



YARRUNGA ELC



Newsletter

Important dates:

- Committee Meeting
Wednesday 19th March
7pm
- **Bunnings Fundraising
BBQ Saturday 15th
March**
- **Harmony week 17th-
21st March parent input
is encouraged to share
your cultural
experiences and rituals**

Staff News...

Shadow is on leave to visit her family in China

Emma will return from parental leave in April,
Welcome back!

We welcome Mahaya as our new casual,
Yarrunga is her first early years experience,
please make her feel welcome.

The 8 ways conference training will be attended in
March

CONGRATULATIONS

Liberty, Tim and Lilly welcome a new baby boy. Finn.

Chelsea, Tim, Poppy and Remi welcome their baby boy Roy.



Albury Gold Cup 1/2 day **Public Holiday**

Yarrunga will open 8.00am to 12noon only

All children must be collected prior to 12.00pm

Friday 21st March



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 \$15 each.

Kids T shirts \$15 Adult T shirt and windcheaters \$18 are now also available for order.

Please see Deb or Leah for more information.

Parent and Director catch ups

Yarrunga would like to offer face to face catch ups for Families. Drop off and pick up times are often a busy and fast paced time of the day.

Deb will be available on Thursday 20th March. Booking times between

9am-3pm Last booking time 2pm.

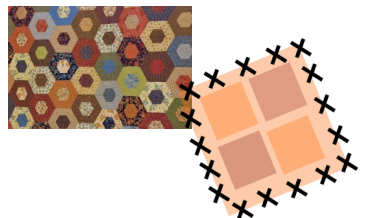
I would like to focus on supporting children's transitions.

I am also open for phone and email discussions.

Donations please!

We are in need of orange tones of material. If you have any shape, size or shade of orange material/fabric you could spare we would kindly appreciate your donation.

Please leave donations with administration staff.



Recipe Book



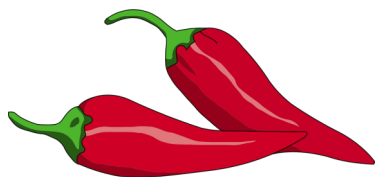
Connecting through the recipes we share

Please see our recipe book in the foyer we love sharing our recipes with you and would love to see yours. This would also help our Master chef Amy create some of your family favourites from home. Feel free to email recipes through too and we can print them for the book.

What's hot in Aunty Amy's Kitchen

Corn Fritters – Spicy version

3 corn cobs, kernels removed
3 eschalots, chopped
2 cloves garlic
2 long red chilies, chopped
4 coriander roots and stems, clean, finely chopped and leaves reserved
2 tsp palm sugar, grated, or brown sugar
3 free-range eggs, lightly beaten
100g plain flour, plus extra if needed
sea salt flakes and white pepper to season
oil for shallow frying
2 avocados, flesh scooped out
2 limes
1/4 bunch fresh mint, to serve
2 green shallots, green parts only, finely sliced, to serve
2 Tbsp sliced pickled jalapenos
250ml chili jam to serve



Method

Place half corn kernels, eschalot, garlic, chili, coriander root and palm sugar in a processor and blitz until smooth, then transfer to a large bowl. Stir through remaining kernels, eggs, flour and coriander stems. Season. Mixture should be soft, but not sloppy (add more flour if needed).

Pour oil into a frying pan to measure 3cm up side of the pan. Heat until temperature reaches 180 degrees Celsius on a cook's thermometer or a cube of bread turns golden in 30 seconds. Spoon tablespoons of mixture into the hot oil. Do this in batches, but don't crowd the pan. Fry for 3-4 minutes until golden and crisp, then place corn cakes on paper towel to drain excess oil.

Put avocado flesh in a small bowl and smash roughly with the back of a fork. Stir through juice of half a lime, and season. Divide avocado mixture among 4 plates and place 2-3 corn cakes on top of each. Finish with mint, green

shallot, reserved coriander leaves and jalapeno. Serve with remaining lime, cut into wedges, and chili jam.

This year we will be celebrating the many cultures that make up our Yarrunga community during **Harmony Week (17th – 21st March, 2025)**.

HARMONY WEEK

What is Harmony Week?

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians; And celebrating that no matter where you come from, we're united by the Australian values of freedom, respect, fairness, democracy and equal opportunity. During Harmony Week events, you can choose to wear something orange to show your support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

How are we choosing to celebrate?

We invite families, including extended family members, to Yarrunga to share their families' history, culture and ways of knowing, being and doing. This might include:

- *Cooking and sharing a family recipe*
- *Sharing a traditional sport or game*
- *Performing a cultural ceremony, story or dance*
- *Creative Arts (sewing, painting, drawing)*

Or anything else you'd enjoy sharing, no matter how big or small!

This can be done in individual rooms alongside your child, or with the centre as a whole. Please ask your room educators, or alternative myself, Olivia (Cultural Officer) if you would like to know further information or suggestions on how you can help us celebrate.

