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Balnarring Preschool & Infant Welfare Association

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August Committee Newsletter 2020

President's report

As we travel through August and look forward to September and the hope that September brings, it's good to remember things that we have learnt through this time and the memories we have created for our children. I know it has been a much tougher time for many in this second lock down but I hope you have experienced some good moments as well. I have heard the four year olds have had a wonderful time on their Zoom chats and celebrating science week this week, with the teachers entertaining both the four year olds and sometimes even older siblings with their entertaining science experiments. On the other side we have our three year olds who have enjoyed the hilarious antics of their teachers with videos that have inspired so much creativity at home.

This week has also been a big week for the three year olds looking for four year old kindergarten positions next year. Congratulations to all those that have received a position and don't forget to accept your position if you still intend to take it. For all those families who are on the waitlist, this time can be a very stressful time and I'm so sorry you have to experience this. Unfortunately this step is out of the kinder's hands but I do hope you know that you are not alone in this and it's a good time to connect with other families or our beautiful staff.

On another note, I thought I should also let you know that if you are eligible for a permit to send your children to care, our kindergarten is open to those who need it on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Lastly, but especially not least, we received word today that our kinder has received their Excellence status. This is a huge achievement for our kinder and a huge credit to our teachers and educators and our very committed committee members. Something to be very proud of. The staff work tirelessly to make this kinder the best it possibly can be and this status is a true example that it is in every way possible. Congratulations Balnarring Preschool.

All the best and we hope to see you soon, online or even better in person.

Kind regards

Fiona Fredrickson

President



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Fundraising report

“Art on a plate”

Spare templates are available at kinder if needed.

Plate templates need to be handed in or scanned and emailed to Jarnabrowne81@gmail.com by next Friday the 28th August. Money and order forms need to be handed into kinder or electronically paid and order form emailed by the 28th of August also. This gives us a week to get them all scanned and sent in. If anyone is having issues returning their templates to kinder (ie. If outside of the 5km zone), please let your child’s teacher know and they will arrange a way to get them from you. It’s normally about a 8-12 week turn around to receive your plate, so just in time for Christmas. Happy decorating. X



Kinder trivia night

Our Zoom trivia night is still scheduled for Saturday 12th September! We will be sending out information shortly about registering for the night!

Boon Wurrung Language – words for the month of August

Bar Bar Ka – Dolphin

Wareeny (wareen) – Wombat

Guboorra (gub-orra) – Koala

Weembee – Wallaby



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Dates for the diary

Wednesday 26th August – last date to accept 4yo kinder offer from the council; Last day to submit AGL environmental response submissions to Environment Victoria

Friday 28th August – last date to accept 3yo kinder off from the council; Art on a plate templates and orders due back at the kinder.

Monday 31st August – Pupil free day for Djeembana and Weelam groups

Saturday 12th September – Kinder Zoom trivia night, further info to follow

August recipe – Homemade Glue

I recently made this with my son to make a paper mache train tunnel and thought it might be a good recipe to know of during these times when we are all looking for ways to entertain our little ones! Can be used for other general paper projects too.

- 1 cup cornflour or cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon of white vinegar
- 2 teaspoons of salt
- 4 cups of hot water

Place all ingredients in a medium saucepan and whisk until there are no lumps. Place over high heat until it comes to the boil, and once the mixture thickens and starts to turn translucent, take it off the heat to cool.

Store it in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 3 months. It will turn to a solid jelly once in the fridge – just scoop out what you need at a time and add some hot water until it resembles the thickness you need.

Next committee meeting: Tuesday 15th September 2020



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