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As we come to the end of another wonderful year at Golden Square Kindergarten, it is a pleasure to reflect on what has been a year of growth, celebration and learning in early childhood education.

2025 has seen successful enrolments across all groups, with our community continuing to support the programs we offer. Each group has thrived under the guidance of our dedicated educators, whose commitment to high-quality teaching and nurturing relationships ensures that every child is supported to reach their potential.

This year, we have focussed our professional development on leadership. I was fortunate to complete a leadership course alongside our teaching team, enabling us to enhance our collective skills and share new knowledge and practices across the whole staff group. Michelle and Shayna headed to Melbourne to learn about Sunshine circles, now a much-loved part of most groups, Sunshine Circles are all about helping children feel safe, seen and supported—while having lots of fun along the way. This ongoing commitment to learning supports both our professional growth and the continuous improvement of our programs.

Our fundraising efforts this year have been particularly successful, with funds directed towards important playground updates, including the installation of new shade sails improving sun protection in the back play ground, and patios at each entrance. We were also excited to see the completion of our new office and meeting space, which provides a functional and welcoming area for staff collaboration, family meetings, and committee use.

A highlight of 2025 was undoubtedly the celebration of Golden Square Kindergarten's 60th birthday. The event was a true community celebration — bringing together families past and present, local representatives, and supporters who have contributed to the kindergarten's rich history. It was heartwarming to see so many people join us to mark such a significant milestone.

Looking ahead, 2026 is shaping up to be another exciting year. We will be introducing Pre-Prep hours, aligning with the state's broader rollout and providing even greater opportunities for our children to engage in extended learning. Planning has also begun for the upgraded playground, with the design stage now underway — an exciting step toward creating an even more engaging and inclusive outdoor environment.

In closing, it is lovely to reflect on the year as a whole and recognise the amazing team of educators who continue to go above and beyond in creating programs where children can truly thrive and grow. Their passion, creativity, and dedication are the heart of our service, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together in 2025.

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