



## April Committee Newsletter 2020

### Presidents Report

It has been 34 days since lockdown began in Victoria. I'm not sure how you feel but for me it feels like a lot longer than that. I miss seeing people and going to the playground and morning coffees, Hunter is very much missing his kinder friends, and my oldest son, Brett, misses footy and school. For now though, we will learn to embrace zoom chats and virtual cup of tea times. Life is all about perspective so rather than look at what I miss I will try to look at the things I have gained. I have so much more time to play with my kids, go for lots of walks and not be so busy. Even so there are still days I find it hard and those are the days it is so important to connect with my community. The teachers at the kinder are doing such an amazing job supporting the families, connecting with you all and caring for our children who are at the kinder and at home. Please reach out to this community of teachers and also of parents, we are all in this together and we are all going to have good days and bad days but you don't have to do it on your own. Take care of yourselves and your beautiful kids and I look forward to the day we can all enjoy this community face to face.

Fiona

### Fundraising committee update

Congratulations to our Easter raffle winners – Eliza, Janelle and Sharon! We are yet to tally the total raised from this fundraiser, but will let you know next month. Thank you to everyone for taking part and hope everyone had a lovely Easter.

If you have a Balnarring IGA community benefits card, make sure you nominate Balnarring Pre-school on your card as this is another great way to support our wonderful centre.

### Kinder enrolments for 2021

Dear Families,

2021 Central Registrations are now open for 3 and 4 year old kindergarten.

'On-Time' registrations will close on Sunday 2nd August 2020 at 11:59pm. 'Late' registrations will be accepted from Monday 3rd August 2020 at 9:00am.



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To register your child you will need to go to the Mornington Peninsula Shire website below and follow the links. Please ensure you do not miss this process.

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

Please note that the Mornington Peninsula Shire has made changes to the 2021 Priority of Access/ Allocation Criteria for kindergarten positions. To view these changes and for all information in regards to the registration process please see the 2021 Kindergarten Central Registration Information Book on the Shire's website.

If you have any questions in regards to this process please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of teaching staff on 03 5983 5803.

Regards

Tamara Blank

Enrolment Officer – Balnarring Pre-School

## Boon Wurrung Language

You may hear your children speak some of the Boon Wurrung language they have been learning at kinder. Elders Carolyn Briggs and Fay Stewart-Muir have given our kinder permission to use these words. Each month we will list a few of these words in our newsletter. This month, we have included the following:

**Bubup** – Children

**Wurneet** – Creek, river

**Biik** - Land

**Walert-gurn** – Possum skin coat

## April recipe – Ooblec

A quick, easy mixture that has a strange wet/dry sensation!

Pour some cornflour in a container, add some food colouring of your choice, slowly add water until the mixture is the consistency of paint. Your children will enjoy pulling and shaping this mixture! Have fun 😊

## Next committee meeting: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020



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