



# Balnarring Preschool & Infant Welfare Association

Learning and Living with nature



## May Committee Newsletter 2021

### Presidents Report

Hello to our wonderful families,

We are half through term 2 and it has been a busy and exciting time at Kinder.

Our nature program is in full swing which included a collaborative day of learning at the bush/beach on Wednesday 5th May with not only our kinder involved but also Balnarring Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School and Balnarring ELC participating. It felt like this day gave perspective to our children that not only do we learn and grow through our first people learning at Balnarring preschool that our wider community and a whole generation are committed and doing the same, how fantastic!

Thanks to Karen and our amazing education team for organising such an amazing opportunity for our bubups and community. Again, the effort and time that the whole team puts in is second to none.

Just a reminder to all of our families that whilst we are very lucky to have had an uninterrupted year of learning and running the program on site this year in regards to COVID-19, that also means we are spending more time together and cough's/cold's/virus's are spreading more easily. With that in mind, please keep your child at home if they have any symptoms including "just a runny nose" which has been listed as a symptom of COVID-19. If your child does present with any symptoms the teachers will be calling you to collect your child as a result.

We thank you for your co-operation and your understanding that we need to all keep being a step ahead of complacency.

Thank you to our committee members for a productive and thoughtful meeting on Tuesday 18th May, where we have been able to start thinking and planning for next year.

Also a reminder to all families that the QIP (quality improvement plan) meeting is being held on Monday 28th June at 10am at the kinder and we would love your voice/input.

Enjoy the second half of term 2 and the beautiful sunny (crisp) days we have been having.

Kind Regards,

Valeska Noeske-Smith



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## Dates for the diary

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

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021** – Willum Warrain Reconciliation Walk (see attached flyer for more details)

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, June 2021**



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