

Balnarring Preschool & Infant Welfare Association

Learning and Living with nature



Rated
EXCELLENT
by ACECQA



Manna Meet News -February 2019

Welcome to our first newsletter for Manna Meet group. I wanted to start by thanking everyone for their support, enthusiasm and assistance in helping their children transition into preschool. It is a huge milestone for everyone and your support and trust in Lisa and I are appreciated and assists in creating a positive start to the year. Lisa and I have enjoyed spending the first four shorter sessions getting to know the families and beginning to build relationships with the children. We will continue to focus on children's sense of belonging at kinder and making strong connections throughout the term and rest of the year as well.

We have begun to establish routines with children and help them to learn kinder routines with visuals, songs and rhymes. Lisa and I will work in small groups with the children and discuss, share and model kinder expectations with the children. We have introduced board-maker which are visual pictures showing what happens at kinder (schedule), how to wash hands and go to the toilet and how to be a great listener using our high 5 hand listening rules. We have also been learning about how not to be a space invader at kinder especially during mat time. Please feel free to take your child to the orange board maker board which we display near the piano at the beginning of each session. It often helps children to feel more settled and secure knowing what is happening and when they will be collected.



The children enjoyed exploring the vegetable garden and watching the baby chicks. They picked overgrown leaves in the vege garden to feed to the chickens. They were gentle and curious and shared their thoughts and knowledge about chickens with Jill. We are looking forward to our full sessions to have more time to get a bit closer, maybe get a cuddle if we can catch one and to learn more about them and how to care for them.



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.

Balnarring Preschool & Infant Welfare Association

Learning and Living with nature



Rated
EXCELLENT
by ACECQA



We are looking forward to our first full session this Friday with the children and I have put Manna Meets 'Stay and Play' roster on the sign in book for families to sign up too and join us. You should have also received this terms plan to keep you up to date with the kinder activities. For those not on duty, you are more than welcome to join us at the end of the session for our group time fifteen minutes prior to the end of the session.

In the next couple of weeks, we will send the children home with a social story about kinder. Please read the story with your child and share it with family and friends to help familiarise your child with kinder further. They will also receive a group photo of all the children in Manna Meet group which you can look at with your child to help them become more familiar with other children in the group.

Thanks again for a great start to the year Manna Meet, we are excited to spend time with you all again this Friday the 28th February at the 3-year-old Womin djeka night for a special evening with Lionel Lauch a Gunditjmarra Kirrae Wurrung-Bundjalung man.

Thanks, Jill



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.