



# Paint the Westside REaD

Adelaide Miethke Preschool

Project Report - 2021

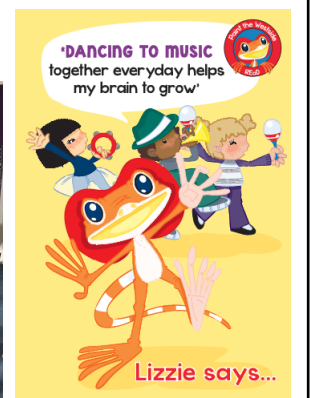


**Term 1** - The PTWR project is an important aspect of our literacy curriculum for children. This includes embedding learning that reflects our monthly messages. In January and February these were *'Reading nursery rhymes every day helps our brain to grow'* and *'Singing everyday helps our brain to grow'*. Educators noticed the children's interest in singing and making music. For example, Ellie and Fletcher using a piece of cardboard as a guiro (scraper), Charlie singing 'Jingle Bells, Batman Smells, Robin flew away...' and children singing our Nina Marni greeting spontaneously throughout the day. The children have enjoyed learning new songs in group times. Nursery rhymes have been a focus and we have sung a variety including 'Twinkle, Twinkle little star', 'Jack be nimble. Jack be quick' and others. To extend this interest educators have planned to include percussion instruments as part of our teaching program. These instruments were placed in a number of locations but mainly in the outdoor learning space.



**Term 2** - This term families were encouraged to bring their library borrowing bag each week to borrow a new book to read at home together. We are sharing Lizzie's monthly messages in group times and when we are working with the children in their play.

Our monthly message for May was *'dancing together everyday helps our brain to grow'*. As part of our program we dance and sing each day. We have also begun working with our Music Mentor, Susan who is part of the National Music Teachers Mentoring Program. Susan is working with our teachers in Term 2 and 3 to build our capacity and confidence to teach more music in our program. When she visits we are having planned music lessons that include dancing, singing, playing instruments and learning about musical pattern, beat and rhythm.



### Term 3 - Book week August, 2021

We celebrated Book Week with a visit from our Paint the Westside REaD mascot Lizzie. The children loved making Lizzie masks and dressing up as Lizzie. When she visited Lizzie brought us a number of short listed books which we read. We then voted for our favourite book. We also watched some of the shortlisted stories being read aloud by storytellers on Storybox Library and did a special Book Week drawing based on the story 'NO! NEVER!' by Libby Hathorn.

Lizzie tells us

*"READING every day to helps our brain to grow".*



### Term 4 - November is the month in which all of our PTWR centres celebrate **Lizzie's Birthday...** this year she was **4!**



Both groups celebrated with a 'party afternoon' which included a visit from Lizzie. We made cards, party hats and special party biscuits and popcorn to eat in preparation. We presented Lizzie with cards made by the children, her own very special party hat and sang 'Happy Birthday' and a few of our favourite songs. Lizzie left us with a pass-the-parcel to play and everyone got Lizzie stickers and kindy got a new book that we read together. At home time Lizzie gave us bubbles to take home. Our parties were super fun!

We know that *reading, singing and learning together everyday helps our brains to grow.*



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