



Balnarring Preschool & Infant Welfare Association

Learning and Living with nature



December Committee Newsletter 2021

Presidents Report

Hello to all our existing and new families here at Balnarring Pre-School.

Wow, what a wonderful Term 4, its been busy and reflective and we have experienced a grateful & celebratory end to an amazing yet challenging 2021 all the while welcoming our 2022 families this Term as we held our AGM and info pack greeting/meeting days.

We were overwhelmed with the response from our community at the AGM and nominations to be elected into our 2022 Committee of Management. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our families into 2022 with much anticipation & excitement to start or continue your child's educational journey with us.

Term 4 for our current families has been enjoyable as family picnic nights and end of year celebrations were held giving our families to a chance to meet and take some time out to enjoy the festivities and look forward to the next chapter.

I have been honoured to work with the amazing 2021 committee this year and want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication throughout this year. We held most of our meetings on zoom (with technical difficulties) and had some very big decisions to deliberate over and make.

The work that you have put in this year in at times difficult circumstances will allow us to build and refine further in 2022 and beyond. Thank you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our educational team. You are all amazing and have made the 2021 groups experience a thoughtful and inclusive one in what ever format that looked like – remote learning, on site learning, nature site learning, we had it all and it is a true testament to you that it has been a positive journey here for all of our bubups.

I feel very grateful that you have taught and enabled our family to listen to and be a part of first people's learnings which is ingrained into the fabric of this amazing centre and is fast spreading to the wider community. Being such a big part of the Wominjeka Festival, holding the Welcome to Country, putting on the Day of Learning & also winning the Narragunnawali award this year is a true testament to you and the work you are all doing in this space.

I would also like to Welcome the 2022 Committee and also thank you for putting your hand up. Your willingness to join allows our service to continue to run.

Thank you to you all and wishing you all the best for your child's and family's next chapter.

Merry Christmas, enjoy your break and/or celebrations with you families and a very happy new year.

Valeska Noeske-Smith
President



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Gate Crashes

This year's 3YO Christmas gatherings are ones that won't be forgotten!

During the celebrations, 18 or so brave ducklings decided to take their first leap from their nesting box- whilst the children danced and ran below. Big thanks to Michelle for stepping in and assisting the ducklings.



Next meeting:
February committee meeting – 1st February 2022



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