



# Paint the Westside REaD

## Adelaide Miethke Preschool

### Project Report - 2019

#### Term 1 -

Lizzie made a special visit to kindy in February to give the children their Library Borrowing Bags which marked the start of our weekly library borrowing. Each child is encouraged to borrow a book to read at home each week. This year we have added many new books to our borrowing library including books in some of our families' home language. These include Hindi, Punjabi, and Vietnamese.

#### *Monthly Message - Reading everyday helps my brain to grow*

During term 1 we also attended the Paint the Westside REaD Harmony Day event at the Woodville Town Hall on March 20 and many families join us to be part of the Paint the Town REaD National Book Relay at Arndale Shopping Centre on April 17. Suzanne also attended the National Paint the Town REaD conference in Fremantle.



#### Term 2 -

This term the Little Lizzie's were introduced to centres across the Paint the Westside REaD project. In our centre we have a Lizzie in both the Kindergarten and Occasional Care programs. Staff have used Lizzie during shared reading times and when sharing the monthly messages and the children have been encouraged to play with Lizzie. The little Lizzie's have added so much to our PTWR project as they support staff to build the learning intentions in continuously. We have noticed the children reading with Lizzie and using her in the play in so many different ways, for example in the photo alongside Miller and August are helping Lizzie do a drawing.

#### *Monthly Message - Drawing everyday helps my brain to grow*

This term Lizzie also attended our National Simultaneous Storytime on May 20 & 22.



#### Term 3 -

This term we celebrated Book Week with a Book Parade and some special activities. We read many of the short listed books and the children voted for their favourite book using a tally. Tallies have been part of our numeracy learning this term. We also held special book week workshop activities based around the nominated books, including designing a pattern for Rainbow Bear, drawing Noni the Pony & doing some guided writing and doing an illustration of our book week parade costumes. Parents were encouraged to join us for our Book Parade and we had a lovely morning showing off our costumes. The teachers really enjoyed dressing up too - we had lots of Pete the Cats!

#### *Monthly Message - Reading everyday helps my brain to grow.*



#### Term 4 - Peter Coomb Concert October 25 at the Woodville Town Hall

This term all centres in Paint the Inner West and other community members were invited to attend a Peter Coomb concert funded jointly by the project and City of Charles Sturt. Both mascots, Lizzie and Parker were part of the day. It was clear many centres had scaffolded the children's learning and participation by including Peter's songs into the curriculum prior to attending the concert. It is wonderful for the children to have the opportunity to attend live music and to participate alongside their friends. It was also great to have so many families (including grandparents) come along with our group 2 children.

#### *Monthly Message - Singing everyday helps my brain to grow.*

Lizzie also visited our end of year family night in November to celebrate her birthday. Each group made a birthday card for Lizzie and we sang happy birthday.

