

Bentleigh West Kindergarten Inc.

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2019



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the start of another exciting and busy term! Hope everyone had a wonderful break and are keeping warm during this chilly weather.

Over the holidays, tradies were busy fitting out our bathroom with new flooring, walls, toilets and cubicles for privacy. Special mention to former BWK president Kaitlan Challis for making this possible and organising the updated works with Glen Eira council.



Just before the term break, we held our fundraising Trivia Night at the Bentleigh RSL. Thank you to all who attended and supported our kinder, it was such a fun night with a whopping \$5800 raised! Big thank you to Amy our Fundraising Officer who did an amazing job organising the event and obtaining donations from local and major businesses. Make sure to keep up to date with our kinder group diary dates to ensure you don't miss anything.

Kind Regards
Voula Hatzi

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PHOTOS FROM THE TRIVIA NIGHT!





Welcome back to term 3 at Bentleigh West Kindergarten.

You may have noticed that during the holiday break our bathroom was renovated. Its fresh new look has some great features including privacy doors for each toilet and roof heating to warm up the space in the cold weather. A big thank you to the Glen Eira Council for upgrading our bathroom. I know the children were excited about the new changes!

A big thank you to Voula who has taken on the role of BWK President for the remainder of the year. If you would like to be more involved in the kinder and join the committee of management, we are looking for someone to support our president in the role of Vice President. Let me know if you would like more information about the role.

For those who came along to our Trivia Night at the end of the term, a big thank you. I'd also like to thank those people who organised donations for the event. We hope you had an amazing night. I saw lots of people joining in the fun games, bidding on items and socialising. The winning team was decided by a dance off and an arm wrestle! A big thank you to Amy (Purple Group) who is our fundraising officer and organised the event. Your attention to detail and hard work ensured a successful night. I can't believe how much money we have raised!

A big thank you to everyone who helped us collect stickers for the 'Earn and Learn' program. We collected 8760 stickers. We have redeemed these for a new basketball stand, croquet game and some maths resources. We expect delivery in late term 4.

This term there are numerous events to look forward to for all three groups, so check out our 'Diary Dates' to see what your child's group has planned. Thank you to those families who made a donation for Pyjama Day. We raised \$82 for children in foster care.

You may have noticed a 'BWK Weekly News' email arriving in your inbox. After some feedback from families that they were getting too many emails from the kinder we have developed the 'BWK Weekly News'. We will be using this to keep families informed with news but will still continue the monthly newsletters. Your child's teacher will still email you a weekly snap short of learning (a journal entry).

The kinder is currently in the process of organising our 2019 enrolments. If your child has been offered a place in 2019 please make sure you return all your required paperwork promptly. If you know anyone looking for a kinder please let them know about us as we are currently taking enrolments for 2019 in both our 3 and 4 year old programs. We also have a few spots left in our 4 year old program for this year too!

Try and keep warm everyone!
Nichole (Director)

MS READATHON

Once again we are excited to be taking part in the MS Readathon.

We are reading as many books as we can in August and we are raising funds for kids who have a parent living with MS. Funds raised by the MS Readathon go towards sending kids on awesome 'Family Camps' where they can learn about MS and have fun with their family. Families can support us either by donating through the details below or signing up themselves (you can link this to the kinder page and we can share the journey together).



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>

To join in: click the below link and press on the **blue register button**, under the kinder's name. then fill out your details. We would love to hear how your MS Readathon adventure goes.
<https://www.msreadathon.org.au/fundraisers/bentleighwestkinder>

If donating is not for you: We will also be inviting families to come in and read a book to a small group of children in our library area to help us read as many books as possible. You could volunteer 10, 20 or even 30 minutes of your time. Every little bit helps. If you're on kinder duty you can take some time to read to the children in the library area. Please let a teacher know if/when you can come in to read with us.

Thank you in advance for helping us and supporting our MS Readathon adventure.

4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM REPORT

Welcome back to term 3. The children were all very excited to share the adventures they got up to during the holidays. The children spent their holidays visiting friends and family going to the movies and visiting local parks. A few children were lucky enough to go away with their families. Both the Baileys had an amazing time visiting Ann's and Chris' house!

The new room set up is based on many of the children's ideas. During the last week of term, the children were asked to brainstorm some ideas for the new room set up. The children had so many great ideas, but we couldn't fit them all in.

This term, we aim to do lots more cooking in our program. Therefore, if you're free on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons please volunteer to help us 'cook up a storm' at kinder. We would also love to try some new recipes, so please feel free to email us any family favourites you think the children would enjoy cooking.

This term the children will have the opportunity to take part in 'Show and Tell' at kinder - we call this 'Surprise in a Bag'. During the term we will be inviting children to take our news bags home and return with a special item/s inside for the next session. Each bag has a special message as to what item to bring e.g. bring your favourite book. This creates a fun and unique learning opportunity as the children have to guess what the child has brought along, based on a clue given by that child.

