



## MAY NEWSLETTER 2022

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

May 2021:

Management Committee  
Meeting Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> @  
7.30pm

### 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](mailto:admin@yarrunga.com.au)



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: Work, Health & Safety; Determining Responsible Person; Staff Recruitment; Student, Volunteer & Visitor; Supervision; Training & Development & Governance and Management, Centre cleaning policy, Environmental sustainability policy.



**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.

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.



### Kaitlin Taylor

in recognition of continued learning and sharing ideas with Educators. You have embraced Yarrunga's values supporting all educators as equal team members



### Maree Alvarez

in recognition of your kind and approachable nature establishing relationships with children and Educators. You have embraced Yarrunga's values supporting all educators as equal team members



Wet bags - are available from the Office for \$3, these are good to put all your children/s wet clothes in.

Congratulations to our Yarrunga families who have welcomed baby girls and sisters to their families:-

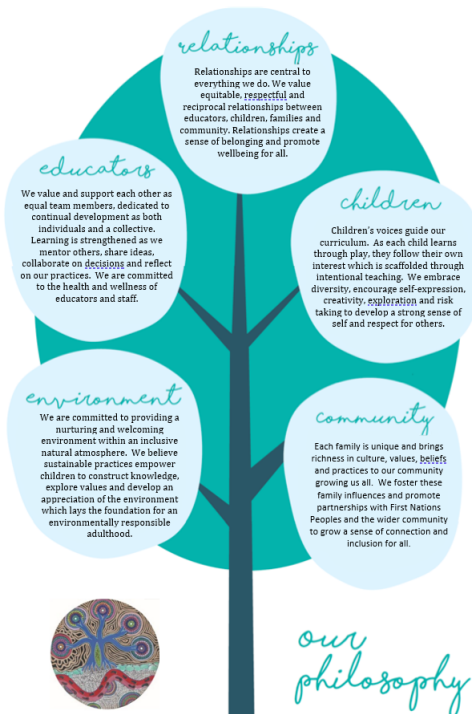
Emily, Cameron & River - Primrose

Teisha, Markus & Nullah - Mahinah



## Educational Leader:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the review of our Philosophy. Here is our revised version with the inclusion of our beautiful Acknowledgement artwork by Tamara Murray:



Have you noticed the flag display along our walkway? Thanks to Sussan Ley's office we were able to obtain the Aboriginal, Australian and Torres Strait Islander flags at no cost, and with Ben Selwood's expertise have them hung just in time for our Mother's Day celebrations. We are still hoping to install flag raising poles near our entrance.

### **Partnerships with families and communities**

With the eased COVID-19 restrictions we have been able to begin re-establishing our community connections. This month we are heading to Wonga Wetlands and all groups have enjoyed venturing back along the bike path and visiting local businesses. Welcoming families back for our first major function since the pandemic began in 2019 has been a huge success gauging by the smiles on everyone's faces at our Mother's Day luncheon last week. Thanks to Meg and her helpers a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all on a perfect sunny day. And to end a fabulous week our lovely neighbour once again shared the chrysanthemums from his garden with the children to take home to their mums!



Krystine

## JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

Hi everyone and welcome to the month of May. We hope that our mums and grans had a lovely Mother's Day. It was so good to see so many of our families that were able to join us for our celebration last week. It has been a busy few week's with lots of outside community events. Bike week was a great success, thank you to all those who sent in a bike/scooter for their child to ride out the back of Yarrunga. Our children. Last Wednesday the fire truck came to Yarrunga in recognition of National fire week. The children took turns to sit in the truck and pretend to drive. The fire brigade told us stories and were happy for us to take photos and ask questions.

We are finding that some of the children's needs are changing as the year is progressing. Please let us know if your children no longer require a sleep or they only need a sleep every other day. Quiet activities and a short rest are provided for those who do not need a bed. As per our centre's policy we endeavour to spend time outside so please remember to send in warm layers of clothing/ jackets and warm footwear and clearly label all items.

Our family photo album is a big hit, and we enjoy looking through it with children and talking about their families and the memories they recall of the events in the photos. If you haven't already sent your photos in it's never too late.

