



Staff News...

Robyn will be back on the 10th July

Sad news... We farewell Jodie as she takes some time for herself. Jodie's last day will be Tuesday 23rd July. We wish her all the best for her future. To celebrate Jodie's time at Yarrunga we are organizing a morning tea (TBA).

Important dates:

- Mega winter raffle tickets and money due on the 15th July, raffle drawn on the 17th July @ 10am all welcome
- NAIDOC WEEK 7th-14th July
- Children's Day 4th August
- Last week in July PJ week
- Wonga wetlands 3rd July
- Dental visit 23rd July must have 20 participants

Mega winter raffle

Tickets are out \$2 for 1 and 3 for \$5

First Prize

5x7 trailer of wood cut to requirements, delivered locally, RMR portable firepit, Camp chair, Hand crafted quilt, Who what why wooden toys, Memento wines box of 6, Bottle of baileys, Platform 9 voucher \$100, The Lincon \$100 voucher, Hand crafted chopping board, Albury Men's shed, Yarrunga merchandise

Second prize

Bag of wood and kindling from Peards Albury, Camp oven, Hot chocolate and marshmallows form Platform 9, Bottle of wine x 2, Borella butcher, \$100 meat pack, La Maison voucher, Chocolate labrador \$10 voucher, Hand crafted chopping board, Albury Men's, Yarrunga merch

3rd prize

Wodonga Osteo voucher, Hello Darling gift, Bottle of wine, Hot chocolate assortment from Platform 9, Chocolates, Chocolate Labrador \$10 voucher, Hand crafted chopping board, Albury Men's shed, Yarrunga merch



What's hot in Auntie Amy's Kitchen

Wattle Seed and Choc Chip Cookies

Ingredients

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| 1 3/4 Cups Organic plain flour | 150 gms butter, softened | 1/3 cup white sugar |
| 2/3 cup brown sugar | 2 eggs | 1 cup of choc chip |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | | |

Method

- 1) Heat oven to 180 degrees
- 2) Whip together butter, sugar wattleseed
- 3) Add eggs and Vanilla
- 4) Add flour and choc chips mix together
- 5) Form into little balls approx. the size of walnuts
- 6) Wet two fingers and slightly flatten the top of each ball
- 7) Line a baking tray and put the balls on, Cook for approx. 20 minutes, cool they will firm and then eat.





WILAY ROOM

Yarrunga Early Learning Centre Newsletter

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

Yarrunga Early Learning Centre Newsletter

Reminders

- Please label clothing

This month we have...

We have been making gradual changes to our routines and rituals. These changes have been based on current pedagogical practices and have made transitions between different times of our day much calmer and smoother. Chrissy attended a recent webinar with staff from the other rooms and gained a lot of valuable information that we have been able to implement with ease. It has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to have choice and power over when they participate in the rituals and routines of the day.



“Children’s quotes”,

“It’s going to be HUGE!”

“It made purple!”

“Let’s do it again and again and again!”

We have also had a return in our interest in exploring volcanoes. So we have been building our own volcanoes in the sandpit and we have had so much fun!

The children have made lots of observations, predictions and shared their theories on why certain things have happened.

Being a part of our routines and rituals has also included helping with setting the tables for lunch and making our beds and taking the sheets off when we are finished with them.





DINAWAN ROOM

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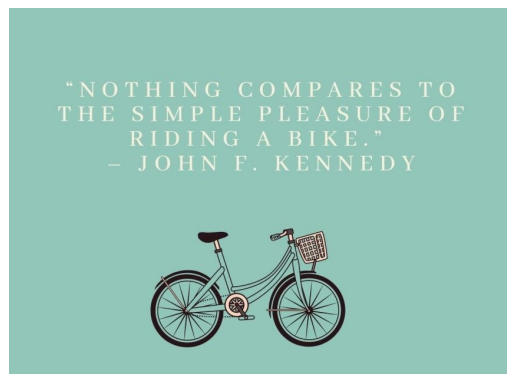
Reminders

- ◆ We are going to Wonga Wetlands on Wednesday 3rd July
- ◆ Tuesday 9th July we are going to the library museum during NAIDOC Week, and also to MAMA. Having a picnic lunch in QE2 square

This month we have...

Been engaged in bike week! The children have brought in bikes with training wheels, ones without, balance bikes, and scooters. Some friends even opted for a chance to run alongside the bikes and scooters to test out their speedy legs. During this time outside, we have also been talking about medals and coming, first, second, and third place, as a lead up to the Olympics. The friends that were at the head of the pack were very excited to learn that if they keep putting in the hard work, they could get a medal.

