

Bentleigh West Kindergarten Inc.

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

Only one week left of Term 3, where has the time gone! We've had a wonderfully busy term with lots of dress up days, incursions and Blokes Night. Thank you to our Educators for organising such an exciting and varied program. We round off this term with class photos and our Bunnings BBQ fundraiser. Thanks to those who have already put their name down to volunteer, this BBQ has been a great success in the past and a fantastic opportunity for the kinder to raise much-needed funds.

A very big thank you to Yellow group parents, Matt and Ali Hearn from Hotglue Media, for donating their time and resources to shoot our very first promotional video. The video will be a great asset in showcasing our Kindergarten to potential parents in the area and boosting enrolments for years to come.

Finally, warmest congratulations to Sophia and her husband Anthony who are expecting their first child in February. We wish them all the best as they embark on this exciting new chapter of their lives.

Kind regards,
Voula

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PHOTOS FROM THE LADIES' MOVIE NIGHT, Monday 6 September





Hi everyone,

Winter is over, and I've been looking forward to some warmer weather.

This month (August), we have been reading books and fundraising for MS as part of the MS Readathon.

A big thank you to those who donated or came in to read some books with the children. We appreciate your support. If you are yet to donate but would still like to follow the link below. We are aiming to raise \$150 but we have not reached our goal yet.

To donate: click the below link and press the **blue sponsor button** on the right hand side of the page to make a donation.

<https://www.msreadathon.org.au/fundraisers/bentleighwestkinder>

The four-year-old children had a blast dressing up for 'Book Week' and I enjoyed guessing who everyone was. The children enjoyed some great book themed activities and of course we had a few group photos to help us remember the special event.

Keep warm everyone!

Nichole (Director)



Immunisations: just a friendly reminder to please provide the kindergarten with an up to date copy of your child's 'immunisations history statement' if they have recently had any immunisations. You may also receive a call or email from us to remind you if you are yet to do this.



As you may be aware BWK is part of the SunSmart Early Childhood Program run by the Cancer Council. As part of the program we have to meet a range of recommendations and submit evidence every few years to stay part of the program. We have recently undergone the review process and have been approved.

4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM REPORT

The four's have enjoyed the fast pace of the kindergarten program this term. On Tuesdays and Thursdays both groups have been alternating with cooking and science experiments. This is an effective way to break up the afternoon on the long days and provide children with a focused learning experience. This term's science experiments have consisted of the volcano experiment and the milk experiment each time. The teachers will email these experiments to you so you can try them again at home. Children love repeating science experiments with their families at home as they make predictions and experiments with cause and effect.

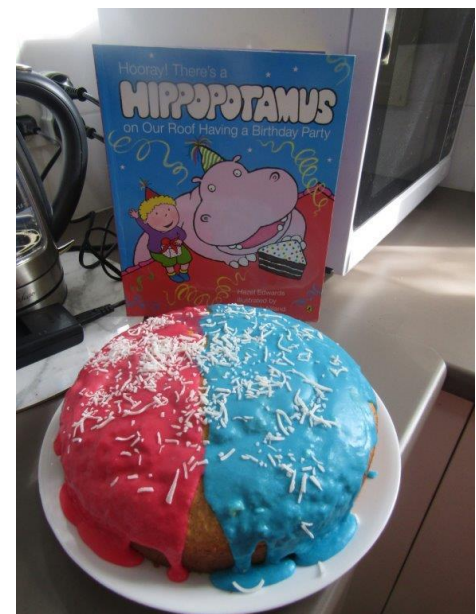
Show and Tell (Surprise in a Bag) has been lots of fun this term. The children are given a clue such as 'please bring something from when you were a baby' to create discussion. Every few sessions the teachers change the message to keep the children on their toes! Both groups are having second turns as its been such a hit!

'Blokes Night' was a hit in the four-year-old programs! Yellow and Purple Group have been learning new songs, making gifts and practising the 'Chicken Dance' to perform to their guests. The night was filled with lots of adult/child bonding experiences. We played a torch game outside, took part in woodwork, painted, constructed with blocks and even engaged in paper plane making at the craft table. The guests were also very impressed with the children's learning and memory books which were on display in the library. The children have put a lot of time and effort into their work which they should be commended for.

