



# Balnarring Preschool & Infant Welfare Association

Learning and Living with nature



## June Committee Newsletter 2020

### Presidents Report

Hi friends and families.

What an exciting time it has been in the kinder this past month. The four's have been back learning in our beloved bush/beach kinder; three's have been back in the kinder, with some beautiful weather allowing lots of outdoor time; we were finalists in the HART awards and it was announced that we were the winners, a huge congratulations to the staff of the kinder and our wonderful first people connections who also contribute so much to our kinder and community. There is so much to celebrate in the month of June.

Coming up in July, we are excited for our teachers to be doing some personal development days with The Dolphin Research Institute, a wonderful charity-based organisation local to us, in Hastings. They will spend time with all our staff providing more knowledge about the marine life the kids are encountering in our program.

We also have some sadder news as a committee, one of our beautiful members Eva, has needed to step down from her position as grants officer due to work commitments. You have been such a valued member for the past year and a half and we are all very thankful for the time that you have contributed to the kinder. In saying this, it means there has been a position open on the committee as grants officer. If you are interested in been a part of our wonderful committee please email us on the kinder email and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

We hope you all have a wonderful break and rest up ready for another big and exciting term 3.

Fiona

### Fundraising committee

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:

**Marram** – Body

**Djinarag (gin-an)** – Feet

**Babadimarnang (ba-badi-marn-ang)** – Thumbs

**Djalang (ja-lang)** - Tounge



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## June recipe – Passionfruit, coconut and quinoa muffins

### Ingredients

- 2 cups (290g) cooked quinoa, cooled
- 1/2 cup (75g) buckwheat flour
- 1/2 cup (35g) shredded coconut (plus 1 tbs for topping)
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp bicarb soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup (80g) coconut sugar
- 1/4 cup (60ml) coconut milk (or milk of choice)
- 1/4 cup (60ml) passionfruit pulp (plus 1 tbs for topping)
- 1/4 cup (60ml) olive oil

### Method

Tip the quinoa, flour, coconut, baking powder, bicarb and salt into a bowl. Stir to combine, then make a well in the centre.

Combine the remaining ingredients in a jug and whisk to combine.

Pour wet ingredients into dry and stir until fully incorporated. Divide into lined muffin tin holes.

Bake 20-22 minutes until a skewer inserted in the centre of a muffin comes out clean. Turn out onto rack to cool completely.

## Next committee meeting: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020



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