Yellow group are loving the paint and create area, airport area and castle table. Purple group are loving the airport and paint and creates area as well. They have also enjoyed using the transport resources that were added to the block area. The nature table has been enjoyed by many children. Many children have commented that they found some of the items on the nature table when they were at nature kinder last term.

We had so much fun recently having 'Pyjama Day'! The groups also enjoyed the puppet show we had on Wednesday 24th of July. They really loved the show! They were intrigued by what was happening before their very eyes. Both groups laughed and laughed at the funny things that the show's star Dreamer got up to.

We hope you enjoy this term as much as the last!

Ann, Chris, Nichole and Sophia



3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM REPORT

The three-year olds have had a busy start to the term. Many children were excited as they noticed their ideas had been set up in the playroom over the holidays.

The airport has attracted a lot of interest especially after lots of families had gone on holidays during the term break. There is a 'check in' area with boarding passes, a luggage scanner and body scanner, a waiting area and a mock plane set up with seats for the pilot and passengers as well as a steering wheel. The children decided to travel to many places around the world from Bali to Fiji to South America!

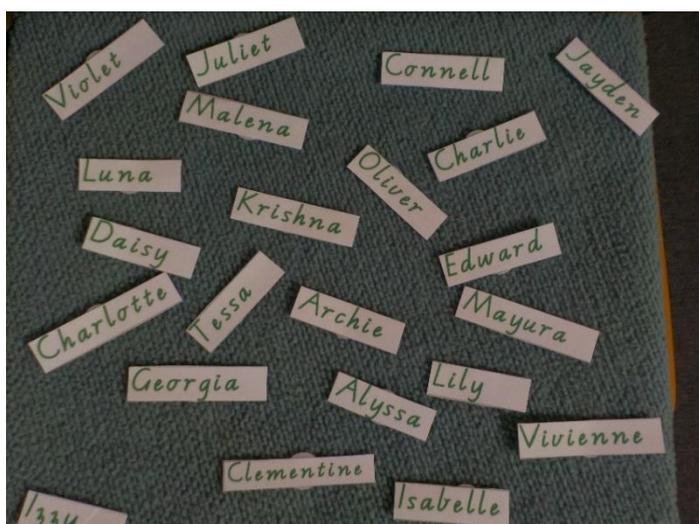
Green Group have had fun in the mud pit and creek bed this term digging holes, splashing in puddles and making mud cakes and mudpies. The weather has been cold most Mondays, but this hasn't stopped us from going outdoors for a play in our gumboots and mud suits. Our water pump has been replaced too which has sparked up lots of interest for accessing water. The children have used problem solving skills to determine how much water they have needed for their creations.

At mat time we have been enjoying acting out the story of 'The Great Big Enormous Turnip'. The children each receive a puppet from the story and pretend to play one of the characters. There is one turnip, an old man, an old lady, a granddaughter, a dog, a cat and a mouse. Everyone works as a team to pull the enormous turnip out of the ground. This supports children to build imagination, self-confidence and performance skills. The children are insisting we play again and again!

Every week we have been working on recognising our name in sentence case at 'brain food' time. A staff member has been placing the children's name cards on the table and it has been their job to recognise their name and sit in the correct place. While many children have mastered this skill, for some it is still a 'work in progress'. We have introduced a 'sign in' felt board this term which has been placed outside the kinder on a small table for children to locate their name and stick it on the felt board before they walk inside the kinder of a morning.

This term we welcomed Connell to Green Group. He has settled into the program well and recently completed full sessions. We have been playing some 'getting-to-know-you' games at mat time to support Connell to learn his friends' names.

Sophia and Di



Trivia and Auction Night wrap-up

A fun filled night with 90 guests in attendance and just shy of \$5,800 raised for the kinder. Isabella from Funky Bunch Entertainment hosted an entertaining trivia night, and we enjoyed an abundance of food served by the Bentleigh RSL. We were lucky enough to have a couple of local businesses attend, Helloworld Travel (Centre Rd, Bentleigh) and Jimmy Grants (North Rd, Ormond). A big thank you to the parents who helped on the night and to Steve for creating a buzz with his live auction.

Auction items and prizes were donated by local and not so local businesses, as well as a handful of kinder families. Thank you! Businesses involved are listed below. Please support them in return where possible.

