



May Committee Newsletter 2020

Presidents Report

It has been a busy month at the kinder this month, with lots of meetings, big decisions to be made, and adjusting to the new way of life at the kinder with the children. The four year olds have made fun out of the McDrop off point, the side gate of the car park. Temperature checks going in and out and saying goodbye to their drivers at the gate, valet anyone? All of our teachers have been working so hard to keep up the community spirit both at home and at kinder, there is not one of our educators that has taken it easy. Over the past month I have had the honour of working with Karen and Anne Pelemis, our Vice President, as well as all of our committee members contributing to the reflection of the teachers, to do staff appraisals and it is so evident how passionate all of our teachers are about the children, the environment and the program. They work so hard together to bring unique skills to create a program that builds our children up to be resilient happy little children with a respect for the great outdoors and the perspectives of the first people. Such an amazing team of people. Thank you teachers for all you have done and the extremely hard work you have all put in during this unsettling time.

Looking forward over the coming month, we will be inviting our three year old program back into the kinder. It will be wonderful to have this program back with Jill, Lisa and Kim in the centre. A term is a very long time in the world of a three old.

I hope you are all taking care of yourselves and have been enjoying the beautiful, but cold, days we have been having.

Fiona

Fundraising committee update

We raised a total of \$756.00 from our Easter Raffle for our kindergarten. Thank you to all for supporting our kinder!

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.



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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.

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:

Gurrun (gur-run) – Elbow
Mirring – Eyes

Barring (bar-ring) - Knees
Gaang – Nose



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May recipe – Super easy no bake coconut and date balls (2 ingredients!!)

3 cups dessicated coconut

2 cups pitted dates

Place 2 cups of coconut and the dates in a food processor/or blender.

Process for 3-4 minutes scraping down the sides as needed.

Remove from the processor and roll teaspoon size balls in the remaining coconut.

Next committee meeting: Tuesday 16th June 2020



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