



Camberwell Structured Playgroup Newsletter

Term 2, 2017

From the President



Welcome to our new and existing members! Welcome also to our first Newsletter for 2017, also my first as President of CSP.

Facebook will now be our primary method of sending group information, so please remember to LIKE our Facebook page and remind your playgroup friends to as well.

A big thank you goes to two of our committee members who have recently resigned. Janelle Moran (Secretary) and Georgina Carman (Fundraising). They answered the call when the committee was in need, we can't thank them enough.

Welcome to Rachel Drummond (Molly's Mum, Wednesday group) who has joined the committee in the marketing role. We are always looking for new ways and places to promote CSP so if you have any ideas, please let Rachel or any of the committee members know.

Kath Wharton (Olivia's Mum, Tuesday group), has also joined the committee in the role of Secretary. Kath will undertake tasks informally until her position is ratified at the next committee meeting.

We would love to see more people support CSP and the committee. It's a great way to meet people, keep some business skills current and be part of the playgroup community. You can be as involved or active as you wish. Again, speak to a committee member attending your session for more information, our details are listed on the pin board by the door.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions, please chat to the committee members attending your session, or email me at president@csp.org.au.

Regards,

Chris Berting
President

What's happening at Playgroup

1 June – raffle tickets are due. The tickets and money will need to be returned by 1 June to be included.

27-29 June – End of term parties. Bring a healthy snack to share with everyone.

22 June – Enrolment and payment for Term 3 due.

30 June – End of Term 2.

18 July – 21 September - Term 3.

14 Sept - Enrolment and payment for Term 4 due.

10 October – 22 December - Term 4.

14-16 November – The CSP photographer will come and take individual photos of your child.

19-21 December – Christmas parties

Facebook – like our page



Did you know that CSP has a Facebook page? Make sure you like our page to keep up-to-date and in contact with CSP – and of course to see all the exciting activities our little ones get up to! Find us at:

www.facebook.com/camberwellstructuredplaygroup

CSP Committee

President	Chris Berting president@csp.org.au	Marketing	Rachel Drummond
Secretary	Kath Wharton	Maintenance	Beth Polson
Treasurer	Abbie Chandler	Tuesday leader	Jenny Purvis
Enrolments	Olivera Ivcovici	Wednesday leader	Beth Polson
Fundraising	Vacant	Thursday leader	Abbie Chandler
www.csp.org.au	www.facebook.com/camberwellstructuredplaygroup	contact@csp.org.au	

CSP Committee - Positions vacant

Fundraising – The CSP relies on the support of additional money to be able to run and maintain everything in playgroup. The Fundraising position is organising and coordinating different activities, such as the Caring for Kids raffle, Bright Star Kids labels, as well as new opportunities to raise money for CSP.

If you'd like to find out more about this position please speak to your group leader or email contact@csp.org.au.

\$6000 Flight Centre voucher up for grabs

CSP is again participating in the Caring for Kids raffle.

Did you know that CSP receives half of all of our tickets sales from the raffle? It's a great fundraiser for CSP as well as a great opportunity for you (or family and friends!) to win a \$6000 Flight Centre voucher. Not to mention a chance at winning a \$3000 Harvey Norman voucher or \$1000 at JB HIFI!

Don't forget to return your tickets and money by 1 June 2017 to be included in the draw.



Lovely Mother's Day creations from our Thursday group

Meet Jenny



Jenny Purvis is the Tuesday group leader. Jenny brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to CSP - she is a retired kindergarten teacher, nannies for a family and is grandmother to four wonderful children! She has also been our group leader for

18 months and loves the role. "I love to see the parents engage with their children as all the planning for the activities has been set up for them, they can spend quality time with their little ones". Jenny also really appreciates (as we all do!) the community, hands-on approach to CSP not to mention the diversity that CSP offers. Pop by on a Tuesday and say hi to Jenny!

Winter play



We still go outside to play in winter (if it's not too wet) so bring a jacket and hat to keep warm!

Free trial

If you know anyone who may be interested in playgroup, please let them know they are welcome to come for one session as a free trial. They will, however, need to contact CSP to make sure there is room in a session.

Put a label on it!

As Beyonce said 'Put a label on it' – oh wait...



Bright Star Kids offer a great range of personalised name labels, bags, drink bottles, wall art – even great present ideas for grandparents.

They also give 20% of sales to CSP!

If you need to order something for your bright star, on checkout use 'Camberwell Structured Playgroup' to make sure CSP gets the benefit of your purchase. There is a brochure on the notice board at playgroup if you need more information.

Check out the range and place your order online at www.brightstarkids.com.au.

Photography

As CSP becomes more active on Facebook and the website, we will be taking more photos of the activities at CSP. Some of these photos may include those of the parents and children participating in activities. If you would like for you or your child NOT to be photographed, please let your group leader know.

Local resource

We all know how valuable local knowledge and support is, particularly in all things children and family. Two ladies have started a Facebook page, *Boroondara Mama*, to help us with all things local!

Natasha and Kacey created the online group *Boroondara Mama* so that we can share, support and connect with other local mums.

This is a place to chat, ask for advice, share recommendations, ideas and suggestions for mamas, and mamas-to-be, living in the Boroondara region. It's a closed group, so it's a nice, safe and supportive group.

You'll need to put a request in to join the page (it has over 450 members) but they turn it around quickly and you'll soon be finding all the hot tips and activities for the Boroondara area. Search for them on Facebook.

1000 Books Before School



Did you know that reading together is the best way to encourage a love of books in your child? Sharing stories with babies and young children helps develop literacy skills that will prepare them for reading at school.

The 1000 Books Before School program is a great way to track your child's reading progress as you work towards building these important skills.

How 1000 Books Before School works

- Register at one of the local participating public libraries – Ashburton, Balwyn, Camberwell, Hawthorn and Kew libraries are all participating - to receive your first Reading Record and reading kit.
- Place a sticker on your Reading Record each time you read together with your child.
- Each time you reach a milestone in your Reading Record, bring it in to your local library for a reward.
- Every book that your child completes, or actively listens to, counts – this includes stories read at Storytime sessions, daycare, playgroup, kindergarten, as well as the same book over and over again.
- The program finishes once your child reaches 1000 books, or starts school.

For more information on the program, visit <https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/live-learn/1000-books-school>.



Abbie singing and dancing with the Thursday group