

DATES FOR THE DIARY

June 2023:

Management Committee
Meeting Wednesday 21st

@ 6.30pm



JUNE NEWSLETTER 2023

In complying with the National Quality Standards, we ensure that a copy of the Law and Regulations can be accessed by families, including those seeking to enrol their child at the service?

To access it go to <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sl-2011-0653>

Dear families,

Could you please pack a hat for your child/ren as Yarrunga only has enough for spares. We do have some to purchase from the Front Office if you would like at \$20 each.

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 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 and the password is 2640

Policies/Procedure/Reflection being reviewed this month: Emergency Evacuation Alarm & Duress Button Procedure, Court Orders Policy, RAP 2023-2024 & Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives Bookish Plan (Koori Curriculum).



NO FOOD FROM HOME! A reminder that we have children attending Yarrunga with severe allergies to 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.

CHILDREN'S T-SHIRTS, JUMPERS & HATS

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. We now have a supply of children's hats for \$20 each. Please see Deb.

Boys to the Bush have been given beds which they would like to donate to families in need. If any family needs or knows of anyone who could use the beds please contact the Boys from the Bush direct.

info@boystothebush.org.au

PH- 02 6025 2510



Congratulations to our Yarrunga family that have welcomed a baby girl and sister
- Megan, Ben & Elliot - Lilly

Staff news:

We will sadly farewell Karen on the 23rd of June. We would like to take this time to thank her for all her hard work and efficiency. We wish her the best for her future endeavors.

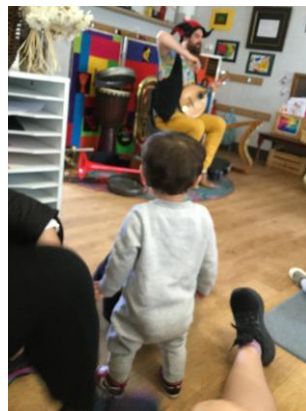


NURSERY NEWS

In the nursery room we have been making the most of the clear weather to get outside to explore. Our morning ritual of acknowledgement of country has become embedded in our daily practice, with our children approaching when they hear the cue music.

The children loved the incursion with Declan the Music Man. They were so engaged as he was funny and entertaining. They enjoyed seeing all the different instruments and singing familiar songs with him.

Some of our children have been practicing sleeping on stretchers out in the main room during rest time and they have been loving this change in their routine.



Emma, Chrissy, Serena and Kaitlin.
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JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS - Gugubarra Room

During this month we had lots of activities that we were engaged in. We followed up our poppy painting with painting butterflies from an inspiration picture. Our room is now beautifully displayed with these artworks, so feel free to come and have a look.



Mother's Day was a big celebration that had a lot of families involved. We couldn't fit all of the photos in the newsletter; however, we do have a display within the room underneath the clock if you'd like to come have a look at that as well. We love having visitors in and we are proud to show them the things around our room.

We have started researching and watching what Donkey likes to eat. We make sure we stock the worm farm with our lunch scraps to help the worms grow, as we feed Donkey worms, and also the table scraps. We are learning how to take care of a living creature, and Wilaray's Dad even taught us the Wiradjuri word for Yabby, which is Yabby!



As autumn came to a close, we played in the leaves which sparked another art project for our room, pasting with the leaves in autumn colour glue. Smiles spread across our faces as we threw the leaves in the air!



We've been loving our climbing and balancing so much, we added another way to practice by bringing the balancing buckets up. These have been great as we can spread them out far or have them in close, able to be modified for everyone's personal needs.



Cheers, Gugubarra Room, Natt, Tash, Nicole, Lesley, and Robyn 😊

PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

This month the educators will be completing the mid-year summative assessments for all children, you should receive these over the coming weeks. This will be followed by Transition to School Statements for those heading to big school next year.

We currently have Emily, a CSU student who will be with us for another couple of weeks. We are all enjoying Emily in the room, developing relationships with the children, and developing experiences based on their interests.

Reconciliation Week



We celebrated our First Nations peoples' culture and histories for National Reconciliation Week this month, the theme being 'Be a Voice for Generations'. The children were invited to 'Wear It Yellow', which is an annual campaign held by Children's Ground during National Reconciliation Week to raise funds for Children's Ground. You can still donate through <https://wearityellow.org.au/o/yarrunga-early-learning-centre>. We will continue to work on our knowledge of Wiradjuri language as we explore native Australian Animals over the coming weeks. We have also been exploring Torres Strait Islander language, culture, and histories, with Jodie introducing us to a special documentary close to her heart. We are hoping to explore the Torres Strait Islander cultures more and include more perspectives into our curriculum.



