



## Newsletter

### Important dates:

- Committee meeting 7pm Wednesday 15th May
- Mother's Day Biggest morning tea now on Wednesday 22nd May @11am
- Safe sleep training will be held Tuesday 28th May 6.30pm-7.30pm
- Digital invite for Xplore will be sent on Monday 17th May
- Childrens photos 13th-17th may

## Staff News...

Emma is on Parental leave and welcomed a baby girl, Sutton Joy

Maree will now be full time, covering RDO's on Monday and a Float shift on Tuesday

We welcome Kaitlin back on Monday's and Sarah will job share in the Preschool room

Please see our new casual display to see who is in for the week, in addition to our existing sign between the iPad sign in.

### Mother's day biggest morning tea

This year we will be hosting a Cancer council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea incorporating our annual Mother's day event.

We have families in our Yarrunga community closely affected by cancer and wish to do all we can show our support. Please help us donate for our event.

**Wednesday 22nd May at 11am for a high tea style luncheon**

All families are welcome please RSVP by Thursday 15th May for catering





**We invite all Educators and families to participate in**

**Red nose**

**Safe sleep training**

**Tuesday 28th May at 6.30-7.30pm**

**Please RSVP by Thursday 23rd May for catering**



**You can make a difference!**

## What's hot in Auntie Amy's Kitchen ....

### Italian Sausage Risotto

#### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 30 g (2 tbsp) butter
- 1 medium onion, diced.
- 6 Italian sausages (450 g/1 lb) removed from cases and cut in large chunks.
- 2 cups arborio rice
- 75 ml (1/2 cup) white wine
- 1 litre (5 cups) chicken stock
- 1 bottle passata
- 30 g (1 ounce) grated Parmesan.
- Freshly ground black pepper (and dried chilli flakes if no kids)
- Feta cheese to garnish

#### Serves 4

#### Instructions

1. In a large pan, heat the olive oil and melt the butter over medium heat. Fry the onion for 1-2 minutes until it's soft.
2. Add the sausages and fry for 8-10 minutes until golden brown. Break the sausage meat with your spoon as they cook.
3. Lower the heat and then add the Arborio rice. Toast the rice for 1-2 minutes, stirring occasionally, then add the wine and cook for 1-2 minutes until the alcohol has mostly evaporated.
4. Mix Passata and stock together then start pouring the stock one cup at a time. The rice is done when it's al dente, which means tender but still with a bit of a bite.
5. Stir in the grated Parmesan and season with freshly ground black pepper. Serve immediately, with some extra Parmesan on top if you like.



# WILAY ROOM

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### Reminders

- Mothers day morning tea is next Wednesday 22nd May
- Photographs are taking place the week of 13th May
- We are after donations of: kitchen items for a music wall and plants that may suit a fairy garden
- We will have a student Hannah in our room for the next month

### This month we have...

been very lucky to have a very passionate student attend Wednesday through to Fridays with us. Kate has brought with her some amazingly inspirational puppets, natural materials, home-made activities, props and books, all of which has entertained, engaged and taught not only the children but the educators as well.



We have also been continuing our focus on music this month, following on from previous months. This has proven to be a successful transitional activity for the group, who thoroughly enjoy the clap sticks

and other musical instruments,



*We have been experimented with sleeping outside on the verandah.*



This month we have also celebrated many birthdays, enjoying the yummy treats that our families have shared!

Ramps and ball runs have been another popular choice of the children, which has led to lots of experimenting. The children discovered that the smaller balls and trucks went very fast down the ramp, exploring concepts such as speed and force, trial and error, and problem solving.



We continue to explore the top and bottom yards, practicing our gross motor skills as the children balance, climb, jump, and run.







# GUGUBARRAS

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## Reminders

- Please label clothing
- Please remember to pack your child's hat
- Excursion to Borella House Wednesdays and Fridays
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## This month we have...

Welcomed two new friends, Paige and Marlee into our room and they have settled into their new learning environment beautifully. Chrissy is back after her few weeks off and she has enjoyed being back!

During this month we have been working on our Mother's Day gifts and have participated in activities involving celebrating ANZAC Day by

making ANZAC slice, painting poppies, and making poppies using our hand prints.

We are working on looking after our learning environment and showing 'Yindyamarra' (respect) for our belongings, others and environment. This includes helping to be pack away; being careful with our precious books and toys; and using kind words and actions. The children have been joining in on some of our routine activities such as making the beds and setting them up and getting the tables ready for meals.

*"Childrens quotes,*

*"I need to do some cutting! Can we get some scissors Please?"*

*-Bailey Smith*





# DINNAWAN ROOM

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## Reminders

- Sign Permission forms for ongoing Borella house excursions

## This month we have...

Exploring imaginative play making pirates and adding resources for the children to extend their learning. We have been also practicing our cutting skills with play spaces to assist our learning this is both teacher led and comes from the children's interests. Our room has been changing to advocate for quiet play spaces and less is more approach based on individual interests through play.

It has been a very busy Month in the preschool room and we have lots of fun exciting things coming up. The children have also been experimenting with a little science "How do we make a Volcano?", we have been making playdough together measuring and pouring using mathematical concepts and learning. Sarah provided a beautiful Lion craft experience you can see the display in our room.



# Educational Leader Update (May):

## FAMILY SURVEY

The thoughtful and honest responses in our Family Surveys (April 2024) were welcome. Replies clearly highlighted Yarrunga's strengths and areas we can strengthen. One key practice we were unaware of these relates to communication about what/where/how etc. of service and individual room operations. This has easily been rectified and we have discussed strategies to support a more positive transition process for parents as they move from one room to another. With 26% of surveys returned I think we have a good overall assessment of our professional practice, particularly from the viewpoint of children and families.

