



NEWSLETTER

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A Message from our President

Welcome to the start of another exciting and busy term. Be sure to keep up to date with our Kinder Group Diary Dates so you don't miss anything.

The children ended last term on a big high at our Kids' Disco Fundraiser. This was a fantastic event, hosted by **Kids Disco Parties (www.kidsdiscos.com.au)** that had our BWK kids and their siblings dancing up a storm! Thanks so much to everyone who came along, and huge thanks to **Tanya** and **Aimee** (our Fundraising Team) who organised the evening, raising the fantastic amount of nearly \$800 for the Kinder.

We now have our sights set on the next event, our major fundraiser for the year – an **80's Party Fundraiser** to be held at The Deck, Brighton, on **Friday 31 August**. Parents/Carers, please mark this date on your calendar, book the babysitter, invite some friends, raid your wardrobe for your best fluoro gear and come along for

a night of 80s fabulousness! Please read on further for full details of the event and please let the team know if you can contribute to our prize collection for the silent and live auctions planned for the night. Can't wait to see you there!

I'm very pleased to announce we have appointed a new staff member to the role of Casual Early Childhood Teacher/Educator. Namita Madan will quickly become a familiar face to our BWK families as she undertakes relief work across all three of our groups. Namita brings with her six years of Kindergarten teaching experience and she had her first session with Yellow Group on Friday. Please join me in warmly welcoming Namita to our Kinder community when you meet her.

On a final note, please advise staff if you would like to inspect our first aid kits at any time. A list of first aid and other health products used by the service is available for your information and can be accessed by request at any time throughout the year.

Have a great term everyone,

Narelle Whiteley





Message from your Director:

Welcome back to term 3 at Bentleigh West Kindergarten. 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. We are practically excited about taking part in the MS Readathon. Further details are in this newsletter.

The new room set up is looking great and all three groups have settled back in and are enjoying the new learning spaces. Our wonderful team have utilised many of the children's ideas within the room/outdoor learning space.

On Wednesday 18th of July we had a visit from Federal MP Mr Tim Wilson. Tim joined us for the groups favourite story and even got crafty in the art area helping some of the children create a circus. The session was very busy and didn't really allow for an in-depth chat around the importance's of the feudal government continuing to fund 4-year-old kindergarten beyond 2019. We hope to be able to meet again to do this. A big thank you to Narelle (yellow group), Anna and Erin (purple group) who were able to take the time to meet with Tim.



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 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 one 4 year old place for the remainder of the year as one family is moving interstate.

Try and keep warm everyone!
Nichole/ Director



**BACK
TO
THE
80'S**



80's Party at The Deck, Brighton – FRIDAY AUGUST 31ST
OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR!!!

Be there or be like totally bogus!
212 Bay Street, 7pm-12am
\$45 (per person, friends and family welcome)
RSVP by payment due August 24th (details below)

What we need from you to make the night awesome:

Please let us know asap of any donations you may be able to make to the night for the Auctions (Wines, food items, artworks, experiences, tickets to sporting events, **anything** we can put on the A3 boards for a silent auction or bigger items for the main auction, varying monetary value gives everyone a chance to participate)

Please make all donations known to the Fundraising committee as soon as possible by contacting:

Amy Ashford: greenrep@bentleighwestkinder.org.au

Or calling [REDACTED]

Your children and future students will benefit from all monies earned at this fundraiser so please be generous and ask family and friends to contribute if possible.

Please take this as an opportunity to get to know your kinder community in a relaxed and possibly hilarious environment, dress up, have some fun and bid large!!!!

We absolutely cannot wait to have a totally rad night with you all!

To make payment, please transfer directly to the Kinder with the reference "80's Party" to:

Bentleigh West Kinder
BSB: 033 034
Account: 374466



Three-Year-Old Report

The three's have settled back into kinder life nicely after a two-week break. The children were very excited to discover some of their ideas for activities were set up in the playroom. So far this term the small construction table, tinkering, painting and supermarket area have been most popular.

