



Balnarring Preschool & Infant Welfare Association

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February Committee Newsletter 2021

Presidents Report

Hello Families,

Hope your child(den) and family have had a wonderful time during our phase in time here at the kinder which is now coming to an end with our full time program to start next week. It's been a great opportunity for our children to get used to their new surroundings and environment including their new friends/peers. It's wonderful that these new relationships have begun to form around our Kinder.

Due to the circuit breaker lockdown imposed here in Victoria, our committee meeting was held over Zoom last Tuesday 16th February with only a few minor technical difficulties.

The teaching team have all chipped in and juggled days to help out in Djeembana group whilst Vicki was off last week. We have such a dedicated teaching team who are always willing to help in the running of each and every class at our service.

Please keep an eye out for some important dates coming up. We have fundraising events scheduled which are outlined and something to contribute and look forward to. The Djeembana working bee has been unfortunately postponed until further notice due to the covid restrictions so we will let you know once that has been re-scheduled. We have also set a date for our QIP (Quality Improvement plan) meeting for Tuesday 30th March from 7-9pm which anyone from our Kinder community can attend to contribute.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and month with your families

Kind Regards,

Valeska Noeske-Smith

Fundraising Committee

Hi Families

On behalf of the fundraising committee, we are excited to hopefully have a fun year getting to know you all and hopefully raise some funds for the pre-school along the way!

Below are a couple of dates for your diary, to assist in the fundraising space.



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- **Sunday 21st March – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

We are having a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Hastings on the 21st of March. Please share with your friends and family, invite them all down to buy a sausage to support the pre-school. We will also have a list in the foyer/or at the gate of the kinder for parents to volunteer to help cook and man the stall on the day. Please keep your eye out for this and if you can help it will be very appreciated! Greg, Branch Manager, from the Community Bank Balnarring has kindly donated \$500 towards the supplies for the event, so we are off to a good start!

- **Easter Raffle**

We will also be having an Easter raffle, with a beautiful hamper as the main prize. Details will be handed out in due course.

We have planned out a year of events, all pending how our year progresses, we will send the details out to you in due course.

Please remember also, if you haven't already sign up to a Ritchies Community Benefit card, please pop into one of their stores or download the Ritchies app and list the kinder as your beneficiary. Every time you shop, it goes towards supporting the amazing team and program at the pre-school.

We look forward to the year ahead.

Kimberly & Fundraising Team

Dates for the diary

Saturday 13th March 2021 - Womin Djeka Festival (more information to follow)

Sunday 21st March 2021 - Bunnings BBQ fundraiser (more information to follow early 2021)

Tuesday 30th March 2021 - QIP meeting 7-9pm



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2021 Working Bee Dates

DJEEMBANA: To be advised.

MANAMEET: 6th June

GAREEAL: 29th August

WEELAM: 14th November

Working bees run from 10-1pm. The whole family is invited to help around kinder and join us for a BBQ lunch.

Next meeting:

March 2021 committee meeting – Tuesday 16th March 2021



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