

DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER 2021:

- Management Committee Meeting
Wednesday 20th @ 7.30pm.



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2021



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



YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS



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.



Congratulations to our Yarrunga family that has welcomed a new baby girl and sister to their family - Annie, Grant and Maggie - Penny

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 Nat for consistently planning engaging experiences for all children. Nat's diverse skills demonstrate her creative way to adapt resources (think outside the box) to meet the interests and abilities of the children in her care. This is a wonderful example of planning leadership for our educator team. *WELL DONE NAT!*



CHICKEN TEX MEX

Ingredients: 500g diced chicken breast, olive oil, 1tbs minced garlic, 2x400g kidney beans, 1 diced onion, 1 diced red capsicum, 1 diced green capsicum, 2-3 sachets of taco seasoning, 1 800g tinned tomatoes & 1 passata.

Method: Brown off chicken in oil, add onion and garlic, sauté for 5-8 minutes. Add vegetables and drained kidney beans, stir in taco seasoning, tinned tomatoes, passata and simmer until chicken and vegetables are cooked. Serve with brown 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.



Footy Colours Week

Due to lockdown and school holidays, we are having another week where you can send your child/ren in their footy colours, hopefully this will raise some much needed funds for Children's Cancer.

Please go to <https://footy-colours-day-2021.raisely.com/donate>

PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

Welcome back everyone... again! It's been fantastic to welcome everybody back after lockdowns and school holidays... again!

For our group of Schoolies, Alana has completed the Transition to School statements, and these have now been forwarded to the relevant Primary Schools. These are important documents that share specific knowledge about each learner, including their interests and learning needs and offer suggestions for how best to support the child as they transition from Preschool to formal education. These reports also include children's responses to starting school and a drawing from them to show their teacher.



A current interest of Pre-schoolers at the moment is the theme of weddings. This has been a wonderful teaching opportunity to challenge older social norms and promote marriage equality. Natt has created a gorgeous wedding album to support this interest and we have extended on this with magnetic dress-up people. This has allowed us to engage in conversations about gender equality, including professions and fashion choices.



As the weather warms up, we are spending more time outside before it gets unpleasantly hot in the coming months. Whilst it is chilly in the mornings, the day warms up quickly and children are removing jumpers and jackets, several of which have ended up in our lost property collection! If you're missing clothes, please feel free to check this crate. Please also ensure that your child has a seasonally appropriate change of clothes each day they attend.

Have a great month,

Alana, Natt, Robyn, Jay, Liv & Michelle

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Educational Leader and NQS:

At our October staff meeting all educators reviewed how to best document the way we meet and/or exceed the different elements within the National Quality Standard (NQS). It can be a difficult process as there is limited space to write about our professional practices. We need to be able to clearly articulate links with our Philosophy, Organisational systems, Change and Consultation processes to an Authorised Officer for Assessment and Rating. As a service team we agreed to evidence our practices to the three exceeding themes referenced throughout the NQS:

**Embedded
practice**

Point to our systems and processes

**Informed by
critical reflection**

Point to change in practice as a result of critical reflection

**Shaped by family
& community
engagement**

Point to how consultation with families has influenced your practice

With an increase in unwell children over recent weeks (particularly our Nursery/Toddler group), we feel a thorough review of practices that relate to **Quality Area 2 - Children's Health and Safety** using the above themes is in order. Please keep an eye out for more information as we work through the review process.

On that note Meg is reviewing her Spring / Summer menu and would love to involve families and children in the development of her new menu. Please let Meg or educators know if there are some healthy favourites at your house that could be incorporated. We will post on Facebook too! ***REMEMBER WE ARE NUT & EGG FREE**

Thank you

Krystine

NURSERY NEWS

Hi everyone

Can you believe it is October, wow where did the time go??? We will be collecting final observations for this month and will then start your children's end of year letters. The Nursery room has been very busy, and we are so happy to have all our friends back at Yarrunga. Everyone has settled back in, and we are busy exploring and playing. We have been going out to the preschool yard and participating in open gated play this means that the nursery children can also move between the yards and have freedom of choice of where and who to play with in the outside environment. By offering these opportunities we are encouraging the children's learning as they may extend their skills from watching the older children and vice versa.

The children are enjoying lots of time outside which hopefully can continue as the weather warms up, we are currently back to using hats, it's been great so far and everyone is getting the hang of wearing them again.

Can everyone please provide your child with a water bottle that is labelled, it is getting warmer, and we offer many drinks of water throughout the day.

Thanks everyone



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

It is lovely to see all the smiley faces and hear laughter, learning and play back in our Yarrunga environment. We are glad our families and community are safe and well.

We have had some interesting learning opportunities with the unexpected natural event of the earthquake, which lead our investigation into why the Earth shakes. Some great comments came out of this inquiry, Byron "It was a milkshake, and someone picked it up and shook it" check out our Floor book for further comments.

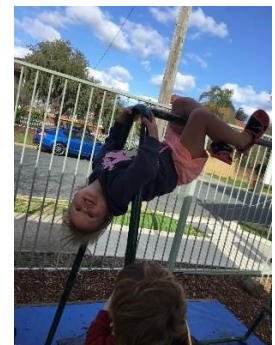
Risky play has been a great interest as we explore our own ways to build obstacle courses and create play spaces, such as fire trucks, which involve balancing and climbing with the large and small wooden ladders. This has extended with having open gates and the preschool children joining our play and learning.

Lucas and his family donated a sign language book for us to read and learn along with Emma Wiggle. You may have noticed some pictures and signs around the room, we are using these to guide us in communicating with sign language. We will be practicing some songs in sign too.

The weather is warming up and we are now applying sunblock and wearing hats to apply with SunSmart advice. Please ensure you have applied sunblock on arrival, educators will reapply during the day. We also encourage plenty of changes of labelled clothes of different seasons, due to changing weather and water play experiences.




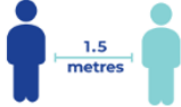


Following the warmer weather, we would like to get out on our bikes. Please keep posted via the weekly highlights for bike week. We encourage the children to bring a bike or scooter and helmet from home to ride for the week. We recently went for a community to see the trains and trucks from the bridge. We are grateful to be out and about in our community again.

We look forward to more adventures in the coming weeks.





Krystine, Deb, Chrissy, Tash & Jodie
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COVID-19 Practices at Yarrunga

<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.