

Bentleigh West Kindergarten Inc.

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hope everyone had a fantastic break and are back ready to give it your all!

I think the Easter Bunny started eating our vegetable patch whilst away, so if any of you have a green thumb please give it some love and water when you see it.

A big thank you to Simon for updating our professional photos on our website, and a **big thank you** to our models Georgie, Milia, Hayden, Sienna & Ruairi.

With regards to the additional sessions in the 4 year old program, it looks like we have 1 spot left on Tuesday, and 4 left on Thursday. If you are keen to provide your children with a little extra education and care on those days, please contact Linda, 4yoenrolments@bentleighwestkinder.org.au.

You will notice a that we have employed casual staff to help us out while some of the teachers are on leave, so please make Rachel feel welcome. Thank you Nichole and Lindy for making the effort in ensuring that recruiting staff was a priority.

Thank you to IGA for donating \$2,000 towards our Heavy Duty toy boxes, camera, basketball hoop, replacement of swings and AFL football goals. If anyone does have any of these items already and no longer need them, we are happy to receive these items as donations and use the money for other items on our "Wish list".

Kind Regards
Kaitlan Challis



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PLEASE pencil in these dates:

BUNNINGS WORKSHOPS

Yellow group: Tuesday 14 May

Purple group: Thursday 16 May



Mother's Day

at Bentleigh West Kindergarten

Green group: Monday 6th of May, 11.15 - 12.30

Purple group: Wednesday 8th of May, 11.45 - 1.00

Yellow group: Friday 10th of May, 12.15 - 1.30

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Hi everyone, I hope you have all had a fun holiday break and maybe even a visit from the Easter Bunny.

This term the teachers and educators have planned a range of incursions, dress up days and events for both the four and three year old programs. We have also planned some great community-based excursions for our four year old groups.

We are about to open our 2020 3 year old enrolments so please let any families who may be interested know.

We hope you enjoy this term even more than the first!

Please remember if you need me for anything you can call the kinder on 95578365 or email me at bentleigh.west@kindergarten.vic.gov.au. If I'm teaching, I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Nichole



During the month of April, we participated in the Premier's Active April. At each session we encouraged the children to participate in a least 30 minutes of physical activity.

While we always offer lots of physical activities during April we made sure to offer more!

More information can be found at <https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/>.



We are participating in the 'Woolworths Earn and Learn Program' again this year. The program will be starting 1st of May and ends on 25th of June at Woolworth stores. With every \$10 spent at Woolworths, one sticker is collected.

Please help us by collecting stickers every time you shop at Woolworths. The stickers give the kinder points which we can use to buy new resources for the children. Sticker sheets will be given to all families and extras will be placed in the foyer.

Please make sure you stick the stickers on the sheets as loose stickers do not count.

REUSE PROGRAM



Our 'Reuse Program' encourages families to donate items for our craft and collage table. This helps us reduce our impact on the environment and provides the children with a range of engaging resources.

Please bring in unwanted boxes and place in our collection tubs in the kinder foyer. Below is a list of suggested items that we can use. Please remember that we are educating children with anaphylaxis to nuts, therefore not all boxes can be accepted as they pose a risk.

Yes please

- Please bring assorted cardboard boxes: tissue boxes, shoe boxes, toothpaste boxes, soap boxes, golf ball sleeves, boxes from coffee pods, boxes from glad bags, cylinders/rolls from paper towel, cling wrap (not from toilet paper) ·
- Please bring **washed** containers: butter, yoghurt tubs, milk bottle lids, jar lids and coffee pods.

No thank you

- Please don't bring boxes that contained foods e.g. cereal boxes, dry biscuit boxes, muesli bar boxes etc.
- Please don't bring toilet paper cylinders/rolls
- Please don't bring large boxes or containers (nothing bigger than a shoe box please)

We are collecting office paper which has been used on one side. The children can use the other side. If you have access to this type of paper, we would appreciate your kind donation.