Active Outthere (Globber)	https://www.activeoutthere.com.au/
All Sports	https://allsportsauctions.com.au/
Atomic Group (Sportsco)	https://www.sportsco.com.au/
Aviance Homewares	http://aviancehomewares.com.au/
Bella & Grace	https://bellaandgrace.com.au/
Bendigo Bank	https://www.bendigobank.com.au/
Bentleigh RSL	https://www.bentleighrsl.com.au/
Big4 Wye River Holiday Park	https://www.big4wyeriver.com.au/
Bounce	https://www.bounceinc.com.au/
Charlie's Cookies	https://www.charliescookies.com.au/
Chesterfield Farm	https://www.chesterfieldfarm.com.au/
ClubMulwala	https://www.clubmulwala.com.au/
Dance Struck	https://www.dancestruck.com/
Doggies Day Out	https://doggiesdayout.com.au/
Energetiks	https://www.energetiks.com.au/
Fresh Fresh Flowers	https://www.freshfreshflowers.com.au/
FunFields	http://www.funfields.com.au/
Funky Bunch Entertainment	https://www.funkybunch.com.au/
Good Times Milk Bar	https://goodtimesmilkbar.com.au/
Helloworld	https://www.helloworld.com.au/store/bentleigh
Jimmy Grants	https://jimmygrants.com.au/
Karen Wilson Photography	http://www.kwilsonphotography.com/
Kingston Active Leisure Centres	https://kingstonactive.com.au/
La Boheme Nail Salon	https://labohemesalon.com.au/
LegoLand	https://melbourne.legolanddiscoverycentre.com.au/
Liberte Jewellery	https://www.liberte.com.au/
Little Devils Circus	https://littledevilscircus.com.au/
Living Legends	http://www.livinglegends.org.au/
Luna Park	https://lunapark.com.au/
Luxury Escapes	https://luxuryescapes.com/au
MadFun Kids Disco	https://www.madfun.com.au/
Melbourne Fairy Parties	https://www.melbournefairyparty.com.au/
Melbourne's Leading Nanny Agency	https://melbournesleadingnannyagency.com.au/
Micro	https://www.microscooters.com.au/
Modern Teaching Aids(Ravensburger)	https://www.teaching.com.au/
Moose Toys	https://www.moosetoys.com/au/
MRC	https://mrc.racing.com/mrc-foundation
My Little Tribe Photography	https://www.mylittletribe.com.au/
Myuna Farm	https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/facilities-hire/myuna-farm182 Kidds Road, Doveton

National Sports Museum/MCC	https://nsm.org.au/
Oasis Bakery	https://oasionline.com.au/
Palace Cinema	https://www.palacecinemas.com.au/
Pamela Irving	https://www.pamelairving.com.au/
Pan Macmillan Australia	https://www.panmacmillan.com.au/
Patterson Rd IGA	https://www.iga.com.au/
Playdays/Inspartz	https://insportzsandringham.com.au/
Prior Law	http://www.priorlaw.com.au/
Puffing Billy Rail	https://puffingbilly.com.au/
Rain, Hayne & Shine Farm	https://www.rhsfarm.com.au/
Ripponlea National Trust	https://www.ripponleaestate.com.au/
Schoolpix	https://schoolpix.com.au/
Springpark Begravia Leisure	https://springparkgolf.com.au/
Stuck On You	https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/bentleighwestkinder
Super Zu	https://www.superzu.com.au/
Swimwear Galore	https://www.swimweargalore.com.au
The Acai Affect (café)	https://www.theacaiaffect.com.au/
The Boundary Hotel	https://www.boundaryhotel.com.au/
The Fresh Nut Centre	
The Front Bar	https://7plus.com.au/the-front-bar
Tilnak Art	https://www.tilnak.com/
VRC	https://www.flemington.com.au/
Wonderland Theatre (Pantomimes)	http://wonderlandtheatre.com.au/



Expressions Tea Towels & Aprons

Order forms have been distributed to all families and are due back by Thursday 8th August. Orders will arrive in time for Father's Day, making an apron or tea towel a great gift idea!



Bunnings BBQ - Sunday 15th September

Please save the date as volunteers will be called upon for a 2 hour shift. Stayed tuned for roster details.



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**.



2019/2020 Entertainment Membership

This year 20% of each membership sold contributes to our fundraising. Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your friends and family. Thanks for your support!

CLICK HERE:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/184y776>

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.

Pictureplates

Drawing templates will be distributed week of the 19th August. More details to come.



PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID AND RESUSCITATION

Wednesday 14 August
7.30pm–9.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Cost: \$50 per person

Bookings: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/familyevents or 9524 3333.

Registration and payment must be received prior to the session.



Around 300 Australian children die each year due to accidental injuries. Many of those lives could have been saved if parents or other caregivers knew simple first aid and resuscitation skills.

Paediatric first aid and resuscitation is a two hour course which can provide you with the skills to save your child's life.

Developed in association with The Royal Children's Hospital Child Safety Centre and taught by ambulance paramedics, this course covers:

- care of the unconscious child;
- febrile convulsions;
- child and infant resuscitation;
- calling an ambulance; and
- management of a choking child.



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Gardenvale | Glen Huntly | McKinnon | Murrumbeena | Ormond | St Kilda East

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to one of our kinder parents and child nutritionist **Simone Emery** from *Play With Food* who donated a brand new printer to the kinder.



THANKS FOR READING! REMEMBER, BENTLEIGH WEST KINDERGARTEN IS ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM. CLICK THE LINKS TO FOLLOW.



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