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Director's Report for the 2024 AGM

Here we are again at the end of another successful year at Golden Square Kindergarten. 2024 has been another year of full enrolments and high attendance across all groups, a reflection of our thriving kindergarten community. Looking ahead, 2025 is already on track to be just as successful, with full enrolments and waitlists across all groups.

Highlights of 2024: 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. Our activities even earned a feature on WIN News, showcasing the incredible things happening here at GSK.

A major focus for our teachers and educators this year was professional development, particularly through the "Hey Little Worrier" program. In this workshop, we learned about the amygdala's role in emotional regulation and strategies to prevent "lid-flipping." Teachers and educators then shared this knowledge with children in engaging and practical ways. Many of our children brought home their own "amygdala" creations, proudly explaining how their "Amygdala" works and what it does to help them feel safe.

Additionally, we ran a well-received parenting workshop, "Connecting with Kids," in terms 2 and 4. This workshop had an excellent turnout, with many families reporting on how beneficial the insights were for their relationships with their children. The positive response led to numerous follow-up conversations, reinforcing the value of family engagement in our kindergarten community.

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. These contributions allowed us to renovate the old Chum kitchen, storeroom, and office, creating a refreshed and safe space for our teachers and educators to work in.

We're also in the final planning stages for new shade sails, which will be installed in the playground and patios at each entrance. These additions will provide children with safe, shaded play spaces, further enhancing their outdoor experiences.

Technological Advancements: One of our biggest initiatives in 2024 was introducing the OWNA platform to Golden Square Kindergarten. I want to extend my thanks to our teachers, educators, and families for embracing this change with enthusiasm. Transitioning to a new system can be challenging, but with everyone's support, feedback from families indicated a smooth and positive adjustment.

Goals for 2025: Looking forward, our 2025 goals include completing renovations on the old Chum storeroom to establish a dedicated office space for Gabby and me, as well as initiating upgrades to the playground in the old Chum end of the playground. We invite all committee members to contribute ideas and participate in the planning process for these exciting projects.

Celebrating 60 Years of Golden Square Kindergarten: Finally, 2025 marks a momentous milestone for Golden Square Kindergarten—our 60th anniversary here at Panton Street in September! We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with the entire kindergarten community, and we hope you'll all be involved in planning and participating in this memorable event.

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 2025. Thank you.