



# November Newsletter



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Last Day: 21st December 2023

First Day: 9th January 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](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/Procedure/Reflection being reviewed this month:

Health and safety

Sleep and rest policy

First aid policy

Water safety policy



## 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:

Rooms reveal for 2024

Wilay N/T Olivia, Emily, Serena, Ralene, Sarah and Jay  
Gugubarra JPS Alana, Chrissy, Maree, Jodie, Sarah and Lesley  
Dinawan PS Nicole, Natt, Emma /Kaitlin and Robyn

Thank you to all the families for your input

## Recipe of the month

### Rainbow Chicken Pilaf Recipe

Makes: 6

#### Ingredients

- 1 tsp Extra virgin olive oil
- 1 Brown onion, finely diced
- 650g Chicken
- 1 tsp Ginger, minced
- 1 tsp Garam masala, ground
- 1 tsp Cinnamon, ground
- 1 tsp Turmeric, ground
- 1 3/4 Cup Basmati rice, uncooked
- 1L Chicken stock, salt reduced
- 1 Carrot, diced
- 3 stalks Celery, diced
- 1 Capsicum
- 1 Cup Frozen Peas
- Summer veggies to serve

#### Method

- Heat a drizzle of olive oil in a large fry pan.
- Add onions and stir until softened.
- Add the chicken pieces and fry until the chicken pieces start to brown.
- Add garam masala, cinnamon and turmeric, carrot, celery and uncooked rice to the pan. Stir for a couple of minutes until rice is yellow.
- Pour in the stock and add capsicum and peas.
- Bring to the boil, lower the heat, then cover the pan with a lid.
- Cook until rice is cooked and stock is absorbed.
- Serve chicken pilaf with seasonal vegetables.

## NURSERY NEWS- Wilay Room:

The children have really been into lots of arts and crafts throughout the month as we make lots of Christmas decorations for our room. This has been a really enjoyable experience as they all love the creative arts and it has helped the children to get to know Ralene more.

The children's love of music has also continued as we have our annual Christmas concert practice and performances.

We have been spending lots of time in the top yard with the Junior preschool children and their educators. This has helped the older children familiarise themselves with their new room for next year.

Thank you for this year! We have really enjoyed getting to know all the children and their families too over the course of the year . We wish you all a safe break and spend some time with your families over the festive season.



**Chrissy, Emma, Serena, Emily, Sarah**  
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## JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS - Gugubarra Room

Hi everyone we have had a busy month getting our end of year letters and journals ready to take home we hope you all enjoy reflecting on your children's year for 2023!!!

We have had our Christmas concerts this week and it was so great to see many of our families attend and comment on our awesome dance moves. A special thanks goes out to Natt for her brilliant choreography of the broccoli song.

Lastly we want to wish all out Yarrunga families a safe holiday break and we will see you all next year!



Cheers, Gugubarra Team, Natt,  
Jay, Nicole, Lesley, Sarah  
[Preschool@yarrunga.com.au](mailto:Preschool@yarrunga.com.au)

## PRESCHOOL ROOM—Dinawan

Hoping this entry finds you all well and prepared for the craziness to come! We have wrapped up our 2023 Graduation ceremonies and congratulate our newest Alumni - Abel, Eddie, Vallie, Sophie D, Sophie L, Finn, Tex, Leroy, Henry, Max, Layla, Caolán, Byron, Ryan, Lucas, Ned, Otis, Sam, Xavier, Maggie, Catherine, Pippa, Alby, and Teddy. Wishing you big and amazing things as you enter "big school" so, so soon!



We thank Saint Pat's for inviting us to attend their phenomenal end-of-year concert *Elf on the Run*. It received rave reviews from our Thursday class and several inquiries on Friday, asking if we had another excursion to the school planned again for today!

We are hoping that families are enjoying their end-of-year package, with their child/ren's Individual Learning Journal. We gratefully accept any feedback on these, as this informs our practice in the future and we try very hard to cater to the needs and wants of our community.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our families and Preschool community a joyous and safe festive season. May the coming holidays be as exciting, relaxing, action-packed, blissful and busy as you are hoping them to be.  
But may they all be restorative and filled with love.

**Until next month, take care!**

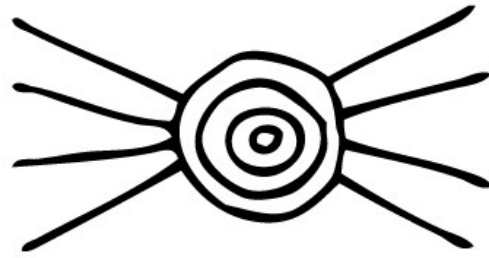
Alana, Krystine, Maree, Liv, Jodie,  
Robyn, Sarah, Lisa

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## Educational Leader Update:

Another year has come to an end and with a little sadness we farewell some of our families and children as they move on to the next stage in their lives. We wish you all a bright and happy future, and hope you take with you some wonderful memories of your time at Yarrunga as I know we will!



MEETING PLACE

## *YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPRTANT!*

Please let us know how you feel about your child/ren's Individual Learning Journal:

- The presentation of play and learning "Organic"
- The content
- What you like most
- Suggestions for improvements

Your input will help us to ensure we are catering to the needs of our Yarrunga community through quality practice.

## *2024*

Next year my role as Educational Leader will see me working in all rooms as I cover educator planning time. I'm really looking forward to spending more time with children and families whilst continuing to support our teaching teams.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Krystine