

Bentleigh West Kindergarten Inc.

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019



FROM THE PRESIDENT

We hope you all had a fantastic Mother's Day and enjoyed your creative floral flowers from your little angel.

An enormous thank you to Lindy Chin for stepping in at the last minute to be our temporary Grants Officer and working long hours to submit our grant for the new irrigation sprinklers. We are one of many kindergartens applying for this grant and I was very impressed with the submission. I think Lindy should be in sales! On top of that, she was also part of the recruitment process of our 4 new casual staff.

On that note, we are actively looking for a Grants Officer. This role requires researching when grants come in and responding to them. It is not a busy role as most council grants were due on the 1 May.

Thank you to the Bentleigh Commonwealth Bank branch for donating \$200 to our community run kindergarten. Please help support the Commonwealth Bank located in Bentleigh if you can.

For those new to the school system most primary schools are now providing tours of their schools and ask for the enrolment forms to be filled in by August (even if you are local to that school).

For those parents who are keen to understand more about helping their kids learn about their bodies and some guidelines, the following two books have come highly recommended by a parent with expertise in this field (I have not read them myself yet). There are also relevant books at the kindergarten to borrow.

1. *My body! What I say goes*, by Jayneen Sanders
2. *My underpants rule*, by Kate Power and Rod Power

For parents wanting to learn more go to <https://www.secasa.com.au/>

Kind Regards
Kaitlan Challis

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A four-year-old and a six-year-old presented their mum with a house plant. They had used their own money and she was thrilled. The elder of them said with a sad face, "There was a bouquet that we wanted to give you at the flower shop. It was real pretty, but it was too expensive. It had a ribbon on it that said, 'Rest in Peace', and we thought it would be just perfect since you are always asking for a little peace so that you can rest."

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Welcome back to term 2, which is always the term of the changing weather! We started the term off with a few warm days and slowly it is getting colder and colder. Myself I'm not a fan of the cold weather and I'm already wearing lots of layers to keep warm. The teachers and educators are planning lots of fun events to keep us all warm and in high spirits during the cold weather. Please check the diary dates so your child doesn't miss out on all the fun!

Our fundraising officer Amy has some great fundraising events and programs running so please support these so we can purchase extra resources for our programs. A big thank you for everyone who has already participated in our fundraising projects in term 1, we will be ordering some new resources shortly.

On the first of May the 'Earn and Learn' program started at Woolworths and if you already shop at Woolworths, we would appreciate it if you could please collect the stickers and bring them in for us. Further details below.

Please remember if you need me for anything you can call the kinder on 9557 8365 or email me at bentleigh.west.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au and if I'm teaching I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Nichole



We are participating in the 'Woolworths Earn and Learn Program' again this year. The program runs from 1st of May until the 25th of June. Every \$10 spent gets one sticker. The stickers give the kinder points which we can use to buy new resources for the children. Please help us by collecting stickers every time you shop at Woolworths. Sticker sheets have been given to all families and extras will be placed in the foyer but can also be collected at the supermarket too.

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

Thanks in advance for helping us!

RECYCLED BOX COLLECTION

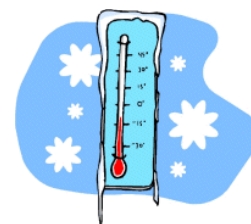


RECYCLED BOX COLLECTION

Wow, all 3 groups have really enjoyed box collage and we are going through boxes quickly! Please keep the boxes coming. Just remember no food boxes, instead we can use soap boxes, tea boxes, coffee sleeves etc. We can use food tubs (e.g. yoghurt, butter and dips) if they have not had nuts in them and have been washed. We also love bottle tops and corks so please keep these for us. We also ask that boxes be no bigger than a shoe box as space is limited for children to store their wonderful creations. Thanks in advance for your support.

COLD WEATHER REMINDER

This term is the start of the cooler weather so please remember to pack your child some warm clothing like jumpers, jackets and beanies so that they can keep warm while playing outside. The UV is now starting to drop, and children are needing their hats less often and this allows them to get their required vitamin D. Once the UV remains low, we will be asking the children to take hats home this is a great chance for a wash.



