



July Committee Newsletter 2020

Presidents Report

I would like to begin this months newsletter by saying a warm thankyou to East End Slabs, they did such a wonderful job of our fairy garden and have given the area down the side of our building a new lease on life. I cannot wait to see what the kids get up to in this area, via teacher's newsletters of course.

On Monday, we sent off one of our beautiful staff members from Weelam group. Betina has accepted a wonderful position elsewhere, but the position will allow Betina to have valuable time with her young family, as I am sure we can all agree is of most importance. Please join with us as we thank Betina for all that she has brought to our kinder, for her gentle caring nature, her wonderful musical talents and her patience with our young bubups.

On another note, our Kinder has received their exceeding rating a couple of months back and will be having a meeting next week to apply for our excellence rating. It is to be held next **Wednesday the 5th of August at 2pm**, if you would like to show your support for the kinder, you are welcome to join us for the meeting, it will take around 2 hours but if need be you are welcome to just come for part. Otherwise, if you can't make the meeting and still feel you want to say something towards this application, you are welcome to write an email to the kinder to add to our notes. Please let Karen know if you would like to attend and she will send you the relevant details for the teleconference.

I would like to finish this months president message by saying a huge thankyou to all of our wonderful committee members. You all contribute so much to this kinder and you are all so passionate about supporting our teaching staff to continue to offer such a fabulous program to our kinder families. It is such an honour to be doing this with you all and I am so very proud of you.

We still have a position open on the committee as the 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.

Fiona

President



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Vice Presidents Report

Thank you to all of the families that participated in our recent COVID-19 Pandemic Survey. It was really heartwarming to read all of the beautiful messages of support for our wonderful Teaching team! I think we can all agree that the staff have been working extremely hard to keep the Pre School open and operating since the pandemic began - a feeling that was reflected in your survey responses.

Moving forward, the Pre School and Teaching Staff will continue to find new ways to support families during this time, helping us all to stay connected.

I am also pleased to report that many families have expressed care and concern for our staff to not overwork themselves. Many of you appreciated the countless extra hours staff have all been doing in order to run both remote contact and onsite learning. In response to this, the Committee has supported changes to the program in order to ensure our Teachers and staff maintain a healthy balance as much as possible.

I thought it would also be nice to share with you a message we put together recently for our beautiful and hardworking Teachers and Educators. The Committee presented it to the Teachers during our last online Committee meeting via zoom. The message was:

To our dear Teachers

And our dear Educators,

We acknowledge you.

Your work is recognised.

Your adaptability is commendable.

Your care is admirable.

Your steadfastness is honourable.

We Thank You!

We are going to display the message along the wall outside of the kinder and we would like to encourage all families to send along more messages of support for the staff.

Thanks again to this unique and supportive community we have at Balnarring Pre School. I



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hope everyone can continue to stay safe and remain positive. And please reach out if you need support in any way.

Warmest regards,

Anne Pelemis

Vice President

Kinder enrolments for 2021

Dear Families,

Just a reminder that 2021 Central Registrations are open for 3 and 4 year old kindergarten.

'On-Time' registrations will close this 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

Fundraising committee

Please find our flyer attached regarding a Zoom kinder trivia night planned for Saturday 12th September 2020! Save the date - more information to follow soon 😊



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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 animals:

Waang – Raven

Guyeem (goy-eem) – Kangaroo

Bundjil – Eagle

Balyang (belly-ang) – Bat

Dates for the diary

Monday 17th August 2020 – Pupil free day Weelam group

Monday 24th August 2020 – Pupil free day Djeembana group

Monday 31st August 2020 – Pupil free day Weelam group

Monday 7th September 2020 – Pupil free day Djeembana group

July recipe – a Winter warmer ‘Baked Porridge’

Ingredients

- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1/2 cup walnuts, ground
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp allspice
- 1 pinch sea salt
- 2 cups milk
- 1 large egg
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup (60g) butter, melted
- 2 bananas, finely sliced
- yoghurt or double cream, to serve



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Method

Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan-forced) and grease a 20cm square cake pan generously with butter or coconut oil.

In a medium bowl, mix together oats, walnuts, baking powder, allspice and salt.

In another medium bowl, whisk together the milk, egg, vanilla, maple syrup and cooled melted butter.

Layer the banana slices across the bottom of the baking dish then cover with the oat mixture.

Slowly drizzle the milk mixture across the top of the oats and tap the tin (or give a gentle shake) to ensure all ingredients are evenly distributed.

Bake for 40 minutes or until golden brown.

Slice and serve immediately with a dollop of thick yoghurt or double cream.

[Next committee meeting: Tuesday 18th August 2020](#)



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