



YARRUNGA ELC



Newsletter

Staff News...

Important dates:

Monday 12th story time at library for preschoolers

Book week 19th –23rd

Fathers day luncheon 12.9.24 RSVP 5.9.24

Footy colours 9th-13th September

Committee meeting 18.9.24 7pm

Olivia will be going on 7 weeks leave at the end of September to spend quality time with her family while travelling. We will ensure familiar educators are in the room in her absence.

We welcome back Wendy and Brooke to our casual team, photos to follow

Welcome-**gawaymbanha**– to come, to tell, or welcome

Good morning-**marang ngarin**

Good evening– **marang yariya**

Goodbye– **yanhanhadhu** to leave



Welcome to Baby Sloane, Congratulations on your new family addition to Pip, Jeremy and big brother Ralph



You may hear and see more Wiradjuri words in our learning community. You can access the Wiradjuri dictionary app online to listen and research language

Care requirements 2025

At the end of the month we will be sending out care requirements 2025.

You will need to complete one for each child you wish to attend care and one completed with not requiring care if your child is attending school.

If you have a sibling on the waitlist that you wish to have a place for 2025 please also complete a separate care requirement form.

Forms will be sent out in the last week of August.

Mega winter raffle

We raised just over \$1800 to put towards our new playground. We are currently formalizing plans and obtaining quotes.

Thank you to all families for donations and support.

If you would like to add any requests or ideas please send them through to

admin@yarrunga.com.au

What's hot in Auntie Amy's Kitchen

Fried Pork Mince Rice

- 1 small yellow onion
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 2 large eggs
- 8 ounces ground pork
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cups cold cooked white or brown rice
- 1/2 cup frozen peas and carrots
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce or tamari
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- Dice 1 small yellow onion.

Heat 1 tablespoon of the vegetable oil in a wok or large nonstick frying pan over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add 2 large eggs and gently scramble with a rubber spatula until just softly set, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a bowl or plate and set aside.

Add the onion, 8 ounces ground pork, 1 teaspoon kosher salt, and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper to the pan. Cook, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon into small pieces, until the pork is cooked through and the onion is tender, about 5 minutes.

Add the remaining 2 tablespoons vegetable oil and let heat for a few seconds. Add 2 cups cold cooked rice, 1/2 cup frozen peas and carrots, and 2 tablespoons soy sauce or tamari, and stir-fry until the rice is heated through, 2 to 3 minutes. Return the eggs to the pan. Remove from the heat and stir in 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil.

* Please note that anything which is an allergy item can be omitted, the children also love corn and ham so that is added to the rice as well.





WILAY ROOM

Yarrunga Early Learning Centre Newsletter

This month we:

Reminders:

Olivia will be heading away next month for 7 weeks. Jay and Serena will be filling in for her while she is gone.

We will be celebrating Father's Day and Footy Colours Day next month

Book Week: 19th-23rd August, please come dressed as your favorite book character

Celebrated NAIDOC Week (8th—15th July)

Attended Wonga Wetlands - Wednesday 3rd July

Celebrated Pyjama week (22nd-29th July)



One of the highlights of the month was celebrating our First Nation's Culture, and ways of knowing, being and doing during NAIDOC Week. We tried traditional recipes (Thank you Amy, and Louka and Meg) with native herbs, watched traditional dancing, and attended the flag lowering ceremony with Aunty Edna, Uncle Darren and Aunty Jenny.



We lit the fire pit and sat around it for a yarn, discussing this years theme 'Keep the Fire Burning—Blak, Loud and Proud'; and engaged in art and craft, stories, books, language and visual learning aids to help us further develop our knowledge and understanding.



We were fortunate enough to be shown Aunty Edna's Possum Skin Cloak, which is made up of many possum skins sewn

together, each telling a different story about her journey through art and drawing on the cloak. We look forward to exploring these concept further throughout the year

We came dressed in our Favorite PJs for Pyjama Week, where we raised \$147.50 for children in Foster Care! We enjoyed breakfast for lunch throughout the week.