Further details outlining the events being held at Yarrunga during that week will follow in the coming weeks.



HARMONY WEEK

Let's come together to celebrate our cultural diversity.

Harmony week...

Please share your family traditions and culture

BUNNINGS
warehouse

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle volunteers needed for the 15th March 2x 8.30-10.30am and 2x 2.30-4.30pm

Please see admin to allocate your interest.

Thanks Deb



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



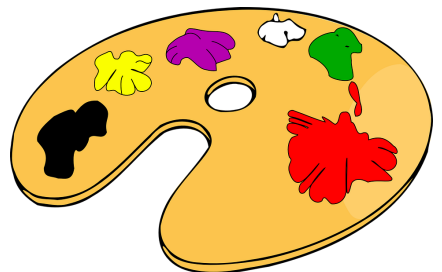
WILAY ROOM

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“This month, sickness aside, the children have been spending lots of time building with blocks in a variety of sizes, doing lots of walking practice, and joyfully discovering their reflections in mirrors, windows, and photographs on our family wall (cupboard). As always music, singing, and dancing has continued to be a firm favourite, particularly when the Preschool room have their music pumping. The Wilay children all begin to dance and move.

While we share a snippet of the children’s learning in our weekly highlights we would love for families to check out our curriculum wall in the room. We would love for families to share feedback with us and ask us questions about the children’s learning. This is just another way that you can see the children’s learning in more depth.

We have Harmony week coming up starting the 17th of March, we’d love to hear from families of our Wilay children regarding their family culture, special stories and songs etc that we can share within the room.”



Group painting



GUGUBARRA

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Reminders

- Please ensure your child has seasonally-appropriate changes of clothes in their bag each day they attend. This includes shirts / dresses that cover shoulders, as per Yarrunga's SunSmart policy.
- If you have not yet returned your Family Background information sheet, could this please be completed and brought back ASAP. Thank you!

This month we have...

... been exploring 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' story and have built on what we have learnt through a variety of activities. We have made our own butterflies, creating a variety of patterns as we folded our paintings in half. During our lunch time ritual the children noticed that the apple had a seed in it like the watermelon, that led into a very interesting discussion about what fruit have seeds and what fruits do not have seeds. During this time we have also made our own very hungry caterpillars where we used the front of the book as inspiration for our creations

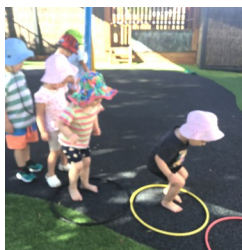
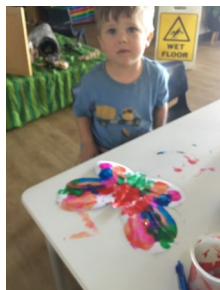
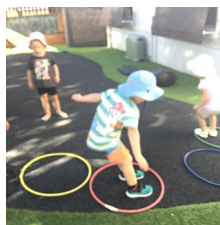


We have also been practicing the fundamental movement skill of jumping and it has been wonderful to see most of the children having a try and with lots of practice build on this skill.

Our music ritual in the afternoon has been a fun and engaging time as the children learn all about rhythm, beat and temp. During this time they are also learning to follow instructions and build on their developing concentration span.

During our Acknowledgement of country some of our children have been very bravely having a turn at leading the group, with educator guidance.

Recently our small world play has really engaged the children in their play as they explore all the new fairies, people and furniture and more recently small cats and dogs.



Harmony week will begin the 17th March to 21st March. Feel free to send your child in wearing orange if you wish and we would be exceedingly grateful for any ideas or shared time that you may be able to offer to help us to celebrate this special event.



DINAWAN ROOM

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Reminders

Please ensure belongings are labelled and provide a hat and drink bottle daily

Can families please return background sheets to room educators asap to set goals for program and planning.

This month we have...

Welcome to our fun, learning and play for the month of February. With the warm weather, we have spent most afternoons indoors, where the children have challenged their thinking skills to build with Duplo and Lego. We have seen some wonderful creations, which we have extending the learning by purchasing new educational Lego sets with instructions. This has allowed for further cognitive development, as we observed the children problem solve, make predictions, and use trial and error skills to challenge what they know and understand. We have also noticed these skills develop through the use of games and puzzles. The children have been developing mathematical concepts such as sorting, categorising, and matching. Group activities such as building and construction, puzzles and games also promotes social skills, where the children work in small or large groups, communication with each other and questioning theories with one another, which in turn promotes friendship development with like minded peers.



Our preschool children have been practicing their, fine motor skills with playdough, slime, scissors, collage and painting – all of which promotes the development of hand strength and positioning to allow them to use pencils and textas to write. We have observed many of the children take a keen interest in writing their names, sharing their achievements with educators as they succeed.



Sarah rough in her chickens and ducks, which the children absolutely loved.

We had Clean up Australia Day this moth which saw the group head out the back along the East Albury Bike Path to collect rubbish and ensure our environment is kept clean from litter. This sparked lots of conversations around waste and ways in which we can reduce our waste – more of this to come!

