



August Committee Newsletter 2021

President's report

Hello to our wonderful families

First and foremost, I hope you are doing ok during this time of lockdown and since the new wave of restrictions have come into effect. It's such a stressful and uncertain time for families and community and we hope the kinder can provide connection and positive experiences during this time. Please reach out to the teaching team or the committee if you need to talk as we are always here for you.

Thank you, thank you to our amazing educational team who have instantly sprung into action to be able to offer a remote learning schedule filled with activities and connection.

Children are having a great time on the zoom sessions with an activity set of making puppets this week as well as experiments and nature activities. The teaching team have been busy making packs for you to pick up also. We are so lucky to have a team that cares so much for our children and community, they are doing so much to keep our bubups linked to their friends and kinder environment.

For those who are accessing kinder on site, Djeembana have joined with Weelam group from Monday to Wednesday and have joined with the 3yo session running on Friday's at the Centre.

Mon 12:30-3:30,

Tues 9:00-12:00,

Wed 9:00-1:00pm meeting at C Reserve near yacht club

Friday we will join with the three year old group 9-2 at the kinder

To finish off we are one of three finalists in the Narragunnawali awards 2021 and we were interviewed by the judging panel on Monday 23rd August. Karen and Ann gave a virtual tour and interview of our kinder as part of the process. Both myself and Megan, our Grants Officer on our committee this year and Anne from last year's committee were also interviewed over zoom. We find out the result in November and in the meantime whilst it would be nice to win this award acknowledging our PreSchools commitment to carry out our RAP (reconciliation action plan), the measure of its success is not by winning an award, it is the generational change towards Reconciliation that our PreSchool led by our amazing teaching team is making. The change that we can see through our children, our families and our community is a true testament to our PreSchool Reconciliation commitment.



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Living and Learning with nature



Narragunnawali is a word from the language of the Ngunnawal people, Traditional Owners of the land on which Reconciliation Australia's Canberra office is located, meaning **Alive, Wellbeing, Coming Together and Peace**.

Thank you & Take Care x

Kind Regards,

Valeska Noeske-Smith

2021 Working Bee Dates

MANAMEET & GAREEAL: 29th August - **Cancelled new date TBC**

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:

September 2021 committee meeting: Tuesday 14th September



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