

DATES FOR THE DIARY
April 2021:
Management Committee
Meeting Wednesday 21st @
7.30pm



APRIL NEWSLETTER 2021

BERRY CAKE

Recipe
of the
Month

Ingredients: 1 cup desiccated coconut, 1 cup coconut milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup castor sugar, 1 cup self-raising flour (or gluten free self-raising flour).

Method: Mix and bake in moderate oven until lightly browned on top, top with mixed berries.



Congratulations to Emma, Andrew and Chloe who welcomed a baby girl and sister - Ruby



Yarrunga can now be followed on Facebook and Instagram

Drop off at Yarrunga.

Reminder that children and families are not able to enter the premises until 8am due to licensing requirements. Please wait outside of the gates until then.

Thank you, we appreciate your co-operation.

CHILDREN'S T-SHIRTS & JUMPERS

If you would like to order a t-shirt or shirts or jumpers for your child/ren, order forms will be available in the office - Shirts \$12.00, Jumpers \$25 each

Please see Lisa or Karen



WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK!

How can we make our newsletter better?

What information would you like us to include?

Call us on: (02) 60217597

Or EMAIL admin@yarrunga.com.au



YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS



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NO FOOD FROM HOME! A reminder that we have children attending Yarrunga with severe allergies to egg, dairy, nut, and sesame. Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. We want to do our best to keep those at risk safe.

Please refrain from bringing food from home.

If you are bringing treats to share for your child's birthday, please check with room educators for allergies prior.

PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

Welcome back to (almost) term two. We hope that everyone had a happy and safe Easter break and were able to fit as much rest and relaxation or fun and excitement into their time off as they were hoping to. There were some elated Pre-schoolers this week, eager to share about their Easter, conversing with friends and teacher / educators about some impressive egg hauls. A warm Runga thank you to the families who were able to join us for our Easter Hat Parade. Learners modelled their wearable art project with pride, as they confidently strolled up and down the path beside our centre, down to the bike and walking track.



Last week saw us wrap up our term long Birrang Cultural Connections program with Taylor. These weekly incursions have received rave reviews from class members, families, and Yarrunga teacher / educators. Over the past 10 weeks we have explored multiple aspects of Wiradjuri life and culture including The Dreaming, art, music and dance, food, and tools and weaponry. Reflecting with participants on their favourite aspects of the lessons generated a wealth of responses ranging from the stories shared to cooking (and eating!) the johnny cakes; from painting to listening to Taylor play the diggeridoo; from dancing to making playdough creations.



Today we headed out on our first "real" excursion since covid rendered travel beyond our boundaries rather challenging 13 months ago. After several 'false starts' earlier this year and us almost getting to *Burraja Cultural Centre* twice, we were able to successfully board a bus, head over to *Wonga Wetlands*, engage in a range of fun, interactive learning experiences and return with a very enthusiastic class of children! Between bird watching, nature scavenger hunts, blindfolded guessing games, and examining some interesting man-made and natural resources under a microscope, we were kept entertained and engaged throughout the outing. I think we have a class of citizen scientists.

Highlights from this outing include... "The bus. I loved the bus" - Albert. "The bus" - Harrison

"The bit where we went on a bus." - Lucy "My favourite bit was having lunch" - Florence

"I like the blindfold" (Blind Scientist) - Cecilia "Playing" - Jude

Or, "Going to Wonga" - Judd "Going on the excursion" - Lachlan.

"The excursion" - Halle "All of them! I don't know what to choose" - Sophie

Sums it up perfectly!



Until next time. Take care and have a great rest-of-the-month everyone!

Alana, Natt and Robyn

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JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

Out in the community - As a whole group the last couple of weeks we have been on a walk to the bridge over the freeway to wave to the cars and the trucks. We have also been to the train station to look at the trains. The children really enjoyed being able to go out into the community.

Friday 9th April, five of our junior pre-schoolers are heading to Wonga Wetlands with twenty of our pre-schoolers for Bushwalking, bird watching, bugs, microscopes and building humpies. We are hoping to do more community excursions together with the pre-schooler in the future.

A big thank you for Florence and Fionn's mother Ciara for coming in on St Patricks day to play the fiddle for the centre, it was a great success and the children really enjoyed it. If anyone has a talent, they would like to share with the children please feel free to discuss with any of us educators to organise a time to come in.

We also discussed how we are all different, but the same for Harmony Day and read a book to reinforce this.

