

# Bentleigh West Kindergarten Inc.

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you are all well and keeping warm!

After much thought I have decided to resign from the role of President for a variety of reasons.

Voula Hatzi will be stepping into the role of President which leaves the role of Vice-President vacant. If any parent would like to join the committee in this role, please send your nomination to [vicepresident@bentleighwestkinder.org.au](mailto:vicepresident@bentleighwestkinder.org.au).

On a fantastic note, I am excited to say we will be getting new toilets from 1 - 14 July (during school holidays). This has taken many years to happen and we look forward to seeing the final result.

Keep well and I look forward to having fun with you all and your kids in the future.

Kind Regards  
Kaitlan Challis



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## *Thank you Kaitlan!*

The BWK committee would like to thank Kaitlan for her hard work and enthusiasm in her role as President over the last few months. Kaitlan put in a lot of energy, time and effort into many areas of the running of our kindergarten and we appreciate all that she has done.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Hi everyone,

A BIG thank you to everyone who attended the working bee on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of June. Your hard work on what was a cold and wet day helped to ensure the kindergarten is a safe and inviting place for all children. We really appreciate your help.

This term has been a busy time at the kinder. We have had a few staff away, but this has given our new casual staff members Rachel, Michelle and Lidia an opportunity to get to know the children. Please make them welcome if you see them around the kinder. We have also been lucky to have Di who works with our 3 year old group and has been able to fill in, which delighted many children who Di taught last year.

In late May, Sophia and I were able to attend the ELAA Conference. It was a great opportunity for us to network with teachers, see some of the newest releases in resources, and learn from a range of talented presenters.

Recently the 4 year old children have been enjoying 'Nature Kinder'. This is where they get out into the park area behind the kinder. It's a great opportunity for the children to run, climb trees, find bugs, roll down the hill, connect with nature and make up games. We have had a few rainy days but that just adds to the fun!

The 3 year old children had an amazing incursion program where they learnt about and got to pat a range of Aussie animals. I was a little jealous, it looked like so much fun!

With the kinder midyear holiday break just around the corner, I hope everyone has a safe and happy break. Term 3 is going to be another busy and fun filled term!

Keep warm and stay safe,  
*Nichole*

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## DONATION THANK YOU

Recently, **Patterson Road IGA** kindly gave us a \$2000 donation which we have been able to use to update and replace some of the old swings and outdoor storage units. Most of the new resources have arrived and we have begun using them. We will also be purchasing a new camera as our current one is on its last legs. A big thank you to the IGA team for such a generous and welcomed donation. Next time you're in store please thank the IGA team.



## 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM REPORT

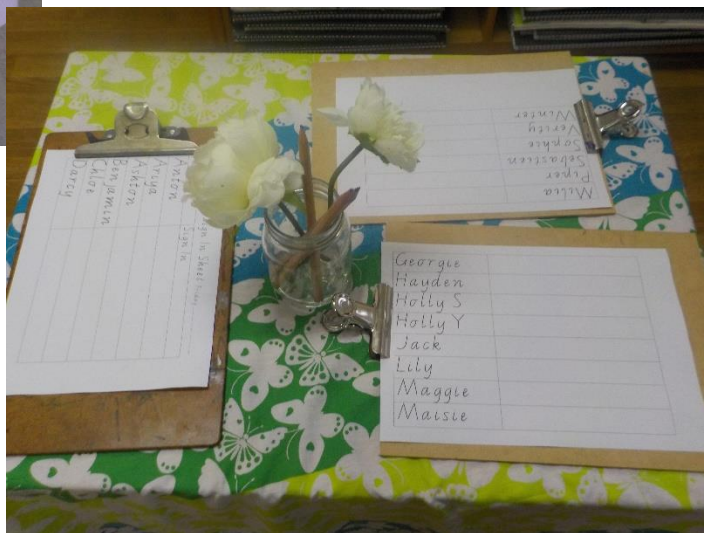
The four-year-olds have settled into their respective groups with several of our children participating in both Yellow and Purple groups on the long days. Our new students have also found their place in the group and started reaching out for new friendships. The children have been very accommodating and accepting of this which has been a delight to watch.

The staff have been busy making modifications to the playroom recently including a new space area with astronaut costumes, a literacy area which has been converted to a post office, a new fairy area and new paints just to name a few of the spaces.

This month's focus is the post office area. In the post office area, children are encouraged to draw a picture/ attempt to write a letter for somebody, place it in an envelope with the recipient's address and a stamp before posting it in the red post box. It's a fun and educational way to promote literacy awareness in young children. We have recently added pretend postcards for the children to draw/ write on also. Both groups visited the post office recently, therefore this was a great opportunity to develop children's interest and understanding of how the mail system works. We will continue to extend on this over the coming weeks.



Our four-year olds are doing a fabulous job signing in every session. Everyone has had a go thus far which shows courage and motivation. We will continue with the signing in for the rest of the year and introduce the next phase (signing out as well) at a later date.



