



October Newsletter



DATES FOR THE DIARY

**AGM Wednesday 15th November @ 7pm
All Welcome**

Grandparents Day: 2nd November @ 11am

Closure Dates: 22th Dec 2023 — 9th Jan 2024

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 enroll their child at the service?

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

WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK!

How can we make our newsletter better?
What information would you like us to include?
Call us on: (02) 6021 7597
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:

Health Policy—Medical Conditions

Sleep Check procedure

Lockdown procedure

Excursion policy

Authorization form



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 WET BAGS & HATS

If you would like to purchase a Wet Bag or a Hat for your child/ren, please see the display in the office for available colours. Wet Bags are \$10 each & Hats are \$20 each. Please see Deb or Leah for more information.



STAFF NEWS:

Congratulations to Kaitlin on her beautiful baby boy: Leonard "Lenny".

We have welcomed some new Casual staff. They have brought much needed relief for our current staff:

Ralene, Zoe & Hanna



NURSERY NEWS- Wilay Room:

The children have been loving music both inside and outside in the yards. They have certain songs that they like to request and have a great dance. We love seeing their cool dance moves and their knowledge of the songs and actions.

We have been working on sharing and being kind to our friends. The children are starting to understand the concept of sharing/turn taking as they find other interests as they wait for their turn. This is something we will continue to work on for the rest of the year as it is a big concept to grasp.

The children are loving the top yard at the moment and using all the challenging gross motor equipment. They are attempting these skills on their own but will ask for assistance when needed. They have been jumping by themselves on the bouncing board, climbing up to the top of the tunnel and wanting help to jump off and also having a go at the monkey bars as they practice their core strength and abilities.



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JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS - Gugubarra Room

This month we have been using the ratchet straps to balance, this uses our core strength and skills we have acquired from our obstacle courses. We have practiced turn taking and patience as we wait in line and have really enjoyed this activity.

We are learning about bees and have introduced some painting with yellow and orange colours. The paintings look like the honeycomb from the bee's hive. We will begin to talk about the life cycle of a bee, and we will decorate some bees and add items to our wall display over the next few weeks. Make sure you have a look.



We had a follow up activity from our ice cream shop and we got to have real ice cream it was delicious.

We welcome Jay to our room and team, she has taken over from Tash and this has been a very smooth transition for our children. We love having Jay in our room.

Just some housekeeping- On arrival could all families apply sunscreen to your child so that we are ready to go outside. Bring a hat from home labelled of course or borrow one of ours located near donkey's tank.



A reminder to pack and label your clothing we are having issues matching children's belongings if they are not clearly labelled.

We have also enjoyed visiting the garden with Amy to water the plants and see how the vegetables are growing.

**Cheers, Gugubarra Team, Natt, Jay,
Nicole, Lesley, Sarah**

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PRESCHOOL ROOM—Dinawan



Our Preschoolers are certainly relishing in the opportunities to spend more time engaged in outside play and are showing a keen interest in exploring fundamental movement skills and riding the bikes and scooters. The children are also excited exploring the garden with Amy, while picking fresh produce for their lunches & afternoon teas.



The preschool children are loving the opportunity to engage in some woodwork and exploring of tools has been pounced upon by many children as they test out and refine their hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills, by holding a nail and attempting to hammer it into a piece of timber. The children are showing remarkable skill and persistence and great enthusiasm with this.



Ink painting has been a massive favourite this month with the children exploring colours and experimenting while manipulating different tools -example instead of using a paintbrush they will use some feathers to see the cause and effect it has on their art.



Alphabet and numbers have been requested multiple times over the month our preschool children are really showing a strong interest. Incorporating literacy skills and awareness into their play. Our play-based curriculum allows learners to engage with letters and phonics in a fun and informal manner, building skills and interest in reading and writing.



