



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021

DATES FOR THE DIARY
NOVEMBER 2021
- Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 17th @ 7.00pm.



Yarrunga can now be followed on Facebook and Instagram

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



YARRUNGA'S ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S AGM WILL
BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2021

@ 7.00PM

Please let us know if you would like to attend and we will let you know as numbers are limited with Covid-19 restrictions.

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.



We proudly announce that this month's award goes to our Yarrunga team member Jay for your consistent flexibility and commitment to Yarrunga. You always consider the needs of others in how you engage day to day. This is a wonderful example of leadership for our team. Your enthusiasm and friendship make for a happy workplace. WELL DONE JAY !

Coconut Curried Sausages

Ingredients: 500g beef sausages, 1x brown onion diced, 1tbs crushed garlic, 2x carrots diced, 2x zucchini diced, 2 cups frozen peas, 1tbs turmeric, 1tbs curry power (more depending on how much curry you like) & 2x can coconut cream

Method: Boil sausages till cooked and skin falls off. Fry off in a small amount of oil with the onion, garlic, turmeric, and curry powder. Add in vegetables and coconut cream and simmer till all vegetables are cooked. Serve with rice.



Yarrunga Policies and Procedures currently being reviewed are:



- SunSmart Policy and procedure
- Spot check: Nappy change procedure
- Emergency & critical incidents procedure
- Monthly indoor checks
- Yarrunga RAP

Please let us know if you would like a copy of any of these to review.



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.

YARRUNGA'S CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The last day for children will be on Thursday 23rd December. The first day back will be Tues 11th January 2022.

Please ensure that your fees are paid up to the end of the year and there will be no fees charged for the period we are closed **24/12/2021-10/1/2022**

PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

Gee whiz, where has the year gone?! It's a struggle to comprehend that we are already in November and are starting to make plans for next month's Preschool Graduation. Due to the ever-shifting guidelines and unpredictable local case numbers, we are evaluating how best to make this happen and be accessible for children and their families. Please stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.



Wheel Week last week was an absolute smash hit and was enjoyed by all, resulting in fatigued class members all around! Thanks to all our families who were eager to have their child participate and allowing them to bring in their own set of wheels. We all had a wheely, wheely good time! Three of the five days we managed to travel down to Murray Field, making it a four-kilometre round trip!



Science continues to be an interest, with several students requesting opportunities for constructing and erupting volcanoes. We have extended on these queries by using the same ingredients and incorporating an ongoing curiosity about potions, by brewing our own "magic, colour changing potion!" Using liquid obtained by steeping chopped red cabbage in boiling water as an indicator and adding vinegar and lime juice (acid) and bicarb of soda (alkali) to the solution, class members marvelled at the instant colour changes and reaction.

This month we have welcomed 2nd year CSU student Gemma into the Preschool Room for her placement. Having already worked in the sector, she has settled in beautifully and is making some lovely connections with the class. Gemma will be here until the 25th of November. If you are yet to meet her, please feel free to say "hi" and introduce yourself!

By the time our next newsletter is released, Pre-schoolers and their families will have received their end-of-year package, including their Individual Learning Journal. Natt and I have been working hard with the learners on these throughout the year and we hope that these bring much joy as you celebrate the 2021 Preschool year here at Yarrunga. Until next month, stay safe everyone. Kind regards,



Alana, Natt, Robyn, Jay, Liv & Michelle

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Educational Leader and NQS:

Thank you to all the families that replied to our Facebook request for favourite recipes from home. Meg appreciates the positive feedback about her menus and has used your suggestions in creating delicious snacks and meals for the children. To supplement Meg's Spring/Summer menu the children have been busy working in the vegetable garden, weeding, planting, mulching, and watering. We can't wait to harvest, prepare, and share our produce. We have developed a kitchen garden plan which will be added to our QIP. Next year I see the cycle of added a Next year I see the cycle of sustainable, healthy eating being embedded in practice as children become more and more involved at every stage of the process!



QIP Update:

We are still working through our review of Quality Area 2 - Children's Health and Safety; ensuring we seek advice from recognised health authorities. We are also reviewing the information on our web page as you may have noticed through the office display. Please feel free to talk with educators, Lisa, or Deb if there is anything you think should be included.

End of Year:

With December fast approaching educators are busy planning end-of-year festivities and completing Individual Learning Journals which will be sent home in the first week of December.

Krystine

NURSERY NEWS

Hi everybody,

We are enjoying the sunshine and being able to explore using our indoor/outdoor program, the children can choose freely where to play and explore.

We are currently writing end of year assessments and look forward to sending them out to you all at the end of November. We cannot believe that it is nearly the end of the year.

We also have a CSU student Rachael with us for the next two weeks, she is studying her Bachelor of education and is in her first year of study she is getting to know all the children and the families. She will be observing some of our children and implementing activities throughout her placement.

A reminder to send in multi layers for changes throughout the day we will be starting to incorporate water play and arts and crafts into our program. Also, we require that each child brings a labelled water bottle with their name on as we offer water throughout the day.

If our nursery families would please provide a USB with your child's name clearly marked and in a zip lock bag on we can copy this year's photos on for you and this will be given out in the last week of Yarrunga.

Thanks everyone



Emma, Nicole, Lesley, Serena and Jung eun
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JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to our play and learning for October!

With the warmer weather children and educators have enjoyed lots of time outdoors. Creating different obstacle courses to challenge gross motor skills through managed risk-taking activities has been popular with all children. This is because they can participate at a level they are comfortable with, and as their confidence increases, tackle more complex movements. It's been fantastic to see more competent children demonstrate and guide their peers (scaffolding learning as they play 'follow the leader').






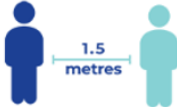


To build on this interest we reintroduced bike riding along the cycle path at the back of Yarrunga. We saw lots of different bikes and scooters being ridden, and once again a scaffolding of learning as children shared their wheels and attempted various riding skills with the help of their friends and teachers. The Nursery/Toddler group joined us with their push trolleys and ride-on-toys too!



Each week a different room prepares afternoon tea for the whole centre, and we have noticed how much enjoyment our children are getting from these valuable learning experiences as they help measure, count, chop, grate, smell, taste and feel the ingredients. Reading recipe cards also introduces us to different form of language, for example 'instructional' as we identify the steps with each method. Linking food preparation and cooking experiences with healthy lifestyle practices led us to a revamp of our kitchen garden with input from Meg. We have been busy weeding, planting, mulching, and watering our Spring/Summer crops and can't wait until we can harvest them for our snacks and lunches. mulching and watering our Spring/Summer crops and can't wait until we can harvest them for our snacks and lunches.



Krystine, Deb, Chrissy, Tash & Jodie
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<p>Wear a Mask</p> 	<p>QR Code Check-In</p> 	<p>Unwell, Stay Home</p> 
<p>Physical Distancing</p> 	<p>Hand Hygiene</p> 	<p>Thank you for helping keep our community safe</p> 

Please help us practice....

<p>Hand Hygiene</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sanitise hands prior to operating front gate. Should you cough/sneeze/touch your face, please re-sanitise• Assist your child in washing their hands on arrival to room and prior to engaging in play 
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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.