Mandaag guwu (Thank you),

**Wilay Team
(Liv, Emily, Rae, Serena and Jay)**





GUGUBARRA

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Reminders

- Please label clothes
- Book week 19th-23rd August
- Father's day luncheon 12.9.24 RSVP 5.9.24

This month we have...

Celebrating N.A.I.D.O.C week and learning all about our First Nations culture. We explored a variety of experiences and had many discussions.

In the Gugubarra room we extended our N.A.I.D.O.C week over a few weeks as we continued to explore and learn.

We yarned around the fire in the morning.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I've used lots of beads...it's very long isn't it!" Chloe

"Oh no have to do it again!" Archie after his beads came off his

We made our own headbands using soft materials in the colours of both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait flag colours. We did some weaving to make some fish, read stories, looked at this year's N.A.I.D.O.C poster and had some wonderful discussions about what the artwork represented. We also built on our fine motor skills doing many threading's using tiny beads.

We have also been exploring emotional intelligence and exploring strategies to help develop the skills to cope with big emotions.





DINAWAN ROOM

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Reminders

Library visit for Book Week , Monday 12th August—Children to be at Yarrunga by 8am for an early departure of 8:25am

Book week 19th-23rd August

Father's day 12.9.24
RSVP 5.9.24

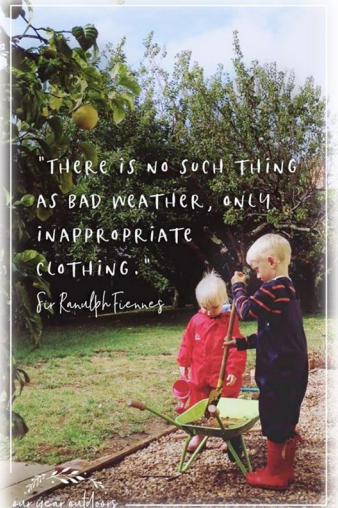
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Celebrated NAIDOC Week. We did arts and crafts, weaving, had the fire pit going, went on a couple of excursions to immerse ourselves in the community activities, and invited people to come in to our centre to show us some dancing. The Borella House residents also came for a visit during this week which was lovely. If you would like to see our learning from this wonderful cultural week, please come and see our wall display or check the children's Individual Learning Journal. Our artworks will be on display for the next couple of weeks, before being replaced by the Olympics artworks.

We had an excursion out to Wonga Wetlands for the Wednesday group, which consisted of us working as a team to build gunyas, searching our surroundings for birds, chewed leaves, spiderwebs, and so much more! We were lucky with the weather for our Wonga Wetlands excursion as it wasn't raining, but we still got to wear our gumboots and rain jackets. The weather for our library excursion however was quite rainy, however, most of us had umbrellas and we enjoyed jumping in the puddles on the walk back to Yarrunga.

Pyjama week was a big hit, so many of our friends, and even educators, wore their PJs to school to raise money for children in Foster Care. We had a discussion with our group about what foster care is and why we were wearing our pyjamas to school.

We are getting ready to celebrate the Olympics next and will have a few activities set for these weeks. Father's Day is going to be our next 'at Yarrunga' celebration with a focus on Men's Mental Health.



EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Professional development:

ECA library of resources:

Managing challenging conversations with families & carers

Governance and risk management program

PHILOSOPHY REVIEW 2024

Following is a copy of the key words derived from our

Family Survey earlier this year, Staff Professional

Development and the updated version of the Early Years

Learning Framework. We are now looking at how we can

merge these new concepts into our current philosophy.

Your continuing input ensures our philosophy remains

reflective of our Yarrunga community.