A big thank you to all the parents that were able to attend our Easter Hat Parade, as well as the families that came even though it was not their day to attend the centre, we understand it is hard to get away during the day and the children enjoyed seeing you there. It was a great success, and the children enjoyed a lovely morning tea afterwards with their visitors.

Small box collage- Thank you to the families that have already brought in boxes for our collage area but, please feel free to bring in any small boxes or other loose parts for the children to create with, as we have had an interest in building houses and other constructions.

Chrissy and other educators went op-shopping earlier this month and came back with lots of up-cycling items for our room as well as the centre, again feel free to bring in unwanted items you think we could use with the children.

Please make sure bags and clothing are labelled to ensure the right clothes go home with you. As the weather is changing please ensure you bring both warmer and cooler clothes for your child, so we can change them throughout the day as the weather changes.

With children beginning to toilet train please ensure you pack enough undies and spare clothes for changes, even though we have some spare clothes here we do occasionally run short of them.

Family photos - please feel free to bring in your family photo to add to our family wall near the doorway to the nursery.

Some of our interests this month have been, sensory activities, cooking, creating our own risky play spaces, physical activities and bugs and insects.



Krystine, Deb, Tash, Chrissy, Julie & Jodie

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NURSERY NEWS

It was fabulous to see so many families at our Easter Hat Parade. We hope you all enjoyed their beautiful hat designs!

We have some new families are starting this month, so we welcome them all to our room. We are looking forward to getting to know them and build up secure relationships as well.

A few of the children were able to go for an excursion to the bridge to watch all the trucks and traffic go by on the freeway with the Junior Preschool children.

The children have been requesting spontaneous music times. The favourites now are 'Walking in the jungle', 'Inanay Gupuwana', 'Sleeping bunnies' and anything by The Wiggles.



Emma, Nicole, Lesley,
Serena and Jung eun
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Educational Leader:

Following up on our goal of creating interesting play spaces which intrigue and invite children's play and exploration:

Each of our room teams has developed a plan of action in consultation with their children to work on one area of their indoor / outdoor environments at a time until they have reached our bigger picture of ensuring all play and learning spaces throughout Yarrunga are developed and enhanced through the eyes of the children using them.

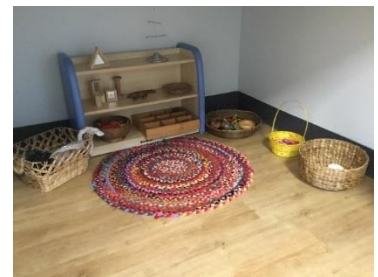
Here are some room examples:



a. Provocation



b. Block Play Environment



c. Heuristic play (loose parts)

**Please let us know what you think. We value your input!!!*

Quality Improvement Update:

After reviewing one of our Long-Term Goals of adopting the practice indoor/outdoor play with all age groups we can confidently say that this recommendation from our last assessment and rating visit has been met and is embedded in practice.

Thankyou all for your ongoing input into our quality improvement processes

Krystine

Grievance Policy

If parents have any concerns or complaints, please follow the attached Grievance Policy

1 Informal Resolution of Grievances

Initially any grievance raised will be approached in an informal manner. (Informal Procedure for Resolution of Grievance). If required, an appointment time with the Centre Director and/or

President of the Management Committee

Genna Richter (phone 0428109382) to discuss the grievance can be arranged.

2 Formal Resolution of Grievances

2.1 In the event informal processes are unable to be used or informal processes fail to achieve a satisfactory outcome for any of the parties involved in the grievance, the formal process will then be used. Determining whether the grievance will be handled formally is at the discretion of the Director/President of Management Committee based on feedback from the concerned parties at the conclusion of the informal stage (Formal Procedure for Resolution of Grievance).

2.2 When a formal resolution of grievance is pursued, all interactions must be documented by the Director (Complaint form), signed (by Director and or parties involved), and a copy given to each party concerned.

2.3 Any allegation that the safety, health, or wellbeing of a child has been compromised, or relating to a staff member, the details of action taken in response to a complaint will be recorded and kept in a confidential place.

3 Regulatory Authority – ACECQA

3.1 The Nominated Supervisor or Certified Supervisor will notify (within 24 hours of the complaint being made) ACECQA of a complaint that alleges

- a serious incident has occurred or is occurring while a child is being educated and cared for by Yarrunga.
- the National Law and/or National Regulations have been contravened.

The required Forms to be completed are;

Notification of Complaints and Incidents (Other than serious Incidents) as required by the Education & Care Services National Regulations – through the National Quality Agenda IT System (NQA IT System). Log in to access the portal.

A scanned copy of the written complaint will be uploaded prior to submitting the form electronically.