

# COMETS REPORT FOR AGM

## Review of 2017

The year began with 22 children in the comets group 17 boys and 5 girls.

The children enjoyed many and varied incursions to the centre with, Declan The Music man, Bravehearts, Reptile encounters, Water Safety and responsible Pet Program to name a few.

These incursions provide children with general knowledge of our community through looking at various reptiles that can be found in our region and how to react to seeing one. Being safe in and around water, which is a big part of our community, provides children with basic knowledge on being safe around pools, the lake and the river.

Our excursions were based and organised around the children's interests. We went to Priority Gym as an extension of the children's interests in the Australian Ninja Warrior show on TV. We participated in a Martial Arts sessions with one of our children's Parents at Yarrawonga Martial Arts Centre at the Golf Club.

We also had the Emergency services attend the centre and the children all enjoyed looking at the vehicles and all the equipment they needed to carry. A visit to the fire station in term 4 was also a high light for the children. Many of these incursions and excursions were able to be undertaken with the involvement of parents who are members of these services or employed by them. So a big thank you to them for providing this service for our children.

The children participated in many spontaneous outings throughout the year. These included walks to the main street to have a look around when the Rod Run was on and saying hello to some of our parents who work down there.

We did many walks along the foreshore and played at the playgrounds and had picnic lunches. The Children also enjoyed a session at Chinaman's Island exploring the wet lands.

We finished the year with a celebration at the Yarrawonga Holiday Park Splash Park.

## Fun Group 2017

Last year saw us introduce a five hours session for the 3 year old groups. These ran on a Monday and Friday each week from 9:00am till 2:00pm. We had lots of positive feedback from parents about the extended time and staff found that we were less rushed and able to allow the children more time to explore the activities available to them.

The year started with 22 children in each group, but by term 2, the number of enquiries was increasing and GRPSA decided to increase the numbers to 26 children and employ an extra staff member to cover the child to educator ratio.

The year progressed with the children enjoying activities similar to our 4 year old program, only modified to allow for their developmental needs. They enjoyed singing and dancing, dramatic play and acting out familiar stories, painting, art and craft and construction.

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