



# Balnarring Preschool & Infant Welfare Association



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## December Committee Newsletter 2022

Hello Families,

We hope everyone has had a wonderful term and year of Kinder. It has been a delightful year of firsts and lasts for all the children and we wish all the children heading on to Primary School next year a fantastic year ahead in 2023. We also look forward to welcoming back all our returning kindergarteners in 2023 for another glorious year of Kinder.

## Presidents Report 2022

Hello Balnarring Pre-School families,

I'd like to pay respects to the elders, to the land and all the flora and fauna in it for our bubups to learn from.

Just a quick note from me as the outgoing president to say thank you for an amazing year of education and fun for our bubups and their tribes.

It takes a village to put on and run such an amazing centre and space for our children to grow.

Thank you, the teaching team; Karen, Ann, Jill, Lisa, Miriam, Ki, Annaliese, Erin, Lisa. You do so much for our children, families & community and words cannot express the gratitude I feel for the best educational start my children have been able to enjoy in attending over the past three years.

Thanks to the outgoing committee for all the hard work and effort you've put all in your own time.

Welcome to the incoming committee, you will have such a rewarding experience and thank you for putting your hand up.

Enjoy the Christmas break with your families.

Valeska Noeske-Smith

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## 2023 Presidents Report

Happy Monday BPS!

Only 13 more sleeps until Santa arrives and I have no doubt everyone is starting to get very excited now... we in this house certainly are! Eeek!

I'd like to start by thanking Valeska for being our President this year, she's done an amazing job at keeping our kinder moving forward and making sure our committee was doing the best job they could. I'd also like to thank the 2022 committee for all their hard work and wish those not continuing into 2023 a great year ahead!



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Well, with the end of the year fast approaching and our AGM now completed, I shall introduce myself and our new committee for 2023 to you all. My name is April Gommers and I am the President for next year. I have a daughter who has been with Jill (and team) this year and she will be joining Ann (and team) for 4YO in 2023 and is very excited to be starting as a "big girl" next year. I'm a local business owner, who grew up in the area and has lots of experience and knowledge in the early years learning sector. I'm hoping to bring my skills and knowledge to the role this coming year and give my all to Balnarring Pre-School as your President m, along with the amazing team we have below:

Vice President - Mandy Haddad  
Treasurer - Maeve Moore  
Assistant Treasurer - Sean Cowan  
Secretary - Beth Pratt  
Minutes Secretary - Katie Yarrow  
Enrolments Officer - Lana Wilton  
Maintenance Officer - Jess McEvoy  
Fundraising Officer - Megan Oldmeadow  
Historian - Minna Harrison  
Newsletter/Website Coordinator - Rebecca Watson  
Grants Officer - Melinda Lane  
Festival Representative/General Committee Member - Kimberley Lith



Congratulations to the above team members and I can't wait to see what we do for you all in 2023!! I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, stay safe, enjoy the time together and we can't wait to see you all back for a wonderful year of kinder.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about anything kinder related, please send me an email to [balnarring.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:balnarring.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au) - I will be checking them frequently over the holiday period - or just catch me at kinder and we can chat face to face. I'm here to hear it all, ok.

Happy holidays everyone!  
Kind Regards,  
April Gommers  
President of Balnarring Pre-School



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## Clean Up Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a clean-up day to support the kinder into the end of year and 2023, the whole kinder needs a deep clean and we need your help clearing out, cleaning all the equipment and resources ready for a fresh start in 2023. This is a day for all families to help between the hours of **9am-12pm** if you can pop in for 30 minutes or stay for the whole time, all help is appreciated greatly to help keep our Kinder being the wonderful environment it is for our children. Children also welcome to come and lend a helping hand!

## Committee Positions:

Congratulations to all new and returning Committee members for 2023, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee of 2022 for a brilliant year of supporting the kinder and for each member and always going above and beyond to support our wonderful teachers, kinder and children.

## Fundraising Updates

We would like to give a HUGE thank you to our wonderful fundraising committee whom without their amazing efforts we would not have had the incredible success of the 2022 fundraising accomplishments. In 2022 we have seen many successful fundraising events arranged. Thank you to Sienna Nussbaum, Minna Harrison, Courtney Lyness, Kezia Brett, Rebecca Long, Jessie Gothard, Bron Gwyther, Jenna Eagles and Emma Streader.

We also wanted to provide an update regarding the fundraising efforts for 2022.

Barefoot Bowls	\$800
Easter Raffle	\$1500
The Drink Bottles	\$335
Winter Solstice Event	\$240
Jolly Soles (Socks)	\$486
Trivia Night	\$8208
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	\$1256
Picture Plates	\$726
Mangoes	\$483
Total Fundraising Efforts	<b>\$14031</b>

## DELAY ON PICTURE PLATES:

Unfortunately, our picture plate order has been delayed, and will not be ready until January, out of the control of the manufacturer there has been material issues, machine breakdowns and of course



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Covid adding further delays, they are waiting on a fresh delivery of melamine which will not arrive until December end making it impossible to complete our order in 2022. As soon as we get an update regarding delivery, we will provide an update to families. Thank you for your continued patience.

## Dates for the Diary:

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Clean Up Day

## Upcoming Events for Djeembana

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – session running from 11am-3:30pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day, celebration to follow

## Upcoming Events for Weelam

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Photo Day (at the nature sites)
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day, celebration to follow

## Upcoming Events for Manameet & Gareal

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Photo Day (at the nature sites)
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day

## Next Meeting:

We would also like to let all parents know that committee meetings are an open invitation, and you are always welcome to attend.



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