

# Paint the Westside REaD

# **Adelaide Miethke Preschool**

Project Report - 2018



### Term 1 - Harmony Day

On March 21 group 2 walked to the Woodville Town Hall to celebrate Harmony Day with other children, families, preschools and childcare centres in our community. We also invited our group 1 families to join us too. Lizzie the Literacy Lizard was the special guest. Lizzie's book 'Help Me Hatch' was read in English and Vietnamese and the children san songs and played parachute games. Each child decorated a hand to add to the Harmony Day artwork and we all got to meet Lizzie. This was our first Lizzie event for 2018 as we introduce her as our community Reading Ambassador. Monthly messages will promote the importance of reading, talking, singing, rhyming and playing everyday. This months message is... singing together everyday helps my brain to grow.



#### Term 2 - National Simultaneous Storytime

Lizzie was our special guest when we participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. The 2018 story was HICKORY DICKORY DASH by Tony Wilson and it was read in kindergartens, schools, playgroups and libraries around Australia at 11am on Wednesday, 23 May. On her visit Lizzie presented us with 2 copies of Hickory Dickory Dash, one for kindy and one for the children's borrowing library and Jess read the story to the children and Lizzie. The purpose of this visit was also to encourage borrowing from the children's library which we recently



launched with this years children with special Paint the Westside Read 'Lizzie' borrowing bags. Lizzie made two visits on 22 & 23 May so that both Group 1 & 2 were involved. A Biggest Morning Tea was held in conjunctions to that parents were able to participate and learn more about Lizzie's message... to read, talk, sing, rhyme and play every day.

#### Term 3 - Library Borrowing & Dance Workshops

This term we have encouraged the children to borrow each week from our borrowing library. Borrowing has been promoted with the children directly, in our newsletters and on Storypark. An educator assists the children to return and re-borrow each week. When selecting a new book educators talk with the children about what they think the story will be about and also together they record the borrowing number onto the record sheet, which is





an embedded numeracy activity. This term dance workshops have been a feature of our program each Friday. These were led by a dance teacher from **DANCIFY**. A special showcase was held for each group with families invited to join us but unfortunately Lizzie was busy! Educators promoted Lizzie's August monthly messages... **dancing together every day helps my brain to grow.** 

## Term 4 - Lizzie's 1st Birthday & her visit to kindy

This term we joined in Lizzie's 1st Birthday celebrations at the Woodville Town Hall. Both groups made a book titled 'The Adventures of Lizzie' as a present and each child illustrated a page. The books are now on display in the Woodville Library. This literacy learning linked to our focus on book making with the children deciding on the characters, then illustrating their ideas & sharing their stories. In week 7 we had librarians, Julia and Sue visit us at kindy to talk about borrowing from the City of Charles Sturt Library. We found out about Lizzie Library Cards and learnt that we can borrow books, DVD's, music and puzzles. Julia told us that borrowing is FREE! We also had a very special visit from Lizzie and we sang Happy Birthday to her! Julia read us a book made by another kindy for Lizzie's birthday... reading together every day helps my brain to grow.









