



Balnarring Pre-School

Learning and Living with nature

Presidents Report

Hello Families!

Welcome back to the Pre-School after the Term Holidays and Easter. I hope you've come back refreshed and eager for another great Term here at Balnarring Pre-School!

Maintenance

Thank you to the 11 families that contributed to the maintenance day on Sunday 28th April – we are so grateful for the work that was put in to the kinder – it's made a huge difference.

3yo Program

If any of our parent group knows of any families that are looking for a spot in a 3yo program this year, please let them know to contact the council as there are some openings available here for the rest of the year.

Trivia Night

We have a big few weeks ahead for the kinder with our biggest fundraising event for the year - Trivia Night, approaching very quickly. Tickets have already gone on Sale and there is already a flurry to get seats – don't forget to Dress for the occasion and be as creative as you can be – there will be prizes on the night!

Our fundraising committee have been very busy sourcing donations and we are keen to see them come through the door ready for the Silent Auction - If any families have offered to Donate goods for the night, or if you have organised to find a donation please follow up on these items and bring them into the Kinder as soon as you can as this will assist the fundraising committee immensely.

Bundjil Book

Last year, the four year old program took part in a Publishing first by collaborating with Indigenous Elder Caroline Briggs Parbin – ata, Boonwurrung and created the BUNDJIL – Creation Story Book – this is significant as it's the first time this story has been published with permission from the Elders – and it's for Sale! If you would like to purchase the book it is \$30

In an envelope – please place your Name, Group and the money in the black box on the wall so we can give you your book and an invoice.



Soft Plastics

This year, the entire Kindergarten program will be collaborating with an Artist as part of the Bundjil Nest program and the Balnarring community – WE NEED YOUR SOFT PLASTICS –

- Bread, pasta and rice bags
- Cereal box liners
- Biscuit packets
- Frozen food bags
- Ice cream wrappers
- Squeeze pouches
- Plastic sachets
- Bubble wrap
- Cling wrap
- Chocolate and muesli bar wrappers
- Silver-lined chip and cracker packets
- Confectionery bags
- Fresh produce bags
- Netting citrus bags
- Polypropylene bags
- Plastic film from grocery items like nappies and toilet paper
- Courier satchels
- Newspaper and magazine wrap
- Sturdy pet food bags
- Plastic bags from boutique/department stores
- Large sheets of plastic that furniture comes wrapped in (cut into pieces the size of an A3 sheet of paper first

Please bring your clean soft plastics in with you each week – we are aiming to collect 200 + kgs – think outside the household, think work!

Government Subsidised 15 Hour 3Yo program Rollout.

You all would have received an email from The Minister for Education – The Hon. James Merlino in regards to the 15 hours government subsidy for 3 yo program. In short, the Peninsula will be rolled out in 2022 with a 5hour program and we have until 2029 to establish a 15 hour program. This is very early days and a significant amount of thinking and planning will be taken to incorporate these exciting changes.

PARKING WILL BE TIGHT ON 6TH MAY

There will be a film crew and all their trucks and major accessories using the carpark here at the hall and playground – just be aware that the carpark will be much busier (and exciting) than usual

Love and laughter

Amelia- Mum of Herbie in Djeembana

President.

Maintenance Report

We had an amazing turn out to the maintenance day last Sunday the 28th of April, thank you to all the families who attended and for their enthusiasm and generosity! The next maintenance day will be on Sunday 19th May. A list of families will be on front door and families will be emailed individually this week.

Meg- Maintenance Coordinator

Fees Reminder

Term 2 fees are now overdue for those who haven't paid yet.

Just a reminder to use your Agent ID number as your reference, its highlighted on your invoice. Please remember if you are ever having trouble paying your fees, don't hesitate to have a chat with your teacher. Thank you,

Jo- Fees officer.

Enrolments

2020 Kinder registrations are now open! They will be open from Monday March 4th, 2019 and will close on Sunday June 30th, 2019.

To place your enrolment, you will need to go on the Mornington Peninsula Council website below and follow the links. Please ensure you don't miss this process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tamara Blank or your class teacher.

<https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Community-Services/Children-Family/Kindergarten>

Tamara- Enrolment Officer.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 21st May @ 7pm

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday 7th May**
Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee Community Festival
Committee Meeting.
- **Wednesday 8th May**
BUNDJIL NEST PROJECT
Day of learning (4yo groups)
- **Sunday 12th May**
Somers/Balnarring Mother's Day Classic
COOLART WETLANDS (see attachment)
- **Saturday 25th May**
Trivia Night

Reminders

- 2020 Kinder Registrations now open!
- Trivia night tickets now on sale.

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ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

Working with children check (WWC) –Creating a Child safe environment.

Parents will not be required to have a WWC as they are not regularly with the children. However.... When in our group please be aware that a parent is always to be in sight of the staff when with the children. Any change of clothing or toileting challenges will be managed by the staff EVEN IF YOU KNOW THAT CHILD. Please let a team member know if a child requires support.

Acknowledgement: Balnarring Preschool acknowledges that our children and families play and learn on Boon Wurrung Country. We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung of the Kulin Nation as the First Peoples of this land. We thank them for caring for the land and the waterways and value the sharing of their knowledge and stories. We pay our respects to their Elders: past and present.