
Hi everyone and welcome to the 2023 AGM for North Brighton Kindergarten.

It's been an exciting year, **coming back** to the Cochrane Street centre. Like everyone who has moved house there are some days it feels overwhelming and other days when it feels so good to be home. We continue to work with Bayside Council to finish the final bits and pieces.

Our **teachers** and educators, many of who are here tonight have been wonderful sources of laughter, support and friendship this year. Not to mention the education and kindness they impart every day to my children and yours. NBK is not a kinder without them and I encourage you all to see them in their glory through the eyes of the children which is all around us. Hayley, Kelly and Kate have worked tirelessly in the 3yo room this year and we see their hard work demonstrated in the happiness of their room. Kim, Kate, Kylie and Rose are our 4yo team and Helen is joining them for 2024. Your hard work and efforts are not unnoticed, especially not by the children but we thank you all for this year, and every year past.

The **timetable** this year has been different to past years including some terms with extended care while we waited for Playroom to arrive in term 3.

Lianne our vice-president has supported the **fundraising** enormously successfully. Thank you Lianne and all the parents who donated their time or money to raise such good funds.

Larissa has been our **grants** officer and successfully raised grants from Ford, Bendigo Bank and Bayside City Council. Our indigenous mural will be hung later this term and our teachers continue to benefit from their term 1 attendance at Bundjil's nest. Bayside's grant will support our term 1 family welcome event next year.

My children are all different to each other and I see that here they can play and learn as suits them. Angus spent his time in the sand pit. Emily made symmetrical buildings. And Matilda has loved her time here at kinder this year. This is my last day as President and I look forward to talking more in a bit about the available committee roles and how you can be part of the community.

Over these last 6 years I've volunteered on excursions, swept the sandpit and attended working bees. I've also been President for the last 12 months. Everyone needs to contribute to the committee for at least 1 year in your tenures here. There are lots of different roles and your contributions will make the kinder better for your children.

Tonight is my last night at President and we need one or two people here tonight to step into the caretaker role. If you want to try it, then you're the right person.

Vice president: If you've ever organised a birthday party, you're the right person!

Treasurer: If you're comfortable with numbers you're the right person!

Grants: If you're comfortable filling out online forms, you're the right person!

HR: If you've worked in HR in any industry, you're the right person!

Enrolments: If you want a role that is telling people how great NBK is, this is for you!

Community kinder allows your families to be part of a small community of people all at the same life stage, all living in the same location, all benefiting from the same amazing service. AND it's only possible if you recognise that it needs your help to exist. It cannot exist without a committee and you.