



YARRUNGA ELC



Newsletter

Staff News...

Important dates:

AGM 7.00pm Wed 20th November

Sun safety– Please provide a hat

Christmas closure last day for children 19th Dec 2024 and first day back 7th Jan 2025

Christmas concert and Graduation 2-6 December at 10am please RSVP

Natt is now job sharing with Ross circuit preschool and will only be at Yarrunga Mon and Tuesday.

Green compost bags wanted! If families have any spare green compost bags they could donate it would be much appreciated

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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



Footy colours

We raised a total of \$36 thank you all for your donations.



Carevan

Non-perishable donations can be placed in the bin in the foyer



Committee members wanted for 2025

All positions will be open for nomination. If you would like to join the Committee for 2025 please see Deb for a nomination form.

Yarrunga is Community based and not for profit, without a parent committee our service will not be able to operate.

List of roles

President-Vice president

Secretary-Vice secretary

Treasurer- Vice treasurer

General Committee

What's hot in Auntie Amy's Kitchen

Pork, Ginger and Cauliflower Meatballs

1kg Pork mince

½ Cauliflower - blitzed in food processor to resemble crumbs

1 piece Ginger – (grated) according to taste more or less

Salt and white ground pepper

Mix in bowl and form into meatballs, roast for 20 minutes on high oven or panfry and serve with noodles and salad.





WILAY ROOM

Yarrunga Early Learning Centre Newsletter

Reminders

- Olivia is on Annual Leave returning Monday 25th November. Jay and Serena will be filling in for her while she is gone.
- We have Lucy, a student in the Nursery for three weeks during October and November.

This month we:

- Celebrated Halloween 29th Oct 1st Nov
- Borella House excursions 11th and 25th



Halloween

We celebrated Halloween in the Nursery by dressing up as different characters and doing lots of spooky art and crafts. Everyone loved seeing all the creative outfits and the children really enjoyed making ghosts, mummy's and spiders! Our Nursery friends also enjoyed checking out the other rooms playing with slime and skulls in the scary black and green water were favourites

Borella House

We have been very excited to go on regular Friday excursions to visit the residents at Borella House on Fridays in October, and until the end of the year. Our Nursery friends have taken turns joining children from the other rooms to visit and talk to the residents, joining in on arts and crafts activities and indulging in some special cakes and a sneaky drink of Milo.



As we start heading into warmer weather we're asking all parents to supply hats for their children and their own sunscreen if you would prefer your own or your child has sensitive skin. We also ask to make sure your child's belongings are labelled.

Mandaag guwu (Thank you), Wilay Team (Liv, Emily, Rae, Serena and Jay)



GUGUBARRA

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Reminders

- Please ensure your child has a seasonally-appropriate change of clothes in their bag daily.

This month we have...

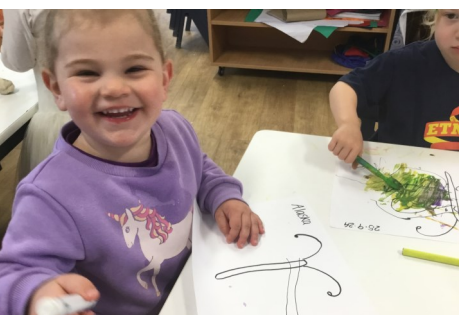
... followed on with children’s interest in colours, colour mixing, and creative (visual) arts.

Rainbow play proved to be a world of sensory fun, as various coloured blobs of the modelling compound were pinched, pressed, squashed, and squeezed together to form a beautiful multi-coloured swirled mound... before becoming blackish grey!

Creating with our new water colour palettes has been another fun and interactive way to investigate shades, tones, and textures of paint, as artists have made ‘new’ colours, altering the intensity by adding more or less water to the paints and combining



Our nature-loving class members have been enthusiastic to observe minibeasts moving through our yard and fresh buds appearing on the plants, as our trees and shrubs have started to blossom. In these moments, we have created a variety of nature-based artworks to celebrate the change of seasons, further incorporating children’s interests into our curriculum.



Through the use of natural materials, especially those found within our Yarrunga community, we are encouraging an appreciation of nature and embedding respect for the world around us.



DINAWAN ROOM

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Reminders

- ◆ Borella House visits— Friday 15th and 22nd
- ◆ Please ensure your child has sunscreen on in the mornings and preferably their own hat
- ◆ Spare clothes in bags as we are introducing water play again

This month we have...

Been getting ready and celebrating Halloween! Our Paper-mâché pumpkins have been on display on our veranda and we have also been getting crafty in other ways; knuckle pumpkin painting, cauldron painting, and ghost paintings. Slime was a fun sensory experience as well with spooky eyeballs and cauldrons for pouring. Our costumes and other decorations were a hit during the week of Halloween.

We have started getting ready for the end of the year with Christmas and graduation photos being taken. We will advise you when the end of year concert/s will be as soon as we get the details.

Our sunflowers have been growing rapidly and we have done a colouring, cutting, sequencing, and pasting experience following this up. Pumpkin seeds were also planted and they are yirra as well. Yirra means lengthen or become longer, growing, in Wiradjuri language and that has been our focus word for this past month.

Lots of different construction has been happening lately as we use work on STEM projects. We have been using blocks, magnets, boxes and tape, and the straw construction.

Water play has started back up again and we have been enjoying getting wet and using the leftover water to give our plants a drink.

We've had a big, fun October and can't wait to see what November will bring. Zoe joins our team on Fridays for the remainder of the year as Natt steps back to 2 days per week and Sarah will be in the room full time.





EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Educational Leader Update (November):

PHILOSOPHY REVIEW 2024

Please see our new Philosophy poster in the foyer. With input from Yarrunga’s children, families, educators and wider community we have created practice guidelines that are reflective of contemporary educational theories and the values of our Yarrunga Community.

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At our November staff meeting educators and staff reflected on how we respond to critical incidents and emergency situations through various role play scenarios. The role plays prompted team discussions that reinforced best practice guidelines and regulatory requirements relating to:

- Immediate response practices
- Ensuring the needs of ALL children are met
- First aid measures
- Documentation processes – How / Who / When
- Yarrunga’s linking Policy/Procedures
- Confidentiality indicators

We are following up with a review of Yarrunga’s Health and Safety Policy/Procedures.

Thank you,

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



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 and Compliance policies and procedures

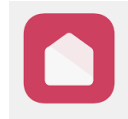
Please see foyer display for changes

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.



At 6-12 months, babies can have breastmilk, infant formula or small amounts of cooled, boiled tap water. At 12 months, [healthy drinks for children](#) are breastmilk, full-fat cow's milk and tap water.



Raising Children Network have wonderful free and up to date advice and support for families on all topics



Reminder to please bring a broad brim sun safe hat for your child as the days are becoming sunny. All children require sun protection when the UV reaches 3.

raisingchildren.net.au