Catherine, Layla, Noonie and Teddy joined Liv and Meg in the kitchen to make some Damper, a traditional food of our First Nations Peoples. We put a modern twist on it, having jam and butter on top for afternoon tea, it was delicious!



Declan the Music Man

Declan the Music Man joined us last Friday, bringing with him several instruments that the children were able to explore and try. He performed to the group with his various instruments, entertaining the group with lots of fun and laughter as he went.



Healthy Harold

Healthy Harold came in to visit us on Monday for a session on emotional regulation, and the big feelings we have in new situations. Steph brought with her some amazing resources and games to play with the children, exploring emotions, and giving the children strategies to assist them in dealing with the big emotions. We practiced breathing techniques, as well as confiding in people we trust when we are feeling sad or angry.

Donations

Thank you to the Mayne family for the donation of a marble run, the children are thrilled to be exploring concept of speed and velocity through play and exploration. Thank you to Natt and Kristy for the donation of Woolies Farm Lego. We have seen some amazing constructions so far, and the children continue to express their keen interest in this when it is out.

A big thank you to Deb and the committee for purchasing a new sewing machine for us to use. Krystine has been working hard on finalizing a pattern for the children to try in the coming weeks. The children really enjoy getting behind the sewing machine, showing their capability and confidence during the creation of our Mother's Day bags last month.



Alana, Krystine, Maree, Liv, Jay and Jodie

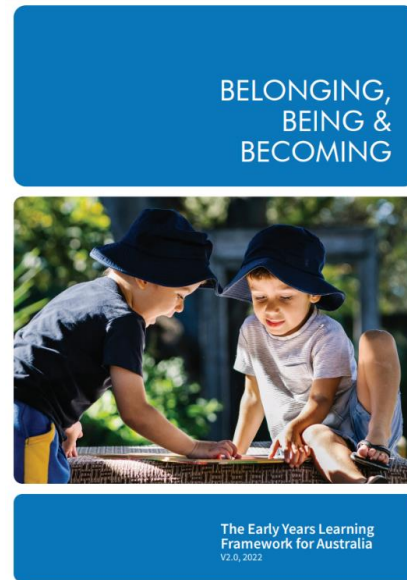
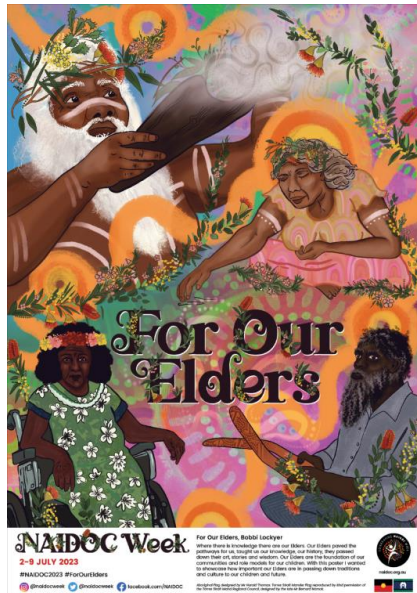
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Educational Leader:

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN:

Meg and I have updated Yarrunga's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in consultation with our *working group* and are pleased to let you know that it has been published on the Narragunawali platform for public viewing. Our RAP deliverables and Vision for Reconciliation are also displayed in the foyer.

We want to celebrate our achievements with families and community by creating a scrapbook which will be on display during our NAIDOC week festivities that are taking place from Monday 3rd July to Friday 7th July. A flyer with details of ceremonies and events will be forwarded shortly and we stress that **FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!**



Educators are busily writing children's Summative Assessments which will be forwarded to families in the first week of July. Teaching teams will then provide information about parent/educator meetings.

As a service team we are continuing to familiarize ourselves with the new Early Years Learning Framework V2.0 which will be mandated in 2024. There are some inclusions in the teaching principles and practices, and additions to the learning outcomes. Educators are including updated wording in children's assessments as a general guide for families. Please don't hesitate to question anything you may be unsure about as we value your input and partnerships are vital for children's growth and wellbeing.

Krystine

Healthy Snack and Meal Ideas:

Our Children's Menu Survey returns indicate that you would like more healthy eating materials to access. Each month I will include a link with lots of recipes and dietary information which you will be able to access.

<https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au/>

Catering Officer - Meg

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.

Nutrition Snippet

5 TIPS TO REDUCE YOUR GROCERY BILL



1. Buy fruit and veg that is in season
2. Buy staple ingredients in bulk
3. Go frozen
4. Create a meal plan and shopping list
5. Reduce the amount of meat in your meals

Check out our [blog](#) to find out more on how you can take the pressure off your wallet and still fill the trolley with healthy food!

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

