

Belair Jean Bonython  
Kindergarten



# INNOVATIVE GOVERNANCE IN SCHOOLS AND PRESCHOOLS

How to get parents more involved – a case study

**Leader**  
Lynette Jones, Director



“...to make sure parents get the most out of being on the council, the annual general meeting, including the induction, was moved to the very beginning of the year. This means our council members are fully engaged in activities in a positive and meaningful way earlier on, and this deepens their involvement. Members feel comfortable with their roles and responsibilities and this is reflected in their decisions.”

Lynette Jones

## The setting

### Governing council – not just fundraisers

For many years the governing council (also known as a management committee) at Belair Jean Bonython Kindergarten acted as a fundraising group, instead of being involved in important decisions about the preschool.

Preschool director Lynette Jones wanted to see how she could change this, and build a culture where parents felt valued and able to contribute.

