



Newsletter

Important dates:

- Mega winter raffle donations in by next week
- Go live week for Home app 3rd June
- June Long weekend centre closed Mon 10th June 2024
- 21st June International Yoga day
- 29th June World mud day
- NAIDOC week 7th-14th July
- PJ week tba July

Staff News...

Robyn will be going on placement for 5 weeks to completed her CSU prac.

Staff have completed training in the following areas: Safe Sleep, Ritualising routines, TIPIAC 8 ways, Supporting the anxious child, Communicating with families.

A big **thank you** for all the donations towards our biggest morning tea. We raised.... **\$313**



Donations please

We are building on our rituals in the environment, learning to care and respect the world arounds us.

We are in search for timber coffee tables, timber dinning table and chairs, crockery, tea pots, photo frames, plants/pots...

Bringing something from home to share often builds a connection and respect to care for these special items.

Mega winter raffle

We have some great prizes lined up, including: RMR Fire pit, fire wood, wine, cast iron camp oven, camp chair, \$100 vouchers for The Lincon and La Maison, Men's shed chopping boards, Hello Darling, Platform 9, plus more.

Keep your eye out for tickets soon.



What's hot in Aunty Amy's Kitchen ...

Cauliflower soup

- 2 tbs extra virgin olive oil, plus extra to serve ,1 onion, chopped
- 1.5kg cauliflower, roughly chopped,
- 200g white potato, peeled, roughly chopped,
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed,
- 4 cups (1L) chicken stock,
- 1/4 cup (60ml) thickened cream,
- Finely chopped and whole flat-leaf parsley, to serve

method

- 1.Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook onion, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until softened. Add cauliflower and potato. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until cauliflower starts to brown lightly. Add garlic. Cook for 1 minute or until fragrant.
- 2.Add stock and season with salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for 20-25 minutes until vegetables are tender.





WILAY ROOM

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Reminders:

- National Sushi Day—18th June
- International Day of Yoga—21st June
- NAIDOC Week - 7th-14th July
- Pyjama Week— July (more info to follow)

This month we celebrated the special people in our life for Mother's Day. We held a Mother's Day morning tea prepared by our amazing catering officer Amy. We loved sharing an amazing morning with our loved ones.

We have had a strong focus on developing our self-help skills this month, encouraging the children to put their shoes and socks on, wash their hands step-by-step, and scrape their bowls after lunch.

We also celebrated our First Nations people this month through Reconciliation Week, where we continued to extend on our current program and explore new understandings about our First Nations Culture and ways of knowing, being and doing.

"I want to do drawing"

- Mahina



"The children continue to thoroughly enjoy music and movement this month" - Educators

We continue to explore speed and force which was initiated through interest in how fast and slow various things roll down. We extended on this idea by setting up a ball run area on our veranda. The children practice rolling items down various slopes such as bamboo pieces, ramps, and planks, which has led to the discovering that different sized objects travelled at different speeds—how fascinating!





GUGUBARRA

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Reminders

- Please label clothing

This month we have...

Participated in National Simultaneous Story Time, sharing Aura Parker's *Bowerbird Blues* on Wednesday 22nd May. We revisited the text every day for the rest of the week, with class members sharing their recollections of the story. They shared great recall skills, as they discussed bowerbirds, their special 'nests', and their love of all things blue!



"Children's quotes",

"It wanted a friend!"

"He loves blue!"

"It's a bird. He wants a blue home."

We also delighted in the fun antics of Declan the Music Man, as he showed us some interesting instruments and had us moving and grooving to the cool sounds and songs.

"Children's quotes",

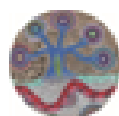
"It was fun!"

"It was good when it was loud, but not too loud!"

"He was funny!"

"His hat fell off lots!"





DINAWAN ROOM

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- Borella house visit- 18th June Tuesday we will pick 10 friends to go
- Sign library ongoing permission forms Educators will have these ready from next week
- Label clothing
- NAID OC week coming up

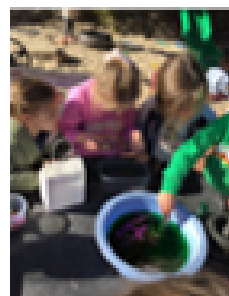
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Thankyou to the Sellwood family for donating puzzles and games for our preschool room, they have been put to good use. The Nott family donating boxes for our craft area. We have been exploring with potion making in our room. Ivy brought in some beautiful jars and containers and the children have been creating lots of magical concoctions. This month we have been focusing on learning our letters and writing our names. We have been doing this in many areas, even on the day sheet. We have continued to practice our cutting skills as well.