This term the four's celebrated 'Book Week'. It was a fun-filled day for both groups with a special focus on reading as many books as we could to support the MS Readathon. We also made a delicious special cake from the classic children's story book 'There's a Hippopotamus on my Roof Eating Cake.' Purple Group were really excited they got to ice their cake as they had a helper in the morning and the afternoon.

We also visited the Bentleigh West Primary School Library again and re-connected with the librarian Carmel. The children remembered the library rules, walking inside quietly and sitting on the coach or a cushion for some special stories. Carmel focused on some stories which related to various topics we have been exploring within the program.

Sophia, Nichole, Ann and Chris



3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM REPORT

The three's have been busily making Father's Day gifts for their dads. The children have also been practising a song which we sang to our guests on 'Blokes Day' called 'Daddy, Daddy, I Love You'. It's been a fun couple of weeks full of singing, craft and dressing up in preparation for Father's Day. We had a wonderful turn out of dad's, grandpas and mums at the kinder to celebrate this special occasion.

Green Group love taking part in storytelling experiences at mat time. This term we have been focusing on two stories: 'The Great Big Enormous Turnip' and 'Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer'. Storytelling in front of a large audience encourages children to develop confidence, self-esteem and performance skills. We have puppets for the children to hold which is a great motivational tool to encourage children's participation.

Recently, the teachers changed the room around and set up some new experiences while modifying some of the existing experiences. The airport has been very popular, so staff decided to add a coffee shop to the area to extend on the fun and learning. The maths and literacy areas have been completely transformed to generate new interest. In the maths area children can practise number recognition, identifying colours and ordering by taking part in the caterpillar game. In the literacy area, children can explore letters in lower case, creating their names and simple words.

Both these areas were very popular last Monday. In addition, the new sensory areas (playdough and slime) were very busy areas. We have started asking the children to reflect on their day at the end of the session by sharing their favourite experiences with their friends. This supports the teaching staff to become aware of which play areas and working well, and which require frequent modifying.

Sophia and Di



Expressions Tea Towels & Aprons

For those of you who purchased a tea towel or apron I hope you enjoyed discovering your child's self portrait. What a creative group of children we have! \$342.50 was raised for the Kinder.

Pictureplates

Orders have been placed and we will receive the finished product mid-late November.

Movie Night

A big thank you to Natalie (Sienna's mum) for coordinating the evening. 20 lovely ladies enjoyed wine and nibbles while watching Late Night at the Classic Elsternwick. While it was more about getting out of the house on a Friday night, we managed to raise \$160 for the Kinder. Thank you for attending!

Bunnings BBQ Sausage Sizzle

Stay tuned as to how it went and who was involved.

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.



Stuck on You

Ongoing fundraising activity. Please purchase through Stuck on You when you have a requirement.

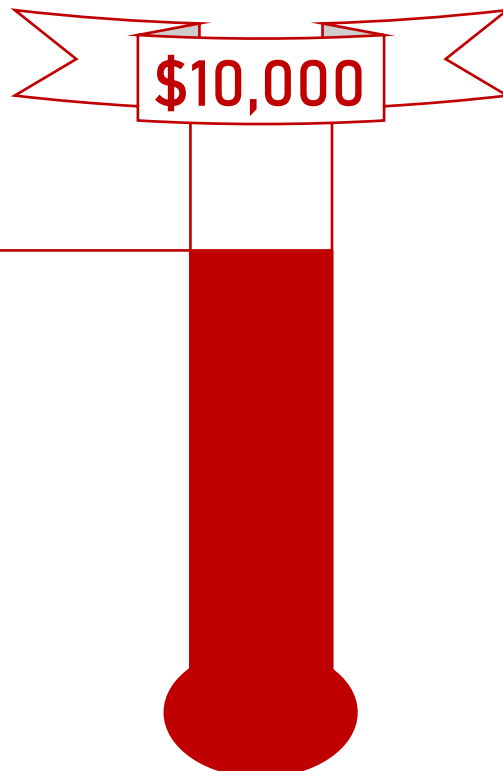
www.stuckonyou.com.au.

Use our fundraising code: BENTLEIGHWESTKINDER.

Funds raised so far:

Lollipops Playcentre	\$705
Small Ideas Voucher Membership	\$100
Trivia & Auction Night	\$5,800
Entertainment Book	\$126
IGA Collection Tins	\$223.95
Tea Towels & Aprons	\$342.50
Movie Night	\$160
Total	\$7,457.45

FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR 2019: \$10,000



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