Thanks for reading!

Preschool
(Liv, Nicole, Emily, Sarah, Elle and Amy)





EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Educational Leader Update:

Educator room and service goals

Following our progress and auditing processes we developed goals and will discuss how we will implement these into our routines and rituals

Quality observations and learning extensions for children. Practice and keep up to date with wall documentation. More involvement with planning and children's development. X2 – Programming (Krystine to mentor 1:1)

Creating inviting, engaging and exciting spaces for children inside & outside as well as spaces that offer tranquility. Attain a calmness in the preschool room where children are given opportunities for small group learning (both intentional and child-led). Welcoming stimulating learning experiences. X5 – ENVIRONMENT (PHILOSOPHY)

Develop more confidence in leading group times. Develop more confidence in guiding children kindly and firmly. Work on strategies to keep routines and daily activities running smoothly. Integrating performing arts into JPS curriculum. Embed First Nations perspectives throughout program. Learn more about Torres Strait Islander culture and language. X5 – PD (Link to RARE Webinars & Professional Reading – Krystine/Deb)

Build knowledge and find my voice in the preschool room. Develop good working relationships with colleagues and voice ideas. Feel supported and give support to all colleagues. Developing leadership skills. Develop active listening skills. Effective communication and feedback methods. Teamwork. Policy familiarization. Improve communication and supervision amongst staff. 4 x educators in each room to build consistency, teamwork / relationships, mentoring and professionalism. X10 – Professionalism EDUCATORS (PHILOSOPHY)

More parent involvement. Support children and their families with potential diagnosis in the future. Forming better relationships with parents. Build great relationships with preschool children and their families – Safe and secure in their environment. Service relationships. Relationships with families, educators and colleagues. Openness to each other's ideas and opinions. Support and mentor colleagues including NESA. Supporting the team with my experience and knowledge. Mentoring. X11 – RELATIONSHIPS (PHILOSOPHY)

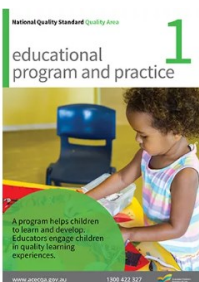
Quality education throughout service. Support an exceeding rating. X2

Self-awareness / self-care – Be You

Parent survey to be conducted this month on **Quality area 2** Childrens health and safety

Thankyou,

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:

Sun smart policy

Policies and Procedures from Quality areas 1 Education program and practices and 5 Relationships with children

Yarrunga Policies:

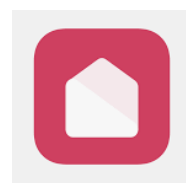
Just a reminder to families – our policies can be accessed on our website www.yarrunga.com.au and the password is 2640

WEEKLY MENU

Our weekly menu ids displayed in the foyer

Home App

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



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.

It's important to keep your family details up to date so you get the right amount of CCS and FTB. This will help you avoid being overpaid and need to pay money back later.

You can update your details online using your Centrelink online account through myGov or your Centrelink Express Plus mobile app.

This includes:

- your family's activity test hours
- the type of activity you or your partner do
- your family income estimate.

Learn more about reporting a change in your circumstances for [FTB](#) and [CCS](#).

Raising Children Network have wonderful free and up to date advice and support for families on all topics family, children and babies.



raisingchildren.net.au

Munch & Move

Munch & Move is a NSW Health program that supports the healthy development of children from birth to 5 years in early childhood education and care settings.

Making healthy changes at home

The guides below provide tips and advice for you and your family on healthy food and drinks for kids, how to drink more water, fun ways to stay active, and easy ideas for packing a healthy lunchbox.

Healthy food grows strong kids



Packing a healthy lunchbox



Water – the best drink for healthy kids



Active kids are healthy kids



For more ideas go to healthyliving.nsw.gov.au

Healthy Eating Active Living NSW
 @healthyeatingactivelivingnsw



BORDER

Easter Egg HUNT

Tickets \$12

PURCHASE ONLINE
WWW.FOODSHARE.ORG.AU

SATURDAY 5 APRIL
Albury Botanic Gardens

Hop to the Border Easter Egg Hunt for a family-fun day with lots of activities for kids as well as food stalls to enjoy a delicious bite.

The Easter bunny will be making special appearances throughout the morning along with other great entertainers.

You need a ticket to join the Easter Egg Hunt and getting it online will double your chances in the major prize draw!

This year you can also get creative by making a festive Easter hat for the parade – the most eggstraordinary creations will win big!

This community event supports Albury Wodonga Regional FoodShare to feed local families struggling to put food on the table.

9.00am to 12.00pm
Kids Entertainment

9.00am to 11.00am
Registration

10.30am
Easter Hat Parade

11.00am
Easter Egg Hunt

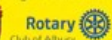
12.00pm
Major Prize Draw
(you must be there to claim your prize)



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