



April Committee Newsletter 2021

Presidents Report

Hello

Welcome back after the first term holidays. Hope you and your family had a rejuvenating break over the holidays and are excited to return for Term 2.

I would like to thank all the staff and families that made the last week of term 1 so much FUN, complete with end of term family bbq's and Easter egg hunts. It was a great time for the families to catch up and celebrate the end of a successful term 1 at kinder.

What a great opportunity it was for our families to participate in our welcome to country smoking ceremony, led by Steve Parker held on Thursday 25th March. It was such a special night contributing to our first people learning and community spirit at Balnarring.

We held our committee meeting last Tuesday 20th April and can confirm the re-schedule of our QIP (Quality Improvement Plan) meeting. This will be held at the kinder, the first Monday (28th June 21) of the mid-year school holidays at 10am. We invite all families from the kinder to attend along with the committee members to have your voices contribute to our quality improvement plan.

Please also keep an eye out in the newsletter for some upcoming fundraising dates.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our committee members in working hard in each of your roles alongside and with guidance from the teaching team to ensure the smooth running of our kinder which is evident and consolidated in each meeting.

Also a big Thank You to all of the families who contribute to the kinder each day / week / month and throughout the whole year.

Djeembana's working bee was held at the end of last term and each group's working bee is coming up throughout the year. Your help does not go unnoticed or unappreciated and it's because of you that we have such a great community at Balnarring that is bestowed upon our bubups.

Valeska Noeske-Smith



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Congratulations! HART Award 2020 Winner and Narragunnawali Award Nomination.

This month we received our beautiful 2020 HART award.

“The 7th Annual HART awards celebrates and honours the efforts of local governments and community groups across Victoria, which are **Helping Achieve Reconciliation Together** throughout the year.”

In 2020 Balnarring Kindergarten were recognised for their great work and commitment to reconciliation and won this fantastic award. We have been gifted with a sacred Coolamon, currently on display at the kindergarten. Photo below.



The Kindergarten has also been nominated for a Narragunnawali Award.

What are the Narragunnawali Awards?

“Held biennially since 2017, the Narragunnawali Awards are the only national awards program that recognises and celebrates Australian schools and early learning services that are implementing outstanding reconciliation initiatives. Finalists are acknowledged for



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Learning and Living with nature



strengthening relationships, building respect, and providing meaningful opportunities in the classroom, around the school or service, and with the community.”

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 5th May 2021 - Bundjil Nest – Day of Learning

Monday 28th June 2021 – QIP (Quality Improvement Plan) meeting

2021 Working Bee Dates

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:

May 2021 committee meeting – Tuesday 18th, May 2021



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