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Director's Report for the 2026 AGM

Here we are again at the end of another successful year at Golden Square Kindergarten. 2026 has been another year of full enrolments and high attendance across all groups, a reflection of our thriving kindergarten community. Looking ahead, 2027 is already on track to be just as successful, with full enrolments and waitlists across all groups.

Highlights of 2026: This year has been filled with memorable moments and achievements. Among the highlights were our special days, including visits from the residents of Carshalton House, community placements with school-aged students, and several exciting incursions and excursions. Our most recent excursion to Girton Jrn School production was a highlight for me.

A focus for our teachers and educators this year was embedding professional development, particularly the "Sunshine Circles" program. Michelle and Shayna attended a work shop. Sharing this knowledge with other teachers and educators meant that we have now embedded Sunshine Circles across all 5 groups. Warm welcome songs and playful games, calming hand check-ins, food sharing and a heartfelt goodbyes, every moment is designed to build connection, confidence and joy. Sunshine Circles is all about helping children feel safe, seen and supported—while having lots of fun along the way!

Community and Fundraising Success: Through strong parent and community engagement, we've achieved a great deal this year in terms of fundraising and facility improvements. Generous contributions of ingredients for cooking days, materials for learning experiences, and participation in working bees and fundraising events have all made a difference. This contribution will all go towards the new playground upgrade.

Looking forward, our 2027 goals include continuing the proposed upgrades to the playground. We invite all Committee members to contribute ideas and participate in the planning process for these exciting projects. In August Dani and I applied for a medium Community Grant for the restoration of the Indigenous garden area in front of the Old Chum building. This will allow us to access this area for further learning opportunities.

Sadly, at the end of this year, we will say "See you later – It's not goodbye" to one of the very best educators the Kinder has had. Jenny Windridge, she has been at the Kinder since 14th September 1999.

27 wonderful years with what I can only imagine were a lot of laughs and special memories for Jenny, the children she has taught, and the teachers and educators she has worked alongside.

We wish Jenny the very best in her retirement and hope she visits a lot.

In closing, I want to thank everyone—our incredible educators, dedicated families, and supportive community—for your continued commitment to Golden Square Kindergarten. Together, we have created an inspiring and nurturing environment for our children, and I'm excited about all we'll accomplish together in 2027. Thank you.

Kylie Kelly

Director

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