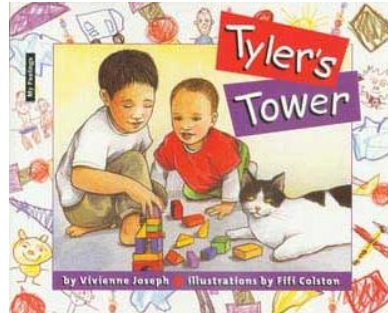
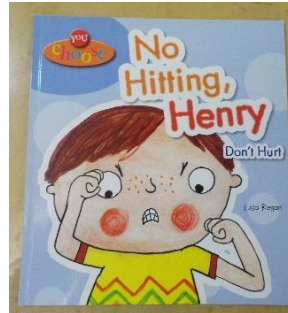
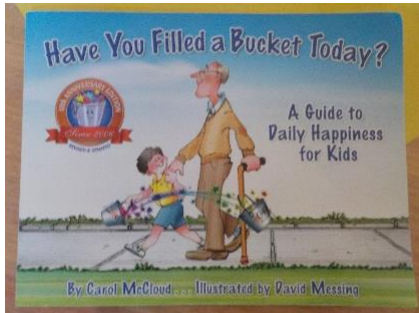
We are also looking at updating our camera and CD player. If you have just upgraded yours and don't want your old one, it might suit our needs and the donation would be appreciated.

Thank you for helping us reduce our impact on our wonderful planet!

4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM REPORT

What a wonderful time both Purple and Yellow groups have had settling into the kindergarten. Last term the children were asked to think about what they want to learn about in term 2. The teachers and educators have used this information along with their expertise to set up the room.

This term the children have been learning a range of strategies to calm their bodies down when they are feeling upset or overwhelmed. We have read books, role played and even had discussions. We have started to see some children use the strategies of their own accord while others have needed a little prompt from a teacher. We are very happy to see the progress in both groups.



Recently the children have enjoyed the Easter shop that has been set up to replace the home corner area. The children have been role playing buying goods, celebrating Easter as well as being the Easter Bunny; hiding eggs for others to find. Just before the term ended, we had a special visit from the Easter Bunny. The children had fun making Easter baskets in preparation for the visit.



The children have also enjoyed the Geli Baff which purple group helped to set up one Thursday. Geli Baff is a crystals gel which is a fun and relaxing sensory medium. The children have been using it to measure and fill containers exploring volume and capacity. They have also had to share and take turns with their peers building their social skills further.

In term 2 we have some exciting things planned including:

- Nature kinder program (Wednesday for Purple group and Friday for Yellow group)
- 3 playball session (sports program)
- Bunnings incursion – planting herbs and veggies in our garden
- Fortnightly cooking program (please share your recipes with us)
- Take home teddy bear visits



Nichole, Sophia, Ann and Chris



3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM REPORT

I can't believe the term has come to an end already! The three-year olds have had a busy term settling into the kinder program building their sense of belonging.

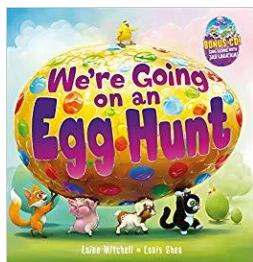
Most of the children are settled now, but please be patient as it often takes a few sessions to transition after the holidays. Next term will be a longer term; therefore, your children will have many more opportunities to adjust to the kinder routine and program.

Over the kinder holidays, our teachers and educators will be busy changing the room around, so the children have many new learning experiences to come back to next term. Many of the learning experiences on offer will be based on the children's ideas across our three groups.

Recently, the three-year olds had a fun drama incursion about sea life. The children became underwater divers, rainbow fish, octopus, dolphins, seaweed and jellyfish.

Our presenter's name was Fairley and she came along with a range of costumes for the children to wear. The program allowed children to explore animal movements, ocean habitat and the impact of pollution on marine life using music and drama techniques. Almost everyone was keen to participate in the program and use their imagination to explore the sea. At the end of the session, everyone enjoyed dancing in the 'Under the Sea' dance party to thank the divers for remembering to put their rubbish in the bin!

Easter celebrations commenced early at Bentleigh West Kinder. We set up an Easter shop in the home corner, made Easter baskets and read an Easter book called 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt'. Some of the children even came to kinder dressed up as the Easter Bunny. Just before lunch the Easter Bunny visited our kinder and left behind some toy eggs. We went on an egg hunt and searched for the eggs with our friends. This was so much fun and a lovely way to wrap up the term!