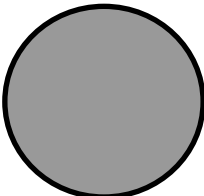
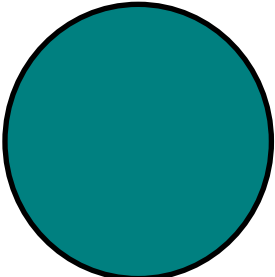
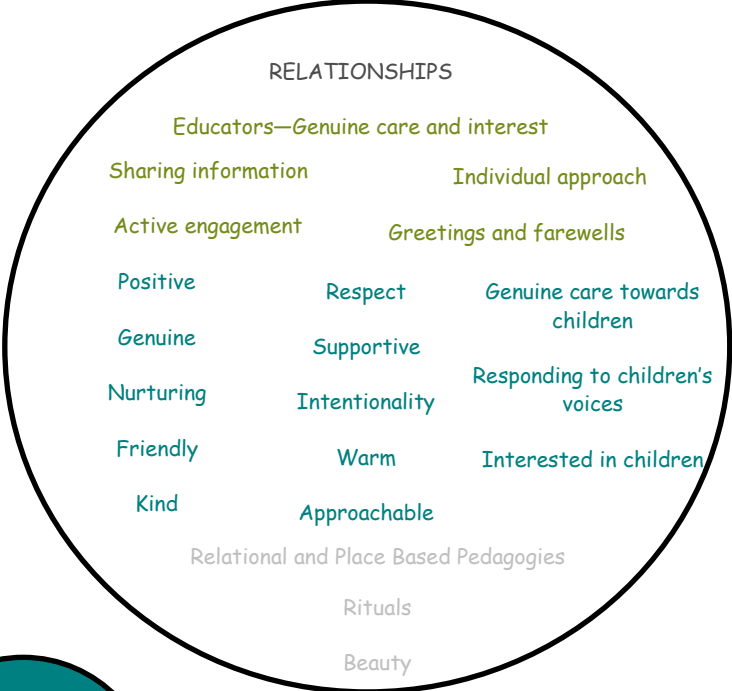
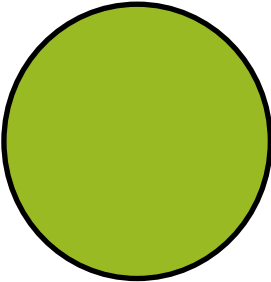
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Interactions

