

Spoonville!



What is a Spoonville?

A Spoonville is a collaborative community project to celebrate the coming together of the local community. People from the local area are invited to decorate a spoon of their choosing and place it among other peoples spoons where there is a sign saying "Spoonville" meaning village of spoons. Over time the aim is for the Spoonville to grow and become a creative representation of the local community. You may have seen a number of different Spoonvilles near where you live. BWK has been in contact with the council who have given us permission to do a Spoonville within the kindergarten grounds.



How did this come about?

Children from Bentleigh West Kindergarten have been talking about various Spoonville's they have seen near their house, and some explained how they added their own spoon. A child asked if we could start our own Spoonville at kinder and the idea was quickly taken on board by the other children attending face to face sessions. In the lead up to creating our own Spoonville, the children designed their spoon on paper to explore different materials they could use. This will become the 2D Spoonville representation, displayed inside the kinder, which all the children from BWK can add too.

The children then worked together to decorate the Spoonville signs for both the 2D and 3D Spoonvilles. The children were very engaged when creating their spoon, with some taking inspiration from their 2D design and others creating something completely new. It was very exciting when we put the Spoonville sign in the ground in the front yard of the kindergarten and each child added their "spoon person".



How you can get involved

Bentleigh West Kindergarte invites the BWK Community to join our Spoonville by adding your own spoon creation!

Take inspiration from your local Spoonville and the photos we've provided here of our Spoonville so far. You may like to make a spoony person that looks like you or something else from your imagination a fairy, dinosaur, firefighter, a special person in your life... anything you like!

When making your spoony person please keep the following in mind:

- Make sure bits don't blow off your spoony person- we don't want to litter!
- Please consider the potential environmental impact when selecting materials- sticks make great arms
- Make sure your spoony person is prepared for Melbourne weather- including rain

When you've finished your spoony person you can put it in the ground, under the "Spoonville" sign. Make sure it's firmly in the ground so it won't fall over.

This is also a great opportunity for families and the teaching team to discuss what the coming together as a community means to children and what within their community is important to them.