ILLNESS REMINDER



With winter fast approaching the cold and flu season is about to begin! Now is the time to get your flu shot. Please remember to keep your child home from kinder when they are sick so that illnesses don't spread. We always appreciate a call when your child misses a session. **Please alert the kinder when your child is diagnosed with an illness by a doctor** - we like to alert other families by placing anonymous information on the door about illnesses. This helps families know what to look for, and pick up illness quickly, which in turn can reduce the chance of it spreading and recover time may be quicker for the child or staff member.

If you feel that your child is not well enough to play outside, we recommend that you keep them at home until they are fully recovered and able to join in the full program. We thank you in advance for your support in keeping everyone happy and healthy at kinder.

4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM REPORT

Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and are ready for another fun and exciting term.

With Sophia away for the first few sessions, the groups have been getting to know our newest staff member Rachel who is taking Sophia's place. Please welcome Rachel to our team!

The first few sessions back the children were very excited to see all the new changes in the room. Many of the changes to the room are based on the children's ideas. Last term all 3 groups were asked what they wanted to learn about and what they wanted us to set up. The children have been enjoying exploring the new areas added to the room including

- Vet clinic
- Literacy area themed around the book 'Wombat Stew'
- Yoga studio
- Tinkering area
- Fairy area
- Ice cream shop
- Transport table
- Space table

The children have discovered the changes the staff made to expand learning in some of the areas we already had in the room.

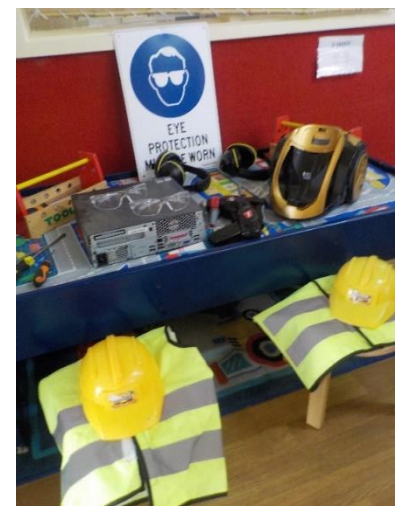
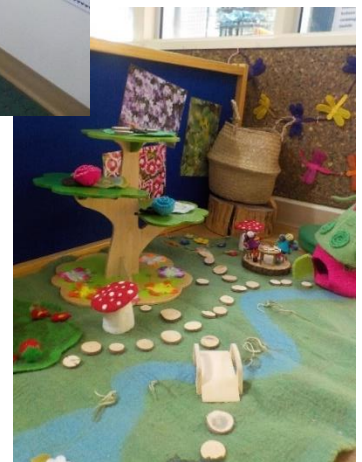
The tinkering table

The tinkering table helps to fuel a child's natural curiosity about life and the world we live in. It develops children's manipulative and fine motor skills. The area promotes the development of new language, higher order thinking and problem solving skills as the children explore the resources. Working in a pair or with others supports the development of social skills and peer relationships occurs, which allows children to help each other and learn from each other. The tinkering area allows children to pull things apart, to integrate, to plan, to rebuild/redesign and construct.

Our tinkering area includes an old computer, modem and vacuum cleaner for the children to explore along with a range of tool. We also have safety equipment and the children have been advised that safety glasses must be worn to protect eye when working in the area. So far, this new area has been very popular with the children in both yellow and purple groups.

A big thank you to everyone who come along and participated in our Mother's and Special Persons events. The children were excited to have you join the program. The teachers noticed many children and adults enjoyed making a special keepsake handprint or having their nails painted by the children. Thanks for all been a great sport and participating in these activities. We hope you felt a little of the love and joy that you give your child each and every day!

Nichole, Sophia, Chris and Ann



3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM REPORT

The three-year olds have had a busy start to the term. We welcomed Isabel to the group on day one of term 2 and met a friendly new relief teacher called Rachel.

The group coped well with these changes while Sophia was absent and settled back into the program engaging in a range of new open-ended learning experiences. There has been lots of interest in the vet area with the children playing in small groups and caring for the sick animals. The vet area fosters turn taking skills, listening, language development, emotional skills and imagination.

