



Balnarring Pre-School



& Infant Welfare Association

Learning and Living with nature

Presidents Report

Hello families,

Welcome to the end of orientation month and the beginning of our full programs. Whether it be a first time for your child amongst a group of new faces or they are an old hat, and the surroundings of the playful arena of new friends is something that seems to come naturally to them; new situations can bring both excitement and new challenges. This is true for both the children and the adults. I know for myself when we first came to the kinder at the beginning of last year, I was confident that Hunter would adapt great to his new surroundings, I think the angst was more the thought of me having to meet a whole new crowd of people, would they like me? Will it matter that I don't live in Balnarring and am an outsider to this close-knit town. What I realised quickly though was that the community here is something truly special. The teachers and educators create an environment that is warm and energetic and so very welcoming to all families. That flowed on through the families as well. I made some very good true friends last year, and although kinder is about the kids, it is also about the parents. It gives us an opportunity to meet some wonderful people and families and I really encourage you to open yourself up to making these connections.

You will find the minutes of our meeting on the Pinboard on the wall of Ann and Jill's office – you will find all sorts of information up there as the year moves along.

The next Committee Meeting is March 17th and is an open meeting allowing any member of our Kindergarten to come a voice their ideas and feedback.

There is always lots happening and dates to remember, so please keep an eye open for notices and any information on the notice board in the foyer.

Thank you to Jarna Browne for doing our acknowledgment in our committee meeting, of which we will share here.

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We Acknowledge that we are here on the land of the Boon Wurrung language group of the Kulin Nations. We acknowledge all First Peoples across Australia. We pay our respects to all Elders: past and present, we thank them for sharing their stories, knowledge, understanding of land especially here where the kinder lies, our water ways and the encouragement for our children to connect.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 17th March 2020 @ 7pm

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 28th February

Manameet/Gareeal groups – family night with Lionel

Sunday 1st March

Weelam group kinder working bee 10-1pm (other groups to follow later in the year)

Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th March

Womin Djeka community festival – see flyer in foyer

Thursday 19th March

Easter raffle tickets due back by this day please. Please place money/tickets in the black box located in the foyer (sold or unsold). Raffle drawn 24th March.

Friday 20th March - KINDER CLOSURE DAY

No sessions for Djeembana, Manameet or Gareeal this day as teachers will be attending an educational conference. Please speak with your group teacher if you have any queries/concerns.

Sunday 29th March

Bunnings fundraiser BBQ – information to be placed on foyer noticeboard shortly – please pop your name down to help out if you can.

Saturday 30th May 2020

Kinder trivia night – disco theme - keep an eye out for further details in the coming weeks!

****Please email Jarna Browne – jarnabrowne81@gmail.com (fundraising coordinator) if you would like to join the fundraising committee! Next meeting scheduled for April 15th ****

ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

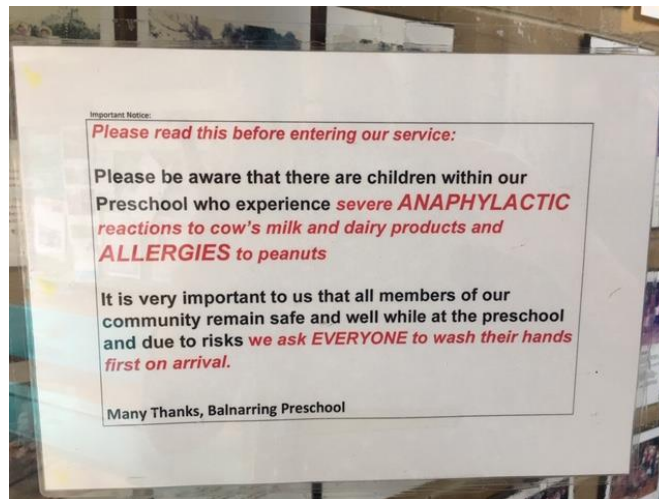
Working with children check (WWC) –Creating a Child safe environment.

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.

General reminders/other information

- Reminder to please label all your children's items (clothing, food containers/drink bottles) and check lost property (basket located in the foyer) if anything goes missing.
- Please keep an eye out for a stainless steel lunch container missing from Weelam group and return to Ann if you find it 😊
- Please remember to remind your child to wash their hands upon entering the kinder for their session and apply sunscreen before/upon arrival.
- Information attached regarding headlice for future reference since it's unfortunately that time of year again where it may do the rounds!



PLAYDOUGH RECIPE

- ½ cup salt
- 1 cup plain flour
- 2 tbs cream of tartar
- 1 cup water
- 1 tbs oil (vegetable/canola oil)
- 3 drops liquid food colouring of your choice

Mix all ingredients together in a medium sized saucepan. Stir over heat until dough is pliable. Allow to cool and store in a well sealed plastic container.

Makes enough for 2-4 children to play with. Keep in the fridge and it lasts 6 months or more 😊

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.