



# Balnarring Preschool & Infant Welfare Association



Learning and Living with nature

## Manameet & Gareeal Reflections February 2021

Womindjeka. (welcome). It has been so lovely getting to meet all our new families and their children as well as reconnect with returning families to the preschool. Our first three sessions have run smoothly and it was lovely to finally get the opportunity to sit with the children and connect with them last week. I wanted to thank everyone for their support, enthusiasm and assistance in helping their children transition into preschool. It is a big milestone for your beautiful bubups (children) and Lisa, Kim and I appreciate your support and trust in us. All the wonderful positive conversations I am hearing that you are having with your children about their kinder really does make all the difference. Your positivity confirms to your children that they can feel safe and encourages them to explore and have fun with us. Lisa, Kim and I really do appreciate your efforts and openness and please let us know if we can support you further in anyway.

We are all looking forward to our final orientation day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February where the group will come together for the first time for a shorter period of time. We will continue to build relationships with the children to help them feel a greater sense of belonging. This is our key goal for the term in both groups and we will continue to focus on developing children's sense of belonging at kinder and making strong connections throughout the term and the rest of the year as well. The following week, full sessions begin!

If you haven't already done so, please write your wish for your child at kinder this year on a gum leaf and add an item from nature that reminds you or connects you and your child to our group art piece this week. I will put up the play and stay roster soon at the sign in book and we always love it when you join in at the end of the session (please arrive 15 mins before the end of the session to help us make it a smooth transition).

THANKS, JILL 😊

### Key Dates

18<sup>th</sup> Feb - Last orientation Manameet 8:30-10am / Gareeal 12-1:30pm

26<sup>th</sup> Feb - Full sessions Manameet 8:30-11am / Gareeal 12-2:30pm

19<sup>th</sup> Mar - Nature walk and harmony day celebration

26<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of Term



*Acknowledgement: Balnarring Preschool acknowledges that our children and families play and learn on Boon Wurrung Country. We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung of the Kulin Nation as the First Peoples of this land. We thank them for caring for the land and the waterways and value the sharing of their knowledge and stories. We pay our respects to their Elders: past and present.*