



## Camberwell Structured Playgroup Newsletter Term 4, 2017

### From the President



Welcome to our Term 4 newsletter. After that long, wet winter, it's a delight to see that the fine days and spring blossom have finally arrived.

There are a number of activities planned for this

term. **Kidding Around Photography** on 14-16 November. And, importantly, we have snared a prime date at **Bunnings Hawthorn for a fundraising BBQ** for which we need your help – read on for more information.

Playgroup numbers are high this term with all of the groups approaching capacity. Please continue to spread the word about playgroup to your friends and family. There is always a drop off in Term 1 of the new year as the older children make the transition to kinder, so we will be looking for lots of new families to join playgroup in 2018.

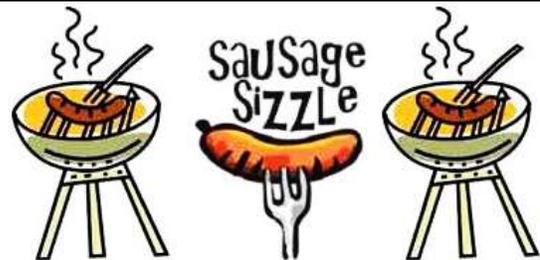
At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Thursday Leader Abbie Chandler. Abbie has been a familiar face at playgroup for some time, initially attending as a mum with her two daughters, before taking on the role of Treasurer and then both Wednesday and Thursday Playgroup Leader. Her enthusiasm, warmth, professionalism and 'can do' attitude have made her a favourite with the families who have attended her groups. The Committee has also benefited from Abbie's broad range of skills and good head for management and she will be sorely missed. Abbie's last task will be to man the morning shift for the Bunnings BBQ, and for this too, we thank her. Jenny Purvis, Tuesday Leader, will lead both the Tuesday and Thursday groups next year.

Thanks for coming along to playgroup this term. Enjoy the remainder of the year, Christmas and the festive season and the summer holidays. For those of you who will be returning, we look forward to seeing you again in 2018. For those who will finish their time at Playgroup this term – we trust you've got some treasured memories of your child's time at Playgroup and we wish you and your family all the very best for the future.

Regards,

Chris Berting  
President

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### CSP Fundraiser Hawthorn Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 17 December 2017

Come and join us for a delicious sausage and drink when you take a break from your Christmas shopping! We will be at the Hawthorn Bunnings on 17 December raising money for our Playgroup.

We are also after volunteers to help on a 2.5hr shift as well as donation of items. There is a list on the Playgroup board for both of these. We really need your help to make this a resounding success for CSP! The money we raise will help keep Playgroup running and your fees down.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/camberwellstructuredplaygroup)

## What's happening at Playgroup

**10 October-22 December** - Term 4.

**14-16 November** - The CSP photographer, Kidding Around Photography, will come and take individual photos of your child, available for purchase and delivered in time for Christmas.

**17 December** – Bunnings Hawthorn sausage sizzle, come and join us for a bite to eat and a cold drink!

**19-21 December** – End of Term 4 and Christmas parties. Bring a healthy snack to share with everyone.

**15 January 2018** - Enrolment and payment for Term 1, 2018 due.

## Meet Katherine, Wednesday group leader



Hello! I'm Katherine, the Wednesday group leader. I have two nieces and one nephew, all under the age of 5. I hold a Diploma of Early Education and Care and have been working with children for the last 4 years. I'm also a qualified

Graphic Designer and have a strong passion for art and design, which I like to implement with the children at playgroup.

I enjoy seeing the strong interactions between parents and children at playgroup. It's such a fun and welcoming environment.

My other passions include fitness, animals and water colour painting.

I've recently started at CSP and I look forward to getting to know my Wednesday group families.

## Fundraising

CSP is a community-run not-for-profit – and we've been around for over 30 years! We survive from your enrolments fees, many hours of volunteer work and money raised through our fundraising activities.

Fundraising is important for CSP. It helps us to maintain the hall and the playground, to purchase arts and crafts supplies, new toys and books and also keep our glitter supply up!

### We need help with fundraising



Do you think you can help us? The Fundraising position has recently become available. The role involves organising and coordinating different activities, such as the Caring for Kids raffle, Bright Star Kids labels, Earn and Learn as well as identifying new opportunities to raise money for CSP.

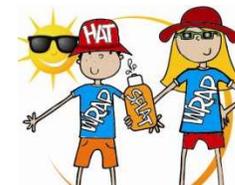
Even if you only have time to work on one or two projects, we'd love to hear from you! If you'd like to find out more about this position please speak to your playgroup leader or email [president@csp.org.au](mailto:president@csp.org.au).

## How should we reinvest the money?

CSP participated in the 2017 Caring for Kids raffle. There was a \$6000 Flight Centre voucher up for grabs, remember? Well we didn't win the voucher, but we did manage to raise \$280 for CSP! Thank you for your efforts in selling the tickets.

How should we invest the money? We'd love to hear your thoughts. Let your Playgroup Leader know, drop an email to [contact@csp.org.au](mailto:contact@csp.org.au) or send us a message on Facebook to let us know your thoughts.

## Slip, slop, slap!



It's finally – finally!! – starting to get warmer. Remember to bring a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle for your little ones when they play outside.

## So what is a 'structured playgroup'?

CSP is a 'structured playgroup' where the facilitators set up and provide open-ended play experiences where children can bring their own creativity and explore materials in their own way.

Parents are required to support and guide their own child through the session, as children are at all times the responsibility of the parent/carer. We structure the group so that there is play time, shared snack time, group time and outside time.

## Local resource

We all know how valuable local knowledge and support is, particularly in all things children and family. And we all know how challenging it can be when the weekend sneaks up on you and you haven't made any plans yet!

## mamma knows melbourne

*Mamma knows Melbourne* has every corner of this fine city is covered by an inspiring Mamma who is sharing the very best of their neighbourhood - places to go, things to do and adventures to have! The activities are researched by a local mamma and her kids and written about, taking the hard work out of researching – or even thinking! – about what you want to do this weekend.

Mamma Knows is made up of four 'groups', Mamma Knows North, South East, West. Follow the areas of interest on Facebook or check out the website at <https://www.mammaknowsmelbourne.com.au>.

## Wait – how long until Christmas...??!!!



With Christmas fast approaching, get a head start on your present shopping. Parent Direct have so many items covering all ages groups on offer – games, puzzles, science-based play, outside and water play (great with summer approaching) as well as many things to make and create.

And the best part about it is that they donate up to 25% of sales back to CSP.

The latest brochure is at Playgroup noticeboard for you to take or you can shop online at [www.parentdirect.com.au](http://www.parentdirect.com.au) - *make sure you select Camberwell Structured Playgroup at checkout so we get the benefits of your buys.*

## Bright Star Kids



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](http://www.brightstarkids.com.au).

## CSP Committee

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