

DATES FOR THE DIARY  
Aug 2022:  
Management Committee  
Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> @  
7.30pm



## JULY NEWSLETTER 2022

Dear families,

I have attached an insert from our Health Policy to remind parents of the exclusion period for sick children

"The Centre reserves the right to exclude any child who is obviously unwell or any child who is regarded by the Nominated Supervisor or educator in charge, to be a health risk to other children / persons in or at the Centre.

It is important that any child who has vomiting and diarrhoea be kept away

for 48 hours after her diarrhoea and vomiting has stopped. Educators are required to keep away for 48 hours after last diarrhoea or vomit".



Yarrunga can now be followed on Facebook and Instagram



### Yarrunga Policies:

Just a reminder to families and for all our new family's information - our policies can be accessed on our website [www.yarrunga.com.au](http://www.yarrunga.com.au) and the password is 2640

Policies being reviewed this month: Water safety, Providing a Child Safe Environment - Interactions with Children & Relationships with Children.



**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.

### 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.

I 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

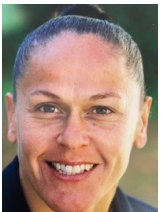
Please see Deb or Karen

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

In recognition of the dedication to Early Childhood Education and Care that all Yarrunga educators and staff exhibit every day we have collectively decided to award a certificate for outstanding contribution each month to celebrate professional achievement.



Meg for your endless hard work and knowledge in writing the AFaT grant also for your passion and implementation of NAIDOC week celebrations to promote Yarrunga's connections to our Indigenous community.



Tash for always putting in 110% in all you do. A big thank you for your hard work in the preparation of our yarning circle.



Krystine for your ongoing professionalism and role modelling as Educational Leader to all Educators and staff. In the valued time you committed to writing the AFaT grant.



**WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK!**

How can we make our newsletter better?

What information would you like us to include?

us on: (02) 60217597 Or EMAIL [admin@yarrunga.com.au](mailto:admin@yarrunga.com.au)

Call

### Educational Leader:

Unfortunately, Krystine has been unwell and away for a majority of time this month. We look forward to seeing her back next and catch up on all the Ed leader news next month.  
Krystine

### Recipe of the Month:

Johnny cakes

5 cups SR Flour

Pinch of salt

Enough water to create scone like dough

Method:

Mix ingredients until it forms a scone like dough

Create balls of dough with your hand and press flat

Cook in hot pan until golden



### Pyjama Week 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July

Children are invited to wear their pjs to Yarrunga and kindly make a donation at <https://the-pyjama-foundation.giveeasy.org/campaigns/yarrunga-pj-week-2021/>

## JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

This month we have been focusing on Naidoc week we were very fortunate and lucky to have a learning experience enriched with culture each day of Naidoc week.

Children were very intrigued and involved learners opening our week with acknowledgement to country with Laylah Murray of Dudurora nation.

Meg made the centre some yummy soups and johnny cakes a traditional staple of our first nation people. We also had a traditional smoking ceremony performed by Wiradjuri elder uncle Darren Wighton. We also had Johnny and Kingston Murray of Dudurora nation along with members of the Dinawans connection dance group performing traditional dance and painting children in traditional ochre.

We have noticed this month children are involving themselves in building and construction focusing on fine motor skills hand eye co-ordination we are adding tools with nails and hammers for children to extend knowledge and interest.

we have also been doing threading and learning about the aboriginal symbols and extending this in our play and arts/crafts.

With all the winter sickness now, we remind parents to be vigilant with sending children to Yarrunga to stop the spread of sickness within our centre.

We also remind Parents/guardians to pack warm clothes for your child this includes warm spare clothes and a reminder to please label children's clothes.

We would also like to thank the Mayne family for donating a fire house and arts/crafts supplies your donation is greatly appreciated by the junior pre-school room and the children have been playing with the fire house and accessories.



Natt, Liv, Kali, and Lesley  
juniorpreschool@yarrunga.com.au

## NURSERY NEWS

This past month has been a very busy one with the Yarrunga community celebrating N.A.I.D.O.C week together. We were very fortunate to have some of our families and community members come in and share their culture with us. We are very thankful for Meg's hard work in organising this week of celebration and the children had the opportunity to learn so much, participate and engage in culture. There was a real sense of unity throughout the whole week.

Very recently we were also very lucky to have Ruth Davies come back to the Yarrunga family.

Ruth



holds a Wiradjuri language and workshop with us which was



fantastic. The children were very engaged in the experience.

Ruth has been with us previous years and provides a wealth of knowledge to share with us.

The nursery/toddler room were also very fortunate to be invited to the preschool room to engage in a music experience with one of the preschool mums. This was a wonderful experience and our children loved it. We are so lucky to have family members that are so willing to share their time and their skills with the Yarrunga community



dance

Ruth



Nicole, Emma and Chrissy  
nurserytoddler@yarrunga.com.au

PRESCHOOL NEWS



Earlier this month we celebrated NAIDOC Week with the Yarrunga community. This was incredibly well-received by both children and their families. A massive thank you to those who came along and helped us to celebrate, sharing lunches and special activities with us. Highlights were varied, from dancers to smoking ceremonies; from didgeridoo playing to painting and recreating *Mara May Art's* stunning Yarrunga logo; from bush tucker to exploring traditional artifacts, learners, young *and* old, took away a wealth of cultural knowledge.



This was followed up last week when Ruth Davys came in and delivered a Wiradjuri language session for the entire Centre.



Thanks to families who are emailing or bringing in photos of their recent holidays. Preschoolers are relishing sharing about their time away or special events that they have participated in. This, along with favourite books, have formed the basis of our recent Show and Tell sessions.



During the holidays we were fortunate to have a very special music lesson delivered by one of our preschool mums! We sang and danced up a storm! Preschool musicians are excited to build on this with our term-long *Hey Dee Ho* music program!

Until next month, take care and stay safe,

Alana, Krystine, Tash, Robyn, Kaitlyn, Serena  
Preschool@yarrunga.com.au

## 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.



## Our Body Safety Rules

1. We use the **correct names** for private parts.
2. No one is forced to hug, kiss, or be touched- **we are the bosses of our bodies.**
3. We don't look, touch, or play games with other people's privates.
4. When someone says '**no**' or '**stop**'- **we listen.**
5. Happy surprises are fun, but **no one should ask us to keep a secret**, even a small one.
6. It is always right, and **never too late** to tell if someone breaks a body safety rule.