



# Balnarring Preschool & Infant Welfare Association



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## December news from the teaching team

Wow the end of year has now arrived and I know many of us are not ready to say goodbye.

It is with heavy hearts we end the year but with hearts and minds full of great memories, and unforgettable moments celebrating each child's achievements and progress. Every child had progressed and grown, and we all feel privileged to have been given the role as their teachers and educators.

The success of this year has been made possible and achievable due to the contributions of many amazing, beautiful people

**The teaching team** – we welcomed Erin, Annelise and Miriam. We farewelled Sarah as she took maternity leave.



On behalf of the preschool, I would like to thank each team member for their contribution to the groups. I am sure each family realises by now just how much time and commitment each person gives to the centre. I am forever grateful, thankful, and overwhelmed by what the teaching team achieved. Thank you and well-done Ann, Kim, Annelise, Lisa, Miriam, Jill, Lisa and Erin – you are an amazing group of people who have each brought their individual skills and strengths to the program which has contributed to each child's growth

Thank you to Suzy, Brooke and Michele for their friendships and the caring approach they brought to the groups.

**The committee** – it has been great spending time with each committee member and observing the skills, thoughts, and reflections they have brought to their roles. The teaching team have greatly appreciated them volunteering to keep the service on track financially, physically, and administratively but most importantly we are grateful for the support and autonomy the committee gave us to work to our strengths and grow as a team. Thank you and congratulations on a successful year Valeska, Mandy, Meg, Rachel, Tori, Maeve, April, Emma, Nikki, Bec, Sienna, Vanessa, and Gill

**Fundraising team** – What an amazing effort the fundraising team have done with the support of the families and community. All funds raised have been used to resource the children's learning and teams' professional development. THANKYOU

**Cleaner** - Michelle– thanks for simply getting on with your work and working around any obstacles that were out in your way. (Usually, me forgetting to tell you something was on, sorry)

**Gardener** – Leith also just gets on with his work. He is conscientious ensuring the outdoor space stays safe and well maintained. Thankyou



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**Bookkeepers** - Kirsty and Brenda, I know this is a tricky job, as the early childhood field is a unique space to work in! Thank you for working with the committee and mostly importantly making sure we get paid.

**Parents/families** – This preschool would not be what it is without the involvement and support of the families. Each time a parent/family/carer is part of the day we feel such gratitude. Family involvement brings big smiles to our faces and fills our buckets to overflowing. We hope families have also felt such joy and found it valuable participating and learning about what preschool education incorporates. Thank you to each family for their friendship, we wish each of you all the best in the next step of your child's education journey

**Children** – The children are why we all work so hard and together we have achieved so much. There has been so much learning, exploring, discovering, connecting, growing, persistence, resilience, creativeness, group projects, emotional growth, and FUN.

This year has involved stability as far as the pandemic is concerned but lots of adjustments for children and families. I feel the children have made such great progression because the families have been aware of impact the last two years have had on both their families and children. I would like to acknowledge how hard everyone has worked to give the children a positive, fun year. Everyone deserves a huge pat on the back and medals of courage and strength.

On behalf of the team we wish you a great Christmas, good health and another amazing year in 2023.

## THANKYOU



Until next time

Karen Anderson



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