We have been able to do more cooking experiences with the children we have made Honey joys for our mother's day morning tea and then we made chocolate cake for the whole centres afternoon tea. We then made honey joys again as children really enjoyed the process. We are learning mathematical concepts as we pour ,fill and measure the ingredients and we explore texture as we mix and combine.

The children in the preschool room have also been helping educator's to tidy up their meal areas after lunch they are independently able to wash their fruit plates and are able to clean up food off the table and floors with some new brooms and dustpans.

*“CREATIVITY is
Inventing,
experimenting,
growing, taking
risks breaking
rules, making
mistakes and
HAVING FUN-
-Mary Lou Cook*

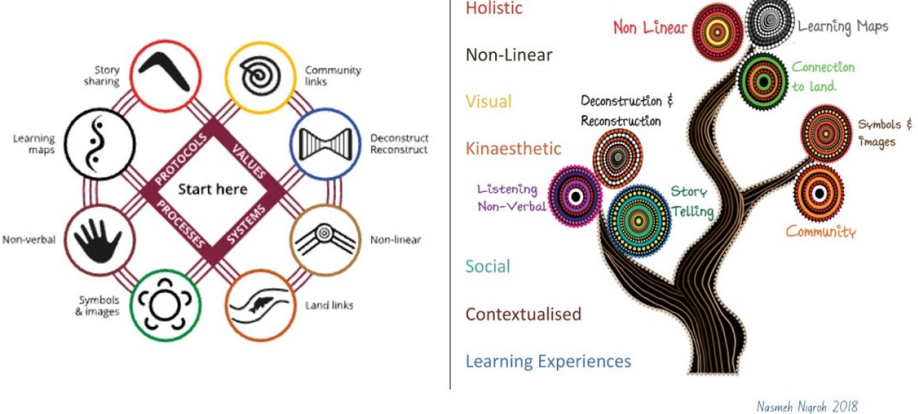


EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Professional development:

Educators continue to upskill through online and face-to-face training. We are excited to apply our new knowledge to curriculum planning. The 8 Ways of Aboriginal Learning links with the Early Years Learning Framework and the multiple ways that young children learn and grow (see the diagram below). A number of educators also attended a talk by Marina Bailey ECA (a psychologist advocating for child and family centered practice). This presentation focused on supporting the anxious child and the importance of offering calm, responsive and inviting learning spaces for every child and family.

8 Ways of Aboriginal Learning



Mid-Year Assessments & Parent/Educator Meetings:

This month educators are working on children's Individual Learning Assessments. When completed they will be emailed to families with information about parent/educator meetings in July. These meetings provide a great opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their primary educator and can be tailored to suit your needs for example in person or via telephone / email correspondence.

Community Connections & Upcoming Incursions / Excursions:

Visits and activities with the residents of Borella House. These are ongoing and will include every child over the course of the year.

NAIDOC Week 2024 - Yarrunga will host a variety of First Nations activities and experiences which **families are welcome to attend**. An information Flyer and timetable will be displayed and forwarded to families when events are finalised.

Albury Library Museum

NAIDOC Week Story Time and Cultural Exhibition - 9/07/24

Book Week Story Time "Reading Is Magic" - 12/08/24

Wonga Wetlands - 3/07/24

Impact Dental incursion - 23/07/24

YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY US ON ANY EXCURSION EVEN IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT ATTEND YARRUNGA ON THE EXCURSION DATE.

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



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:

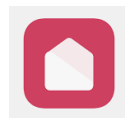
Child protection, Confidentiality, Code of conduct, Governance Polices, updating changes to written authority to include the new app format, Media Policy

Yarrunga Policies:

Just a reminder to families – our policies can be accessed on our website www.yarrunga.com.au and the password is 2640

Home App

Please check your home app for your billing account and statement as these will no longer be sent via email.



WEEKLY MENU

Our weekly menu ids displayed in the foyer

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/

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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

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