Next term, we have a new student commencing in Green Group called Isabel. She will have her first orientation on Monday 29th April (first session back). Please make her feel welcome. In addition, I'll be away in the U.S. for 3 weeks. During my absence, a friendly kinder teacher named Rachel will be filling in along with Di. I will be returning to work on Thursday 2nd May.

Have a happy and safe Easter everyone!

Sophia and Di





Lollipops Playcentre Social Evening

A fun time was had by all with 57 children in attendance and loads of adults. \$705 was raised for our kinder.

Thank you to those who attended, and to the team at Lollipops Playland Bentleigh for hosting the evening.



Stuck on You

Ongoing fundraising activity. Please purchase through Stuck on You when you have a requirement. www.stuckonyou.com.au.

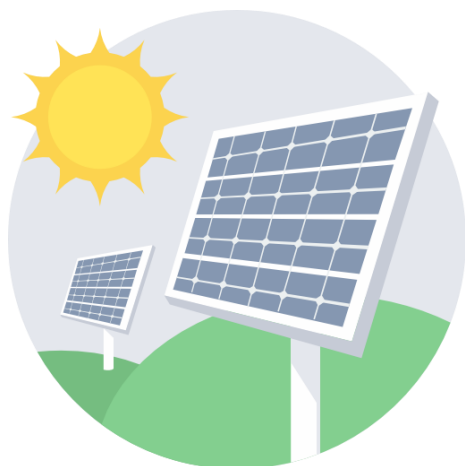
Use our fundraising code: **BENTLEIGHWESTKINDER**.

Bag it and Bring it

Ongoing fundraising activity. Please place any second-hand clothes etc. in the big wheelie bin to the side of the kinder front doors.



The kinder's major fundraising event for the adults will be held on the evening of **Saturday 22nd June** at the Bentleigh RSL. A Trivia and Auction night. Stay tuned for details!



SOLAR PANELS FOR THE KINDER!

Over the past 3 years Bentleigh West Kindergarten have been trying to raise much needed funds for solar panels for the kindergarten's roof.

We are keen to educate our 'kids of the future' about sustainability as well as help the environment. The chance to reduce our power bills would be an added benefit.

We are needing a further \$2,500 to accomplish this exciting challenge. With your help we really believe anything is possible. Every bit helps for us to move closer to our goal.

Please help us achieve this long term goal by heading over to our **Go Fund Me** page to donate.

CLICK HERE TO DONATE - <https://www.gofundme.com/kp8tf-kinder>

HELP PLEASE!

If you know of a local or not so local business that may like to donate an item, service or experience for the kinder's Trivia and Auction night in June please get in touch with them and/or let Amy know. In return the business will be acknowledged on the night, throughout the kinder's extensive online network and newsletter. Please contact Amy at fundraising@bentleighwestkinder.org.au.

National Sports Museum

If you're looking for something to do with the kids, take them to the National Sports Museum located at Gate 3 of the MCG! Interactive zones and inspiring tales of Aussie sporting heroes, it's sure to be a hit and can be combined with a tour of the MCG. Open every day, visit nsm.org.au for more information.

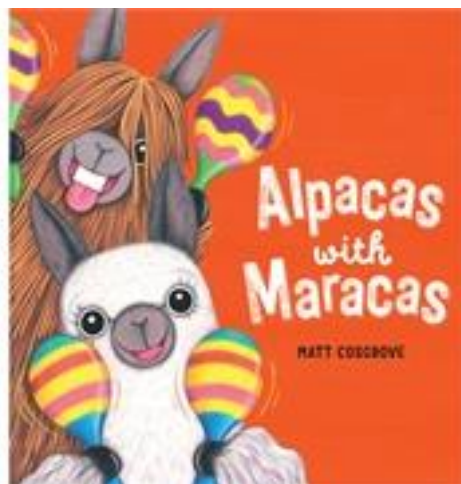
'Paca party

Wednesday 22 May, 10.30am–12pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

It's time again for the *National Simultaneous Storytime*, as we share the love of reading with the whole of Australia. The 2019 book is *Alpacas with Maracas*, written and illustrated by Matt Cosgrove. So to celebrate, Glen Eira Libraries is throwing a party... an alpaca party! Kick up your heels, shake those maracas and join in the fun at our special *StoryTime*.

Suitable for ages three and up. Free event. No bookings required.



THANKS FOR READING! REMEMBER, BENTLEIGH WEST KINDERGARTEN IS ON
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