

Liberman Kindergarten

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How does your garden grow?

Have you seen what has been happening in our garden space?

We have carefully planted and been caring for our beans and lettuce. This week we observed that they had grown taller and used rulers to measure their height. Laura and Zayd discovered the tallest plant was 14cm! This led to further inquiry when educators asked other ways that we can tell the plants are growing... not only are they getting taller, but they are growing new leaves as well.

What a great way to encourage children's numeracy development, children learn through play and engaging in everyday experiences like gardening.

After children measured the plants educators noticed that children began to measure and compare other areas of the kindy. 'Who was the tallest? When I stretch really high am I the tallest now? What if I stand on this log? Now who is the tallest?'

What great thinking and problem solving.

We will continue to observe, measure and compare the plants. Do you have a vegetable patch at home? What vegetables do you grow? Which ones are the tallest and the shortest? We hope you enjoy exploring your garden with children at home 😊

It won't be long and we will be able to harvest our vegetables, but first we are also learning about how to care for them so that they grow big and healthy. We are considering the weather, how much water they need and also wondering how long it will take before they are ready...



Term 1 **Important Dates**

Dentist Visit
Wednesday 16th March

Holi – Festival of Colour
Friday 18th March

Harmony Day
Wednesday 21st March

Last Day of Term 1
Thursday 14th April

First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 3rd May

School Holiday Idea **Drum Beats: FREE**



<https://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/activities/events/drumbeats-workshop-april-school-holiday-program>



Kindy fees

A reminder that Term 1 fee payments are now overdue. Please speak with Andrea if a payment plan is required.

Payments can be made in a number of ways:

- EFTPOS on site
- Cash - paid into the payments box located near the office door
- Direct Deposit and Internet Banking also available
BSB 065 138
Acc 10075892

5 Helpful Tips for School Zones

As parents and caregivers we have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones. We also play a key role in educating children about road safety.

Here are 5 helpful tips for safety in school zones from the City of Salisbury:



1. Allow enough time to take your child into the kindy without rushing
2. Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones
3. Talk about signs and traffic lights with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.
4. Teach your child how to cross the road using the 'stop, look and listen' process – stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross.
5. Park a few streets away and walk your child to school. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

Name Labels

It's not too late to order your name labels from our friends at Stickerd.

A \$10 package includes:

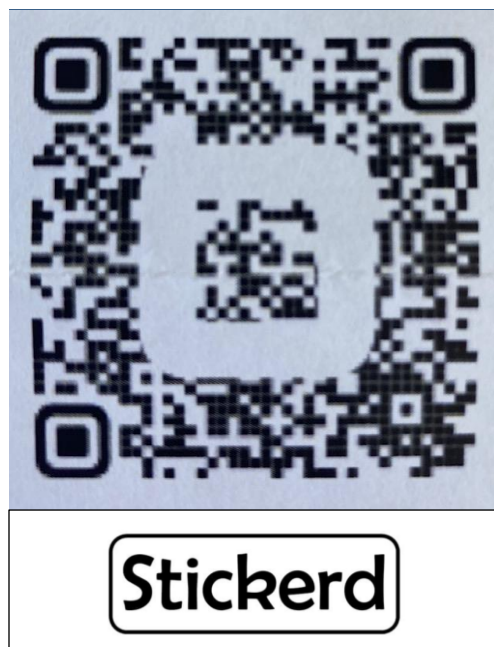
6 x permanent adhesive first name stickers

6 x iron-on first name labels

In your choice of black or white

\$5.00 from every order is donated to the preschool 😊

Please scan the QR code if you would like to order, feel free to share with friends and family.



Music Education

What a wonderful start to music education at LK in 2022! Educators have already noted a huge curiosity and interest with singing, music and movement sessions and musical instruments (particularly the chime bars). Children have been independently using the chime ladder to explore with pitch, tempo and volume. Educators have been further provoking this interest by introducing basic tunes, listening and syllable games which many of the children are learning quickly. Music is an aural skill and we develop music readiness by 'doing' music!

