



## June Committee Newsletter 2021

### Presidents Report

Hello Families,

We are nearly at the end of term 2 and half way mark through the year.

We have just completed lockdown 4.0 and am grateful that the kinder program has been largely unaffected keeping the continuity of the school year for our children.

Wishing you all a nice holiday period coming up with some relaxation time with your families.

Our committee had a very productive meeting on Tuesday 15th June with some very important decisions being made in regards to the 3yo fees as well as the change in timetable for 2022 which has been outlined in more detail in the newsletter, thanks Celia and Erin. Thank you to all our committee members and the teaching team for your time and thoughtful input.

Karen and I have completed the staff appraisals together over the last two weeks which was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the last 12 months with each individual member of our education team. The appraisals were full of positivity, ideas and feedback that will be used and actioned moving forward. Thank you to Karen and the team, you can clearly see that Balnarring Pre-School is such a positive environment to work in and the team's contribution and reflections make it an amazing place to work which would not be the case without all of you, our families. Thank you.

We have our QIP meeting coming up on Monday 28th June at 10am at the Kinder. You would have received our annual survey this week from our committee members Carmen and Katherine, thank you. Your answers/feedback will be used in our QIP meeting so thank you for taking the time to participate, your input is invaluable and will go towards our quality improvement plan for the next year. We would love to see you (& your children) at the meeting if you can make it.

As we draw to a close of term 2 we are excited to hold our annual Mud Day in each group next week, I've heard it is a great day for families and is one remembered for a long time coming, very much looking forward to it.

Enjoy the end of term 2 and school holidays.

Kind Regards,

Valeska Noeske-Smith



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## Fees for 2021 - 3YO Program

Dear Families of Balnarring Pre-School's 3YO program,

As you may be aware the Victorian State Government is fully funding the 4 year old program this year as a relief for families from the financial impact of Covid-19. There was also an offer to provide financial relief for our usually unfunded 3 year old program as well, but until recently we had heard no word from the Department of Education regarding the amount of funding we would receive. After many behind the scenes phone calls and clarifications we have managed to secure some funding for 2021 but unfortunately it does not cover the full cost of our 3 year old program.

As an act of good will, the Balnarring Pre-School Committee has decided not to pass on the cost to families, but to absorb the extra costs associated with the 3 year old program for the rest of 2021. We understand that many families in our community have experienced significant financial impact over the last year due to the pandemic. It is the priority of the teachers and committee members that families are still able to send their children to our kindergarten program, but also that families are able to afford necessities for living.

At this point, we are unsure of what the fees structure will look like for 2022. What we do know is that it looks likely that there will be fees associated for both the 3 year old and 4 year old program for next year and if that is the case, the first payment will be due in Nov 2021 for the following year.

If you are able, please consider supporting the Balnarring Pre-School fundraising committee and their events throughout the year as this revenue stream goes toward supporting our amazing pre-school.

Thanks so much for your patience and understanding and please feel free to contact me at [balnarring.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:balnarring.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au) if you need any further help or information.

Kind regards,

Erin Power  
Fees Officer Balnarring Pre-School



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## 2022 Timetable

Please find below the new session hours for 2022.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Djeembana 9-2 Beach/Bush</b>	<b>Djeembana 9-2</b>	<b>Djeembana 9-2</b>		
		<b>Weelam 9-2 Beach/Bush</b>	<b>Weelam 9-2</b>	<b>Weelam 9-2</b>
<b>Manameet 8:30-11</b>	<b>Manameet 8:30-11 Nature</b>			
<b>Gareeal 12-2:30</b>	<b>Gareeal 11:30-2:00 Nature</b>			

## Fundraising Committee

Hi Families,

On behalf of the fundraising committee, we hope you have all survived these last few weeks of lockdown.

Thankyou for everyone that has supported Art On a Plate, the children have just about finished their artworks at kinder, so I will be sending these off to be produced in the coming weeks. I am sure there are going to be some wonderful artworks from them all!

COVID has put a small halt on our fundraising, however we hope to have a couple more things to support in term 3 and 4, so look out for those.

Please remember also, if you haven't already, sign up to a Ritchies Community Benefit card. 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. Just another small way you can support the amazing service.

Enjoy the upcoming school holidays, hopefully some of you are getting away to warmer weather!

Stay Safe

Kimberly & Fundraising Team



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## Committee Position Vacant: Historian

The position of Historian has become available within our committee. The Historian is the link between the past and the current, and is responsible for the historical record keeping, writing an article for the Balnarring Bridge every two months and distributing the annual community newsletter.

If you are interested in taking up this position for the remainder of 2021, please let your child's teacher know or contact the kinder via email/phone to express your interest.

Further information about the role can be found in the position description attached to this month's email to families.

## Dates for the diary

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021** – QIP (Quality Improvement Plan) meeting

## 2021 Working Bee Dates

**MANAMEET:** To be confirmed.

**GAREEAL:** To be confirmed.

**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:

**July 2021 committee meeting – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, July 2021**



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