



Presidents Report July 2017

Welcome back everyone! We do hope you had wonderful holidays relaxing with your families.

On the first Monday of the holidays we held our Annual Quality Improvement Planning Meeting and it was a very successful day. I would like to extend a big thank you to the Teachers and Committee Members that attended and specifically a Parent who took up the invitation given in the last newsletter to come along. It was incredibly valuable to have a voice from someone who is not as involved and helped the team look at areas that possibly would not have been raised without their views. I want you all to know that EVERYONE is welcome to be a part of these processes so please continue to read the newsletter in its entirety to ensure you receive the information regarding the upcoming dates.

The new QIP is available for your viewing in the foyer so please take a moment and have a look at what the team has identified as their focus for the upcoming year.

60 YEAR CELEBRATION

It is very exciting for us that this year is when we celebrate being Balnarring Pre-School for 60 years! What an achievement and what a Pre-School it has grown to become. We are very proud and of course therefore want to celebrate in style. We will be putting together a day in November and are looking for volunteers to help us with this day.

We will be having a meeting on **Tuesday 1st August @ 7pm** at the Pre-School to put a plan in place and delegate jobs. There are so many ways you can be involved in this and we would really love to have some fresh faces. Being involved in events like this, no matter how big or small your role is such a **WONDERFUL** way to be able to connect with other families. The friendships I have created over the last two years just through being on the Committee are ones I will have for life, so please take this opportunity and come along.

Next Committee Meeting: 15th August 7pm

Please feel free to approach me or call if you have any questions or ideas regarding the Pre-School.

Caroline

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Volunteers Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday 1st of August

Balnarring Pre-School @ 7pm

**We are looking for volunteers to help organise our 60 years celebration.
Hope to see you there!**



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Weelam and Djeembana News July 2017

Welcome to term three!!!!!!! We know from the conversations we have had with the children that many adventures occurred over the break.

This is combined news as you all received lots of news from us at the end of term two.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE TEACHING TEAM , FAMILIES AND COMMITTEES CURRENT AND PAST for their role in Balnarring receiving an Excellent rating. The process involved in being awarded this rating is extremely extensive. Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority - ACECQA (www.acecqa.gov.au) have provided us with a 14 page document outlining why this rating was granted. If you are interested in reading the document please ask a teacher.

The purpose of the excellent rating is to:

- *celebrate excellence in the delivery of education and care*
- *engage and involve families and the community in the discussion about quality and what is important in education*
- *learn from and be inspired by examples of high practice, innovation and creativity in education and care*
- *promote and reinforce the value of education and care and the people who work in the sector*
- *recognise providers and educators who are champions of quality improvement.*

Rated
EXCELLENT
by ACECQA



*profession's
and care
accomplished*

The Excellent rating is the highest rating an education and care service can achieve.

Thank you to the families who came along to the working bee over the break, so many jobs were completed. Thank you also to Mick (Hayley's dad) for making us a camp kitchen and place to store the wood so it stays dry. Thank you also to Drew (Siena's dad) for helping Mick to install the kitchen.

As you all know the end of term ended in a big muddy mess! It was wonderful watching the children and adults enjoying their time together through the freedom of getting DIRTY. The team really appreciated the support they received for this day, in the middle of Winter. The expressions viewed in the photos indicate everyone had a great time.

This term we will be hosting many students in various stages of their training degrees. At times these students will be required to take full responsibility for the group, of course while under our supervision. Please join us in welcoming them to the Pre-school and assisting them when requested.

Bundjil Nest artist in residence project. In August the children will be involved in a project working with Christabel Wigley. We will be doing a lot of work around what an eagle looks like and how can we create an eagle through drawing and construction materials. More details to follow.

The children have been sharing their stories about what they did over the break everyone listening with great interest- please return your child's folder so they can share their stories.



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Learning and Living with nature

Some children found a special rock and told us a story about the rock as part of the 'I found a rock...' work we are doing. It is not a problem if you haven't found a rock, this work will probably continue all term. The stories and rocks are on display for all to view.

That is it for now, until next time

Ann and Karen



Womendjeka Balnarring Ngargee (festival)

The festival committee are looking for people to join sub committees to assist in organising this big event. We are seeking people for the following subcommittees: Food and market stalls; Entertainment; and children's area.

If you think you could help or know someone else who could help, please let Karen, Ann or Jarna Brown know. Anyone in the community is invited they don't have to be part of the pre-school.

The event is planned for the 24th March 2018



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Fundraising Report July 2017

Welcome back families, I hope you all had wonderful holidays and were able to take some time to enjoy them!

ART ON A PLATE

We will need forms and money back no later than the **28th of July** as we need to allow a couple of weeks for artwork to be completed. Also, the turn around on this can take quite some time, between 10-12 weeks, so it is important for us to send them off as early as we can. We will expect delivery for sometime in November.

If you have misplaced your form, there are more available in the foyer on the Fundraising board.

If any siblings also want to take part they can, just fill in their details on the form and speak with your child's teacher about arranging a time to complete the artwork (either at home or at kinder).

BUNNINGS BBQ

On Sunday 6th of August we will be found cooking up a storm at **Bunnings Hastings** and we are asking for volunteers to help us cook the sausage sizzle.

There is a whiteboard in the foyer with a timetable on it and it would be fantastic if you could write your name and contact details down in a timeslot that suits you.

Your contributions of time are greatly appreciated, and help to provide our wonderful kindergarten with the resources they need to run their awesome program!

Please also keep in mind the other ways to help us raise funds by:

- Ritchies Card
- Custom printed bags (to be on sale in September) – great for library bags or Christmas gifts for grandparents

Thanks again for your time, generosity and positive attitudes,

Rachel Jacobson

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Balnarring Pre-School

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Book swap boxes

In the foyer there is a book stand provided by Peninsula reads. Children are invited to take a book from this stand and share with their families at home. This book is theirs to keep.

The book swap boxes and stands have been placed all over the Peninsula in various public spaces e.g. Centrelink, Peninsula Community health, Maternal child health centres, Balnarring Laundry Mat. Your child can take a book from any of these boxes/stands.

When you have books that are no longer being used in your home please donate them back to the book boxes/stands

Boon Wurrung Language

Pirnbial – Rainbow

Burrung – Night

Djerrang – Leaf

Burt – Smoke

Wiiny – Fire

Bili – Lizard

Ngarret - Frog

Permission has been granted to by Elder Fay Stewart-Muir and Arweet Carolyn Briggs.

PARENT LIBRARY

In the foyer there are assortments of books covering various topics that are available for parents to borrow.

One section is dedicated to the developing knowledge about the culture of the First Peoples. If you are interesting in learning about the history of the Aborigines and sharing stories with your children then please take a look at these books.



Balnarring Preschool website

<https://balnarringpreschool.org.au/>

Please make sure you have a look at our website, we have all our newsletters available to read. We are currently in the process of updating our information, If you have any ideas about what you would like to see on our website please let us know, we would appreciate your feedback.

Please email our kinder with any feedback at Balnarring.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au



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