This month's focus is the supermarket area. In the supermarket area children can role-play different characters, e.g. customer or cashier. There is a café connected to the supermarket where children pretend to have a drink or a bite to eat with their peers. It allows children to be social using expressive vocabulary, to turn take and listen to their peers as well as learn about currency and place value. This area is child initiated and there is a big focus on using imagination and creativity through play. A maximum of four children at a time can play in this area.



Currently we have the 'Living Eggs' program at our kinder. 10 chicks have hatched, and the children were delighted to meet their new class pets earlier this week. We have given the chicks the following names: Paka, Chicky, Purple Rosie, Freckles, Sore head, Harvey, Cackle, Pepper, Jack and Itchy. The children learnt all about animal life cycles at group time before having the special opportunity to hold a baby chick. Everyone was very gentle and thoroughly enjoyed having a hold. The program will finish on Friday and anybody who would like to adopt a couple of chickens is most welcome to. Please ask staff if you are interested. Green group have also enjoyed performing the 'chicken dance' as well as reading books about chicks in the library.

With 'NAIDOC' week having come and gone, we have started reading some 'Dreamtime' stories at mat time. Our most recent story was 'How the birds got their colours'. The children found it very interesting exploring Aboriginal culture in such a way building their knowledge and appreciation for the world we live in. We will aim to read various other dreamtime stories over the coming weeks.



-Sophia and Di



Four-Year-Old 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, the circus and 'Disney on Ice'. A few children were lucky enough to go away with their families.

This term we welcome Hattie from the 'Hey Dee Ho' music program, who will be coming along regularly on the long days to run her music program. Each group has had one session already and were delighted by the songs and instruments. We will also be doing some cooking and have planned some fun dress up days and events as well.

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. Some of the new areas in the room include tinkering area, storytelling area, construction table, snow table. Outside we have a suitability area, marble run and supermarket which includes a café section. Many children have shown an interest in the tv show 'Ninja Warriors' so we might change our obstacle course around to suit the theme.



During this term we have been focusing on learning about and been inspired by Aboriginal art and stories. The teachers have been reading dreamtime stories and the children have been using the stories to create a range of artworks. To explore this learning further, on Wednesday 25th of July we invited an Aboriginal artist, Bronwyn to share her art with the groups. Bronwyn spent time teaching the children about how she creates her artworks and focused on the stories and symbols she uses in her work. We children were given the opportunity to create their own works of art. Bronwyn explained that there are many different forms of art Aboriginal people create based on where the person was born. Bronwyn shared many artefacts with us and explained how Aboriginal people use them. Bronwyn explained the importance of dance and stories have for Aboriginal people and provided the children with the opportunity to join in some dancing.



The Four-Year-Old Team
(Sophia, Nichole, Chris and Ann)



Living Eggs Program

On Monday 16th of July the kinder had a very special delivery of 11 eggs as part of the 'Living Egg Program'. They arrived during a Purple Groups session and the children were very excited and had many questions. On Tuesday when Yellow Group arrived the children were just as excited about the eggs. The eggs began to hatch on Tuesday night and during the session on Wednesday. All groups will be learning about the life cycle of a chicken and how to care for the chicks during the two week program. At the end of the program families are welcome to take the chickens home. A big thank you to all the families who have been able to help us re-home the chicks.



This year 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).

To donate: click the below link and press the blue sponsor button to make a donation.

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

To join in: click the below link and press on the blue register button, next select to register an individual and then add Bentleigh West Kinder in the school name section. We would love to hear how your MS Readathon adventure goes.

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

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.

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



Personal Note:

We are really getting into the swing of things now and Spring is on the horizon, if you know of any events or programs of interests for kinder aged kids or if there is something you would like included in the next newsletter, please let me know at

communications@bentleighwestkinder.org.au

Thank you once again for taking the time to read the newsletter, now give yourself or a family member a high five and start stretching in preparation for those sick 80's dance moves for the 31st, don't wanna pull a MC Hammie =)