carers. The PreKINDER Team of Maria Kilmartin (Miss K) and I (Mrs. Nankivell) are very grateful to meet the Purple and Orange Group children and their families and be part of their learning and development journey here at Dr Harry Little Preschool.

Our primary focus in PreKINDER every session has been to provide a welcoming, supportive, fun and safe learning environment throughout the year with familiar routines and proactive encouragement and scaffolding to all children.

We have seen the children have great curiosity and interest, with an amazing amount of resilience, whilst engaging in the PreKINDER program even though we had the challenge of illness and Covid infections throughout most of the year. Through the experience of coming to PreKINDER: interactions with others and their learning environment, we have seen them grow in confidence and independence as well as develop important skills such as social (learning to share resources and spaces, collaborate with their peers and take turns), communication, self and co-regulation (label and know their own feelings), their capabilities and motivation!

The children have loved having a try at many planned experiences which were based on their interests, such as Sensory (waterplay, sand play, playdough, rice play, shaving cream and painting); Dramatic Play (inside in the home and block corners, outside in the sand, cubby and around the yard); Fine Motor/Cognitive (using scissors, pasting, drawing, puzzles, sticky tape dispenser, hole-punching, games); Literacy (looking at/reading a book, singing); Physical (running, jumping, digging, sliding, ball play, dancing).

Highlights of our year have been numerous including making gifts for families on Mother's and Father's Days, special events at the end of Terms 2 and 3 such as a Dress-up Day, Teddy Bear's Picnic and the upcoming Christmas activities and the end-of-year Party.

We wish to congratulate all the children and their families and carers for their resilience and persistence, well done to all! I want to say a huge thank-you to the very special Miss K and the Committee for all their hard work and support throughout 2022 under very challenging circumstances at times. Thanks for everyone's efforts, it is very much appreciated. All the best to the outgoing Committee and welcome to the new members for 2023.

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