Some of the educators and families have recently had a holiday at the beach, we have made a sensory beach with seashells, sand and imaginary water to explore and to promote discussion and communication.

Keep safe and warm



Natt, Liv, Kali, and Lesley  
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## NURSERY NEWS

Hi everyone, we have had a busy month with new children starting and us settling them and getting to know their individual routines and interests. We have one of our children transitioning to the junior room one day a week.

Nicole is back from her placement, and we are finding our consistency more and getting back into the rhythm of our room, we thank all the casuals and our Team at Yarrunga for stepping up and helping throughout this time.

We have had a lot of interest in construction and tools and have added a new play space to our room the children have been using the drills, hammers and dressing up in hard hats and vests. The Nott family have donated a busy board for the children to use Thank you so much the children have loved flipping the switches and moving the different items on the board.

We had a wonderful incursion with the fire brigade the children that were awake got to go and sit inside the firetruck and we heard the siren and watched the flashing lights we really enjoyed the visit and being able to participate.

We had a lovely Mother's day luncheon with our Mum's, Nannas and Grandmas we enjoyed some curried sausages, pumpkin soup and chicken and veggie soup a big thanks to Meg and all our families for coming. We want to wish you all a happy Mother's day from the Nursery room!!

The weather is starting to cool down so if everyone can remember to pack extra clothing in their children's bags that would be great as we get outside and can get a little damp and need changing.



Nicole, Emma and Chrissy  
[nurserytoddler@yarrunga.com.au](mailto:nurserytoddler@yarrunga.com.au)

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

April has seen the preschool children get out and about in the community, we have been on a couple of excursions around the Albury area with plenty more outings to come.

Albury Public school was our 1<sup>st</sup> excursion which our pre-schoolers got to go and watch the K-2 Easter Hat Parade, over the weeks leading up to the excursion our children were very busy being very creative making their Easter hats to wear and show off to the children at Albury Public School. Children got to see some of our old Yarrunga students that ventured off this year to kindergarten



Great to see so many families' visiting Yarrunga for our very own Easter Hat Parade, children were very happy to show off their Easter hats to all parents that attended for the day. We were lucky enough also to have a special guest arrive on the day 'The Easter Bunny', lots of happy faces from the children with chocolates being shared out to all.



We finally decided on what we were going to get for our new class pet, children decided on fish, so we took this opportunity and again got out and about in the community and went for a walk to the Pet shop, with a lovely day out we invited the Jnr Preschool children to come along on our walk. We were able to purchase 3 fish which still don't have names, but they have fitted right into our room, with the children checking on them every morning making sure they have been fed and the water is clean.



Cutting and pasting continues to be very popular in our room, children have been focusing hard to cut along the lines of all pictures that have been drawn for them. Some children have stepped it up with the cutting out all the letter of their names, children have been really enjoying being challenged at times and working hard at perfecting their skills



Our Community Connections program is really beginning to establish itself this year with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. We aim to get out and about as much as possible and re-establish our relationships with local business and places of interest. We are heading to Wonga Wetlands on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Permission slips will be available next Friday, and you are more than welcome to attend if your child does not come to Yarrunga on that day. We are catching the bus at 11.15am and returning at approx. 1.45pm. The day will include lots of fun activities and a bar-b-cue lunch. The more parent helpers we have the better the experience for the children.

Krystine, Tash, Alana and Robyn  
[Preschool@yarrunga.com.au](mailto:Preschool@yarrunga.com.au)

## **Recipe Of The Month**

### **Chicken & Vegetable Soup**

500-1kg diced chicken thigh  
1x leek sliced  
1x bunch celery diced  
½ pumpkin diced  
1x bag chopped kale  
3-4 cups of stock

1x brown onion diced  
3x carrots diced  
1tbs garlic  
2x zucchini diced  
2x cans creamed corn  
Salt & pepper to taste

50ml thickened cream (can be substituted out if needed)

Sauté off leek, onion, garlic, celery & carrot in some oil for 5 minutes.

Add in the chicken and brown off.

Add in the rest of the vegetables, creamed corn & stock and simmer till all vegetables have softened and chicken is cooked through.

Turn off the heat and stir through thickened cream.

Serve with some crusty bread.

## **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.