

# Bittern Preschool

## Committee Newsletter

### Welcome to 2020!!

Welcome to all our new families starting their journey at Bittern Pre-school, and hello again to all our families who have returned.

We have lots happening this year, each month the committee will send out a newsletter that will keep you updated with fundraising, events, and any other news you'll need.

If you have anything you'd like added to the monthly newsletter, be sure to let Ashlee, our marketing officer know.

### Bittern Preschool Fair

On the 29th of February we will be holding a fair at the kinder, this will be our first fundraising project for the year.

To ensure this runs as smooth as possible we are asking families if they could possibly donate an hour of their time to help supervise the stalls, or collect ticket money at the entrance. In the coming week a notice will be put up in the foyer with a list of roles that need filling, if your able to fill a job we would really love your help. Many hands make light work!

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#### UNIFORMS

Uniforms can be purchased through [eduthreads.com.au](http://eduthreads.com.au)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETING

Our next committee meeting will be held at the kinder at 2pm on the 24th February.

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#### PHOTOS

Kinder photos will be in the week of 15th June, more details to follow.



#### Our new kitchen

Over the holidays our kitchen was updated, it looks fantastic!



#### Hats

Its a requirement that for term 1 and 4 children are to wear hats while outside.



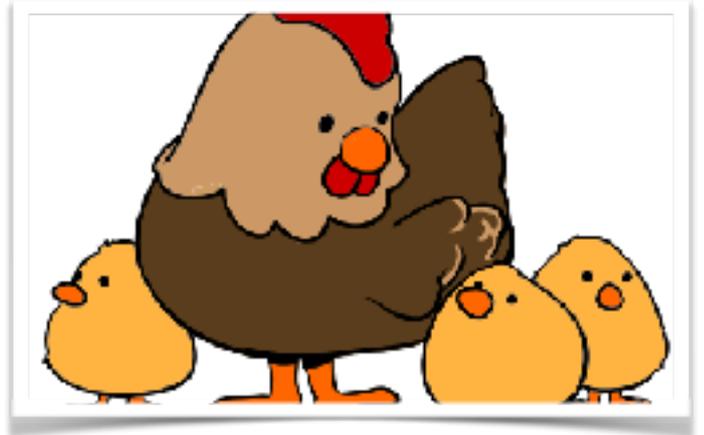
#### Cardboard boxes

We are always appreciative of any boxes for crafting, but please no toilet rolls.

# Sustainability

This year our committee will be focusing on ensuring the kinder is run more sustainable for the environment.

Last year the kinder started to use 'Story Park' as a way to document each Childs progress. This enabled us to reduce the amount of paper that was used and printed. We had such great feedback from families that we are continuing to use it for 2020, and will also be using it for our 3 year old program. Teachers will also be putting all their notices on story park to keep you updated on the classes excursions and day to day house keeping. Over the holidays you should have received an email invite, if you did not please let your Childs teacher know.



Our first fundraiser is fast approaching, the plan is to to use the money raised to build a chicken coop and a vegetable patch with a compost and worm farm. The children will be able to collect the eggs from the chickens, and harvest the fruits and vegetables, then use the scraps to compost and help keep our garden healthy.

## A note from the president

I'd like to welcome you all to our wonderful kindergarten.

I must give my sincere thank-you to all the newly appointed committee members who are joining us for 2020 and to all who are returning from 2019. Without you all the kinder the would not be able to run as it currently does. As an incorporated association we cannot run without a Committee of Management and I wish to acknowledge the dedication of you all for 2020.

If you have any concerns over the year please feel free to get in touch, my email is [sarah.norris@outlook.com.au](mailto:sarah.norris@outlook.com.au).

I wish you all a wonderful start and a fabulous 2020.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS

We are so excited to welcome two new staff members to Bittern Pre-school. Many of you would have already met Karen, she will be the green group teacher.

Channi is also starting in 2020, Channi will be assisting in both Blue and Green groups and will be an extra set of hands to help out on our bush kinder sessions with each group. Channi has many years working in Early Childhood, and has a new little baby herself. We are very happy to have Channi in our teaching team.



## List of committee members:

**President:** Sarah Norris

**Vice President:** Alison Souter

**Treasurer:** Jess Edwards

**Secretary :** Nina Unthank

**Fees officer:** Jade Pinto

**Enrolments officer:** Samantha McBride

**Grants officer :**

**Policy Officer:** Rebecca Mioduszewski

**Marketing officer:** Ashlee Coombe

**Maintenance officer:** Steve Norris, Dan Warner, Chris Jones

**Fundraising officer:** Nikki Rickeard

**Purple Group rep:** Nina Unthank, Nikki Rickeard

**Green Group Rep:** Rebecca Clague, Alison Souter

**Blue Group Rep:** Raelene Wood, Kylie Jennings

**Fundraising Sub-Committee:** Gillian Fraser, Hayley Atkins, Annie Bergin.

## Dates to note

### Term 1:

Wednesday 29th January - Kinder returns  
Monday 24th February - Committee meeting  
Saturday 29th February - Kinder Fate  
Friday 6th March - Family picnic  
Saturday 14th March - Bunnings BBQ  
Saturday 21st March - Working Bee  
Friday 27th March - Term 1 ends

### Term 2:

Tuesday 14th April - Term 2 begins  
Saturday 20th June - Working Bee  
Friday 26th June - Term 2 ends

### Term 3:

Monday 13th July - Term 3 begins  
Saturday 12th September - Working Bee  
Friday 18th September - Term 3 ends

### Term 4:

Monday 5th October - Term 4 begins  
Saturday 5th December - Working Bee  
Friday 18th December - Term 4 ends

Each month a committee meeting is held, all families are welcome to attend. We will let you know of any upcoming meetings in the newsletter, however if you cannot attend a copy of the minutes can be found in the

### Newsletter Advertising

As of our march newsletter we will be opening advertising spots in our monthly newsletter for local business. The cost for each newsletter is \$10 for a half page advert or \$5 for a small advert.

If your interested in advertng your business through our newsletter, please contact Sarah Norris at [sarah.norris@outlook.com.au](mailto:sarah.norris@outlook.com.au)