Alana, Krystine, Maree, Liv, Jodie,
Robyn, Sarah, Lisa

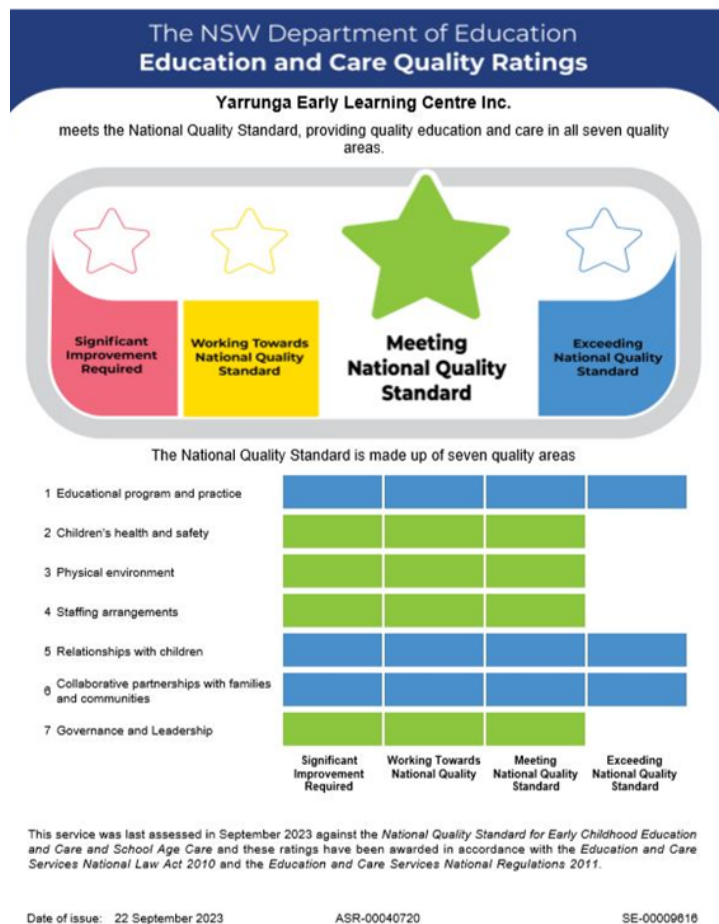
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Until next month, take care!

EDUCATIONAL LEADER

ASSESSMENT & RATING:

I'm pleased to advise you that we have now received our Assessment and Rating Report. We are all extremely proud and happy with the results, particularly because they show considerable growth since our last Assessment in September 2018. Exceeding ratings in 3 of the 7 Quality Areas (As shown in the table below) demonstrate the professionalism and commitment to Early Childhood Education and Care of Yarrunga's educators, staff, leadership team and Management Committee. The emphasis we place on family and community relationships is intrinsically interwoven throughout our core values, and we thank everyone involved in helping to build and maintain these partnerships now and into the future!



ASSESSMENT & RATING

OVERALL SUMMARY COMMENTS

Your service is acknowledged for its achievements in meeting the National Quality Standard and striving for quality outcomes for children.

In particular, the high quality and child centered program practices applied, the respectful relationships with children and families and the engagement with the local community, including the local Aboriginal community, which demonstrates a commitment to quality practices.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Last month Krystine and Olivia attended the [Educational Leader Conference](#) in Canberra. Current research strongly favors Intentionality in Teaching with a focus on developing 21st Century skills. Children need KEY skills to live and grow 'today' including resilience, perseverance, compassion, respect, empathy, curiosity and mindfulness. This new ideal has inspired us to investigate how our teaching teams can effectively plan environments and learning experiences in support of these key skills through relationships and play.

Last week Nicole and Olivia attended the [Early Childhood Australia \(ECA\) National Conference](#) in Adelaide. The conference theme also reinforces the importance of contemporary approaches to teaching and learning, whilst continuing to value old ways, theoretical perspectives and knowledge. We look forward to sharing what they bring back with them!

Thank you,
Krystine