



## July Committee Newsletter 2021

### Presidents Report

Hello to our wonderful families,

Hoping you all had a lovely time over the school holidays with your bubups. I can really see first peoples learning coming through in my children in the activities we did over the break, it so inspiring to see and my children are teaching us so much of what they are learning. They had so many stories from N'arweet Carolyn Briggs coming into their class before term break. We referred to their kinder books over the holidays which was a great tool to use for activities and build upon their story telling.

Over the school holidays the committee and the teaching team held the QIP meeting to enable the update of the quality improvement plan for the kinder for 2021. Your survey answers were used extensively in this meeting and it was a great way to have the voices of the families heard and used in our quality improvement plan. Thank you so much for taking the time to partake in the survey.

Mud Day on the last week of term was so much fun. The teaching team did an amazing job setting up not only the "mud" area but also a "no mud zone" to ensure each child felt part of the day. It brought so much joy and was a great day all around. Thank you for participating.

An exciting achievement is that Balnarring PreSchool had been shortlisted as a finalist in the Narragunnawali: reconciliation in education award 2021. Karen and Ann submitted a written application as well as a panel interview. What an amazing effort to get this far. Thank you to families for handing in your reconciliation posters as these were used in this application. The results are announced in August.

Thinking of you all in this familiar territory we call lockdown. The kinder (gratefully) remains open, however, have reverted to our lockdown protocols and we appreciate your cooperation. Just a reminder that if there are any symptoms presenting please do not send your child to their session as the teachers are obliged to send them home if symptoms present. Thank you to our teachers and educators for your hard work and the extra work required during these times.

We have an exciting Term 3 ahead.

Due to restrictions the 4 yo groups VIP nights have been delayed, however, may be subject to change again. The teaching team will keep you updated.

Take care.

Kind Regards,  
Valeska Noeske-Smith



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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.

## Thank you – Bendigo Bank: Community Bank Balnarring & District

The Preschool and Committee would like to extend our thanks to the Bendigo Bank Balnarring Branch for their very generous donation of two new marquees. This donation is greatly appreciated.



## 2021 Working Bee Dates

**MANAMEET & 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:

**August 2021 committee meeting – Tuesday 17th, August 2021**



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