The transition from kindergarten to primary school is such a precious time in a child's life. It can bring on a range of emotions from happiness and excitement to anxiety and sadness. To alleviate the stress that some children may feel before starting school we have our school visits a bit earlier this year. Both groups will be visiting a BWPS prep classroom this term as well as several trips to the school's library for story time sessions. We also hope that the school might visit us later in the year as this has been done in the past.

*Sophia, Nichole, Ann and Chris*





### 3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM REPORT

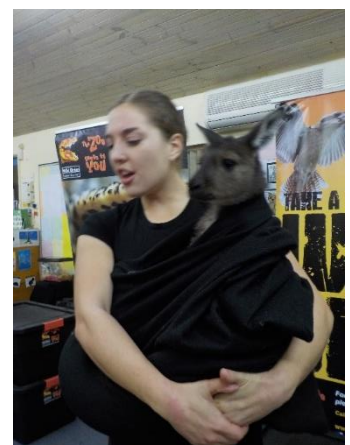
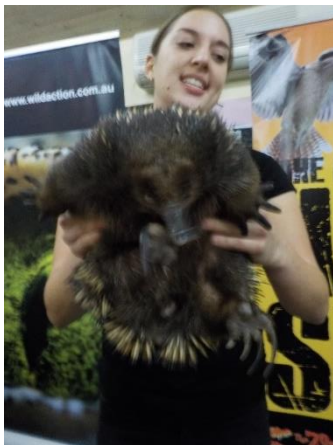
The three-year-olds have had some cold weather lately on their Monday sessions. Winter has well and truly hit us so please make sure your child has plenty of warm layers in their bag and a warm coat to wear outdoors every session. At Bentleigh West Kindergarten we are big on active play no matter what the weather has forecasted, please bear this in mind when packing your child's bag each week.

Recently we have introduced an indoor/outdoor program where children can choose where they would like to play. There is a staff member in each space supporting and guiding the children as they are encouraged to make the choice whether they prefer to play indoors, outdoors or perhaps a bit of both. So far, this has been working well and the children have really enjoyed making their own choices.



This month's focus is the vet area. I can't emphasise how much our three-year-old children have loved playing in this area. In the vet area we have watched friendships blossom, with lots of sharing and imaginative play. It is such a popular area!! Children just love caring for animals at this age therefore this area has supported them in so many ways. Staff have added some scales to encourage children to weigh the animals and explore the concept of mass. We will continue making modifications to this area to support their learning in the coming weeks.

Recently we had the Australian Animals incursion (Wild Action) at kinder. We had discussions about the types of animals we might meet at kinder to probe the children's learning. Some of the children's suggestions included lizards, koalas, birds, echidnas and possums. Many children guessed correctly and the following animals came along; 'Lace Monitor' the lizard, a green tree frog, 'Sami the Kangaroo', 'Frank the Koala', Steve the Fresh Water Croc, 'Gremlin the Gang Gang Cockatoo', 'Gumnut the Sugar Glider Possum', 'Spikes the Echidna' and 'Charlie the Diamond Python'. The children learnt about the animals' habitat, diet, body parts and life span then the children all had the opportunity to have a feel of the animals.



The three-year-olds have loved songs and finger plays with props. We sang the 'Four Little Ducks' song recently and practised performing in front of our friends. This supports children to build confidence, language skills and a positive self-concept from a young age.

Sophia and Di



## Trivia and Auction Night Saturday 22 June

Three pieces of framed group artwork created by our children will be auctioned off on the night. If you are unable to attend the event and would like to view and have a bid on your child's group artwork, then please let me know. I can bid on your behalf on the night. [fundraising@bentleighwestkinder.org.au](mailto:fundraising@bentleighwestkinder.org.au)

We are thrilled to have guests from two local businesses attend the event - Helloworld (Centre Rd, Bentleigh) and Jimmy Grants (North Rd, Ormond). Thank you for your support!



For those of you attending the event I hope you have a fun night!

### IGA Patterson Rd

A big thank you to David and the team for inviting us to have a couple of money collection containers on the checkout counters at the IGA on Patterson Rd. Every dollar helps and allows the teachers to purchase additional items and resources for our children.



### Term 3 Fundraising Activities

Expressions Tea Towels & Aprons  
Delivered in time for Fathers Day

Bunnings BBQ - Sunday 15th September  
SAVE THE DATE  
volunteers will be needed



### Stuck on You

Ongoing fundraising activity. Please purchase through Stuck on You when you have a requirement. [www.stuckonyou.com.au](http://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.

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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School break taking its toll? Eliminate boredom instantly with our incredibly popular school holiday programs, guaranteed to teach, inspire and exhaust even the most restless of children.

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presents



*Snow White*  
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ADAPTED AND CREATED BY  
CLINTON BARKER AND ALTA TRUDEN

@ Phoenix Theatre, 101 Glen Huntly Road, Elwood  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019**  
10.30am and 1.30pm  
NO SHOWS ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup>

**BOOKING OPTIONS**  
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TICKETS

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