In addition, the box collage, trains and painting have been very busy places to play.



Outdoors, some children have been enjoying the cubby house which has been converted into an ice-cream shop while others have chosen to build with blocks, play in the sandpit or complete the obstacle course. The weather is starting to get cold so please remember to pack a warm coat every session. As the UV is still 3 and above on many days, we still require hats at kinder so please keep your child's hat handy in their kinder bag.



Recently, we had a special Mother's/Special Persons' morning at kinder. We almost had a 'full house' of mother's and special people in attendance engaging with lots of fun filled adult/child bonding experiences both indoors and outdoors. The children were very excited to spend the session with a special guest. We read a story about mums and handed out some special gifts which the children had made for Mother's Day at the end. In addition, we discussed what makes our mum special and many children raised their hand to share some heart-warming qualities about their mums. The room was instantly filled with warmth and love. Thank you to our guests for coming and making this day very special.



Sophia and Di





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>

Trivia and Auction Night Saturday 22 June

Families and teachers, the Trivia and Auction Night at the Bentleigh RSL www.bentleighrsl.com.au is fast approaching so please purchase your tickets now! This is the major fundraising event for the kinder. Organise a table, half a table or purchase an individual ticket. Whatever works best for you! Extend the invitation to family and friends.

Funky Bunch Trivia www.funkybunch.com.au are hosting which will make for a fun evening. There will be a live and silent auction with some great items and experiences donated by local and not so local businesses, as well as the much sort after artwork pieces from our three kinder groups!



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A proud supporter of BWK's Trivia and Auction Night



Bentleigh West Kindergarten
invites family and friends
to our 2019 fundraising event

A TRIVIA & AUCTION NIGHT

Saturday 22nd June
7pm for a 7.30pm start
Bentleigh RSL (upstairs)
538 Centre Rd, Bentleigh

Featuring trivia, live & silent auctions,
raffle, games and prizes

Tickets \$40 per person – see order form
Includes canapé dinner & desert, lucky
door prizes, trivia hosted by

FUNKY BUNCH TRIVIA

Drinks at bar prices

Dress: smart casual

Bring your gold coins
for more chances to win!

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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.

LETTER FROM A CHILD WITH ANAPHYLAXIS

Dear BWK Families,

Starting kindergarten can be hard for me and my family as I have been diagnosed with anaphylaxis to nuts. For me this means that I cannot eat or touch nuts, as even the slightest bit will make me very very sick. I know my family worry when I go places without them. They get worried because not everyone understand anaphylaxis. Having anaphylaxis makes many things hard for me. Things like going out to eat, going to a birthday party and having play dates at my friends' houses.

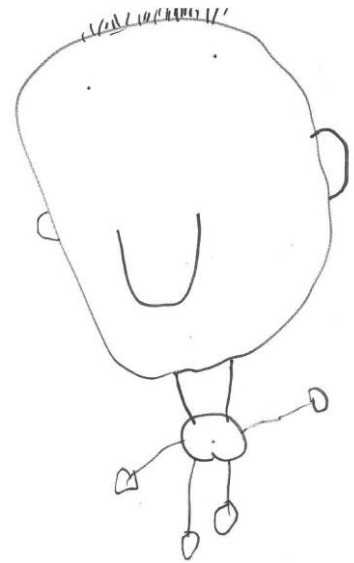
I wanted to thank you for thinking of me each time you pack your child's lunch and for always packing foods that won't make me sick. Thank you for ensuring that kindergarten is a safe place for me and for everyone to learn, make friends and have fun.

I am very happy at kindergarten and I am grateful that I was able to find a kindergarten that has a community that will help take care of me. You should know that my family and I think you are amazing. You will never know how grateful we all are that you always think of me and help take care of me!

Thank you for taking the extra steps to help look after Me!

From a child with anaphylaxis

NOTE: written from the perspective of a child with anaphylaxis not from an individual child.



THANKS FOR READING! REMEMBER, BENTLEIGH WEST KINDERGARTEN IS ON
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