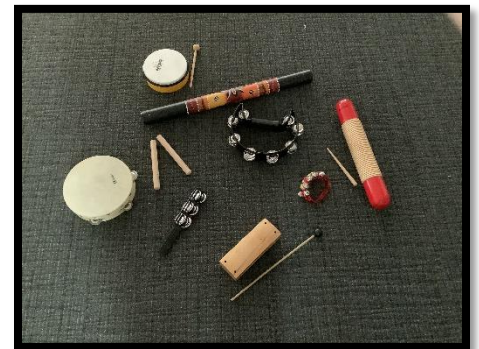
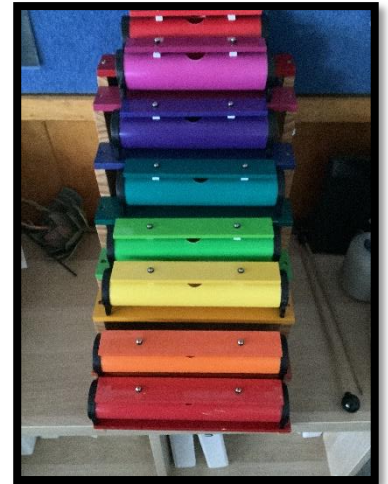
Last year Liberman Kindergarten was fortunate to win both a grant through the Music Innovation Fund (\$1400) and to participate in training through the Kodaly Music Education Institute of Australia. The chime bars/ladder was also a donation through the Music Education Strategy. These funds have been highly valuable in informing and sourcing our music program which importantly supplements our current literacy program.

Research highlights that we can predict a young child's language processing and potential reading skills through their level of beat synchronisation. Children who cannot keep a steady beat are not cognitively ready to read (Dr. ANITA COLLINS).

Consequently, teaching beat and rhythm (syllabication) is a core component to music education at LK and highly effective method for teaching phonological awareness skills and LK's original classroom set of musical instruments have been well loved throughout the years. With all this in mind, educators decided upon using some of the MIF grant for purchasing new untuned percussion instruments. Ideally, this would enhance children's experience and knowledge of a variety of musical instruments and provide diverse opportunities to learn musical elements and consolidate phonological awareness skills.

Some of the new instruments include tambourines, hand drums, jingle sticks, woodblocks, castanets, sleigh bells, claves, egg shakers and guiros - all recommended by MES and KMEIA (see photos). In addition to the untuned percussion instruments, educators also plan to purchase some large, tuned percussion instruments intended for permanent outdoor use (e.g. musical walls, steel drums). We are still in the process of sourcing these.

We look forward to a musical year ahead!



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9am-3pm

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9am-3pm

Thursdays

9am-12pm



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Reading with Young Children

Reading, storytelling, talking and singing with your child helps her learn about sounds, words and language.

Try to read **daily** with your preschooler.

There are so many books to choose from that it can be hard to know where to start.

As a broad rule, young children often enjoy books that have **good rhyme, rhythm and repetition**. In fact, one of the ways that children learn is through repetition and rhyme.

In the **preschool years** (ages 3-5 years), your child might especially enjoy:

- alphabet, shape, size and counting books
- books that tell simple stories, especially ones with rhythm and repetition
- books about families, friends and going to school
- books with characters who are about the same age as your child and characters who have quirky traits
- books that use humour and have a sense of fun – for example, a character who uses a funny word, or who is silly or even 'naughty'
- books relating to particular interests – for example, books about dinosaurs, fairies, football or animals. Some preschoolers are very interested in non-fiction books, including books about the stars, the ocean, inventions, food and travels around the world.

Our **LITERACY KITS** are a fantastic way to engage children in book based learning. We hope you enjoy sharing these at home ☺



THANK YOU!

We have had some lovely donations recently from families. These include some beautiful dress ups, musical instruments for our play-groupers, a Barbie hair doll and a new electric fry pan!

Thank you for your amazing generosity.

Please consider checking in with us if you have any pre-loved items ☺



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