



Balnarring Preschool & Infant Welfare Association

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March Committee Newsletter 2021

Presidents Report

Hello

What an exciting month it's been at our Kinder.

I'd like to thank Karen, the teaching team, the festival committee, the volunteers, the stall holders, the workshop organizers, performers and all the participants who made it possible for the Womindjeka Festival to happen and run on Saturday 13th March 21. Also to all that attended the festival and joined in to make it a really special day, one that will be sewn into our Kinder fabric as is our continued first people learning for many years to come.

This month we've taken the time to reflect with our boys on their first term of learning, encouragement and settling into their new routine and surroundings. They have been tired but I've also found their resilience and independence building every week.

With term 1 school holidays approaching I'm grateful that we have gotten through the first term without interruption from the pandemic. I think it is important to note and reflect that this time last year the whole world was entering a huge unknown with the pandemic at it's start as we knew it which has and continued to have an impact on all of our lives. What a resilient community we are part of to keep going and thriving over the last year.

As School Holidays are nearly here it's a great opportunity to slow down and recharge with your families.

Enjoy and stay safe.

Valeska Noeske-Smith



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Fundraising Committee

Hello Families.

Hope everyone is settling into the year well. We recently ran 2 of our fundraising events for the year!!

Sunday we held a sausage sizzle at Hastings Bunnings. The weather held off and it was a great day. A Big thank you to all the families that assisted on the day, it's very appreciated.

We have also had our first raffle of the year, with 3 yummy Easter Hampers up for Grabs. I will be drawing the winner this week, so good luck to those that have entered!

After Easter I will be sending out some information for your child to complete their Art on a Plate. If you haven't seen these before, they are a great idea for a keepsake or presents for Christmas & Birthdays.

Keep an eye out for these next month.

Also if you haven't already, please don't forget to grab your Ritchie's Card and list the kinder as your beneficiary, it all helps support the kinder.

Thank you to all the Families that have supported so far, it's great getting to know you all. Have a wonderful Easter Break

From Kimberly and the Fundraising Team

Dates for the diary

Thursday 25th March - Welcome to Country (Flyer attached)

Tuesday 30th March - QIP (Quality Improvement Plan) Meeting

A fun and interactive evening to develop the 2021 Quality Improvement Plan. We will explore any improvements that can be made to the kinder under the National Quality Standards 7 areas:

- Educational Program
- Physical Environment
- Children's Health and Safety
- Relationships with children
- Governance
- Collaborative Partnerships with Families and communities



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- Staffing arrangements

This plan requires input from the teaching team, committee members and families. If you are able please join us 7-9pm. All voices and opinions are valued greatly.

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:

April 2021 committee meeting – Tuesday 20th April 2021



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