We have been practicing to make symbols from our First Nations People. Some of us worked with the sand to make them and others took the templates over to the playdough to make them that way. This has been a nice prelude to NAIDOC Week. We will be engaging within a cooking experience, fire pits, an excursion, and arts and crafts back at Yarrunga during this week. We have also been discussing the Naidoc week Artwork and asking children what they see in the picture this is displayed in our room.



To follow on from a shark book that we have been reading, we had some warm soapy water, coloured blue, in our water tray to explore sea creatures with a foamy ocean. We enjoyed our excursion to Wonga wetlands and all the children were amazing listeners we looked for birds and had checklists to complete and we were able to work as teams and make our very own

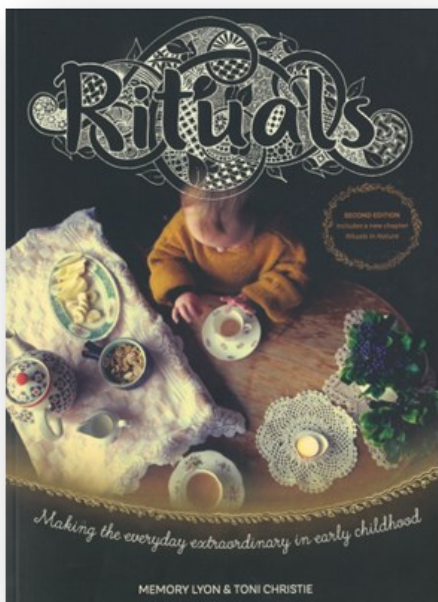


EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Professional development:

Ritualising Routines

Creating Seamless Transitions & Deeper Connections.



As a service team we have been focusing on transforming daily routines into meaningful rituals to enhance children's sense of security and well-being.

This aligns with our commitment to support children to develop skills which will see them thrive in the 21st Century.

The ritualising of routines occurs when intentionality and consistency is infused into everyday activities, fostering smoother transitions and meaningful interactions between children and children and educators.

Key ideas that influence our curriculum planning include understanding the importance of rituals in early childhood development, identifying opportunities to ritualise routines, and implementing rituals that promote engagement and cooperation.

We are sharing techniques to elevate our classroom environments and nurture a sense of belonging and predictability for all children.

You may have noticed some simple changes in your child's room for example:

Our preschoolers are now enjoying a floating lunch which allows them to choose when they eat and promotes long periods of uninterrupted play.

The Junior Preschool Room is focusing on transition times which promote fluidity between experiences and create a sense of ownership and belonging for children as they predict what comes next and how they will master the task at hand in their own way.

Our Nursery/Toddler children are also exploring how to create relaxing, child-focused snack and mealtimes. Educators are promoting more flexibility and greater independence by slowing down, making everyday tasks special and a space where children want to be.

Mid-Year Assessments update:

Due to illness educators are needing a little more time to complete children's Individual Learning Assessments. They will now be forwarded towards the end of July. Room teams will then provide information about booking parent/educator meetings which can be tailored to suit your needs for example in person or via telephone / email correspondence.

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Community Connections:

ITENERARY - NAIDOC Week 2024

Wednesday 3/07/24

- Wonga Wetlands Excursion

Sunday 7/07/24

- NAIDOC MAIN EVENT Burraja Cultural Centre (Gateway Village)
10.30am

Monday 8/07/24

- Firepit & Yarn
- Handprint Painting

Tuesday 9/07/24

- Excursions to Albury Library Museum NAIDOC Week Story Time & Wiradjuri Cultural Exhibition
- Murry Art Museum Albury (MAMA)

Wednesday 10/07/24

- Firepit & Yarning Circle
- Junior Preschool Cooking Class – Lemon Myrtle Cake
- Mailyan Dance Troup



Thursday 11/07/24

- Didgeridoo - Keanu Wighton
- Storytelling & Dreaming Stories on the Smartboard
- Nursery/Toddler Cooking Class – Jonny Cakes

Friday 12/07/24

- Preschool Cooking Class – Choc Chip and Wattle Seed Cookies

Children and educators are also embracing First Nations Language and Culture through music, dance, artworks, beading, weaving, modelling and examining authentic artefacts, images and symbols.

We hope to see some community presence and extend an invite to family and friends to join us for all or any of these experiences as we celebrate the world's oldest continuous living culture.

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:

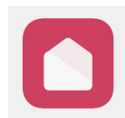
Child protection, Confidentiality, Code of conduct, Governance Polices, updating changes to written authority to include the new app format, Media Policy

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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