Expectations

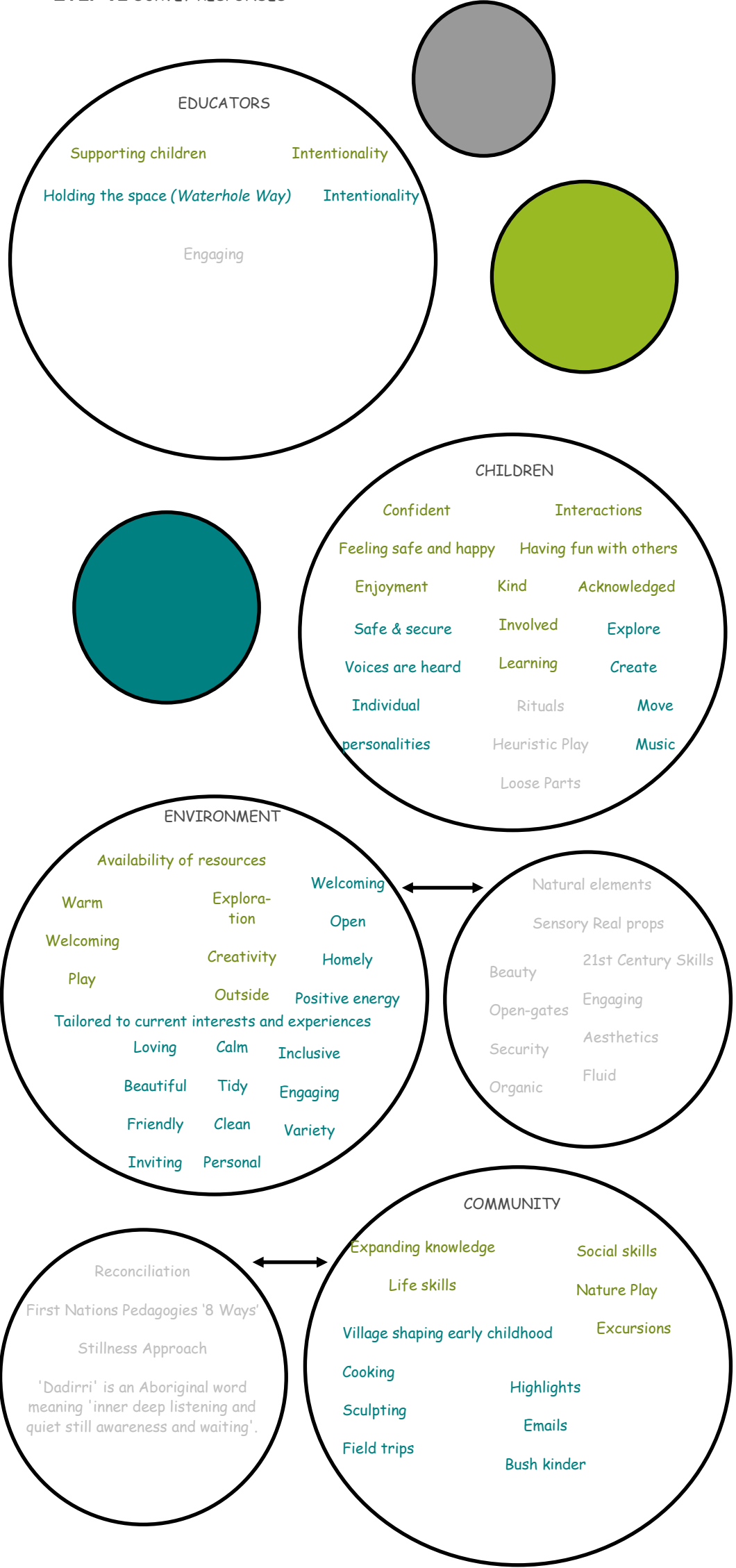
EDUCATOR REFLECTIONS

EYLF V2 & Professional Development



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EYLF V2 SURVEY RESPONSES



EDUCATORS

Supporting children
 Intentionality
 Holding the space (Waterhole Way)
 Intentionality
 Engaging

CHILDREN

Confident
 Interactions
 Feeling safe and happy
 Having fun with others
 Enjoyment
 Kind
 Acknowledged
 Safe & secure
 Involved
 Explore
 Voices are heard
 Learning
 Create
 Individual
 Rituals
 Move
 personalities
 Heuristic Play
 Music
 Loose Parts

ENVIRONMENT

Availability of resources
 Warm
 Welcoming
 Play
 Tailored to current interests and experiences
 Loving
 Beautiful
 Friendly
 Inviting
 Exploration
 Creativity
 Outside
 Calm
 Tidy
 Clean
 Personal
 Welcoming
 Open
 Homely
 Positive energy
 Inclusive
 Engaging
 Variety

ENVIRONMENT

Natural elements
 Sensory Real props
 Beauty
 Open-gates
 Security
 Organic
 21st Century Skills
 Engaging
 Aesthetics
 Fluid

COMMUNITY

Reconciliation
 First Nations Pedagogies '8 Ways'
 Stillness Approach
 'Dadirri' is an Aboriginal word meaning 'inner deep listening and quiet still awareness and waiting'.

Expanding knowledge
 Life skills
 Village shaping early childhood
 Cooking
 Sculpting
 Field trips
 Social skills
 Nature Play
 Excursions
 Highlights
 Emails
 Bush kinder

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:

Philosophy

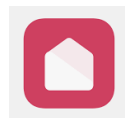
Compliance policies

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 is 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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Healthy Lunch Box

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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