I have graphed the outcomes (both Yarrunga overall & Individual Rooms) to provide a visual for families and for us to work with. The feedback also includes information about strategies we have in place or are working on. Please see attached.

## PHILOSOPHY REVIEW 2024

Using responses from the Family Surveys and our team review of the updated Early Years Learning Framework I have developed some linking words to accompany our Philosophy Update. The aim is to ensure the voices of our Yarrunga community are represented throughout. Please see attached.

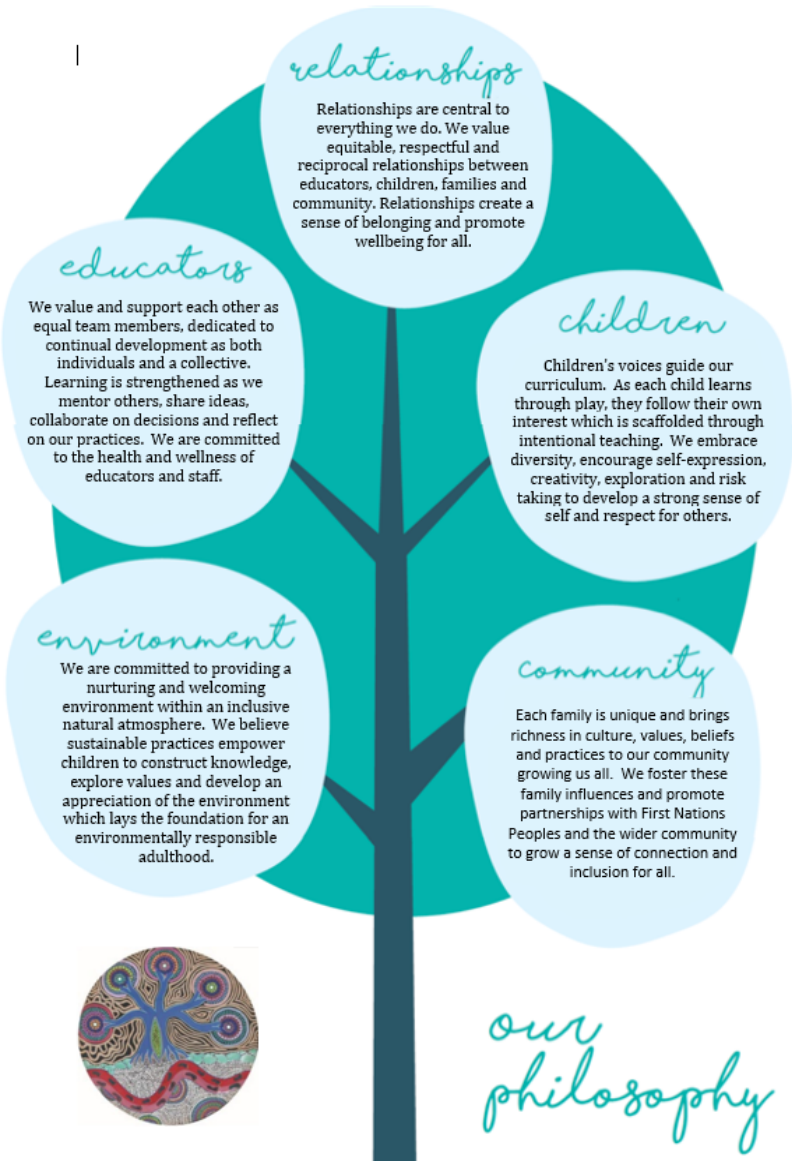
## RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP) 2024

Our RAP has been reverted to draft and Olivia has commenced working on the Vision with input from children, families and educators via a wall display in the office.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

I am pleased to inform you that we have reconnected with the residents of Borella House. The new events coordinator has planned experiences for children and residents of all ages, and we hope to welcome them for a visit to Yarrunga as well. We are vigilant about health requirements and can only participate when illness free.

Krystine





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?

Access via <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)



## 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.

### Policies/Procedure/Reflection being reviewed this month:

Child protection

Confidentiality

### Yarrunga Policies:

Just a reminder to families – our policies can be accessed on our website [www.yarrunga.com.au](http://www.yarrunga.com.au) and the password is 2640

## WEEKLY MENU

Our weekly menu ids displayed in the foyer

### Sunsmart Snippet

#### 6 tips for staying SunSmart this summer:

1. Learn to understand the UV index;
2. Slip on sun protective clothing;
3. Slap on SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
4. Slap on a SunSmart hat
5. Seek shade
6. Slide on wrap-around sunglasses



[sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://sunsmartnsw.com.au)

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Healthy Lunch Box

### CHILDREN'S WET BAGS & SUN HATS

If you would like to purchase a Wet Bag or a Sun Hat for your child/ren, please see the display in the office for available colours.

Wet Bags are \$10 each & Sun Hats are \$20 each.



### Nutrition Snippet

#### SNACK SOLUTIONS

Do you always hear 'I'm hungry - I need a snack!' but are stuck for healthy snack ideas?



We've got you covered - download your FREE copy of our healthy snack guide at: [healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/back-to-school-snack-solutions/](http://healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/back-to-school-snack-solutions/)

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### Nutrition Snippet

#### 5 TIPS TO TAKE THE PRESSURE OFF PACKING LUNCH BOXES



- 1) Base it on the 5 food groups
- 2) Add colour with fruit and vegetables
- 3) Let your child to help choose some foods
- 4) Save time by packing leftovers
- 5) Save money by stocking up on specials

Read more at: [healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/5-tips-to-take-the-pressure-off-packing-a-lunch-box](http://healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/5-tips-to-take-the-pressure-off-packing-a-lunch-box)

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