



YARRUNGA ELC



Newsletter

Important dates:

- Committee Meeting Wednesday 16th July 7pm
- Please ensure children have appropriate clothing and footwear for cold and wet weather as we continue outdoor play in all weather.
- NAIDOC week celebrations 4th-14th July

Staff News...

Jay annual leave for 9 weeks July to September Shadow, Sarah and Serena will cover

Liv away 3rd to the 14th July Josh will cover

Deb away 7th-17th July Krystine and Nicole will be 2IC

Welcome baby Thea

Congratulations to Emily, Tom and Eleanor

Welcome baby Margot

Congratulations to Ashley, Drew and Hamish



NAIDOC week celebrations at Yarrunga

Friday the 4th July 10am **Flag raising Ceremony** at QEII square

Firepit will be going on arrival each morning, **thank you to the Ryan family for the supply of wood**

Whole service acknowledgement and Flag Raising daily at 10.30am

Foyer community display and project to recreate the NAIDOC poster

Daily experiences in each room, with sand art and head band making, weaving and displays

Reflecting and understanding the meaning of the NAIDOC theme and poster for 2025

Monday 7th July **Maliyan Mob Dancers**, after lunch

Tuesday 8th 10am Cultural experiences with the **Toi -Maksynow-McGuinness** family

NAIDOC week menu is full of native herbs and spices,

with cultural recipes from **Josh and Sarah**

Please join us for events as we encourage families to participate



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.

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.

Your Child's Safety and Wellbeing is Our Priority



We're Always Here for You

Our educators and management team are available to talk at any time. If you ever have questions or worries, please come and chat with us.

You're Welcome Anytime

We welcome you to call or pop in to see your child during the day. We share regular updates, photos, and daily information so you know what they're eating, learning, and enjoying.

Our Educators are Qualified and Trained

All our staff hold relevant qualifications and complete regular training in child protection, first aid, and best practice care. We are committed to professional development to keep your child safe and thriving.

We Follow Strict Safety and Reporting Standards

Our educators are mandatory reporters. This means we are legally required to report any concerns for a child's safety or wellbeing, inside or outside our service. We also follow strict policies to record and report any incidents that occur here.

We're Committed to Child Safety

We have clear policies in place to keep every child safe and cared for. If you would like to read our child safety policies or discuss how we put them into practice each day, please ask anytime.

Your trust means everything to us.

If there is ever anything you would like to discuss, please know our door is always open.



Please know Yarrunga works to keep staff training up to date and completes all compliant checks.

If you have any concerns please feel free to chat to

Deb, Krystine or any room educator.

We are happy to email through any service policies if you require further reading. This is a tough time in the industry and we will continue to support children and families in safe and respectful practices.



**Australian Children's
Education & Care
Quality Authority**

What's hot in Aunty Amy's Kitchen

Chocolate and wattle seed self-saucing pudding

Ingredients

6 tbsp wattle seeds, toasted

660 g (3 cup firmly packed) brown sugar

105 g (1 and ½ cup) dark cocoa powder, sifted

240 g unsalted butter, at room temperature

165 g (¾ cup) caster sugar

3 60g egg, lightly beaten

450 g (3 cup) self-raising flour, sifted

375 ml (1 and ½ cup) milk

vegetable oil, to grease

Instructions

Soak wattle seeds in boiling water for 20 minutes, then drain. Combine 165 g brown sugar and 2 tbsp cocoa powder.

Preheat the oven to 160°C. Using an electric mixer, beat butter, caster sugar and remaining 55 g brown sugar until pale and fluffy. Add egg and beat until well combined. Combine flour and remaining 2 tbsp cocoa powder and stir into butter mixture, alternating with the milk, until smooth. Stir in wattle seeds. Bring a pan of water to the boil.

Meanwhile, grease 6 x 150 ml ramekins and place in a roasting pan. Divide pudding batter among the ramekins, top with cocoa mixture and then top pudding with boiling water. Fill the roasting pan with enough hot water to reach halfway up the side of the ramekins, cover the pan with foil and bake for 25 minutes or until puddings have risen and the sauce has thickened.



Sustainability

Our worm farm will be up and running this month.

We had a donation of Worms from Ivy's Grandparents.

We will be working on separating food scraps in the rooms.

We will have a 3 bucket system.

Worms Compost and scraps

Worms

NO citrus, onion,
meat, dairy



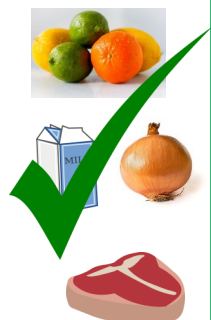
Compost

NO citrus, onion,
meat, dairy



Scraps

Meat, dairy, onion,
citrus



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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Reminders

- + Please label clothing
- + Warm clothing big jacket for cold weather
- + If unwell keep children home

Dear Families,

We're excited to share some important updates, reminders, and upcoming events happening in our nursery room this month.

Staff update: We'd like to let families know Jay will be away for two months, starting from the 15th July. And returning the 23rd of September. During this time, we'll be welcoming Shadow on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Serena will be on Fridays and Sarah will be covering the Wednesday's to, support the team and ensure consistency of care for all children.

Warm clothing reminder: As the colder weather settles in, please remember to pack warm clothes for your child each day. We've noticed many arriving with no spares so we kindly ask that you include extra in their bags just in case of spills, messy, or weather changes.

Naidoc week- celebrating culture: we're excited to be celebrating Naidoc week soon! As part of our celebrations, we'll be welcoming the Maliyan Mob Dance Troup, who will be sharing traditional Aboriginal dance and storytelling with the children this is a wonderful opportunity for our little learners to connect with culture and community. Welcoming any families to come forward if they would like to share anything for naidoc.

Health and Wellbeing: There's been a increase of sickness going around lately. To help protect all children and educators, we kindly ask that if your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are feeling better. This helps us all stay safe and healthy.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us create a warm, safe and nurturing environment for every child. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out and have a chat to our team.

Warm regards,

The nursery room





GUGUBARRA

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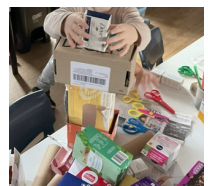
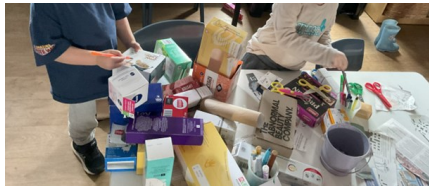
Important dates:

As the temperature drops we just wanted to remind families to pack warm outer layers for their children

Started a new sustainability project in which we have been using recycled boxes to create sculptures following up from our family week art gallery. The children have been selecting the boxes they like before taping them together into the desired shape, with educator assistance. We then painted them all different colours. These creations will be displayed in the Gugubarra room.

Through this project we intend to reduce our environmental impact through reusing packaging and instill positive environmental values within the children.

As a follow up from this we would love your support to gather some aluminum cans and small upcycled objects (such as small spoons, beads or fishing sinkers) to create wind chimes.



Last Friday we commenced our first visit of the year to Borella House. Alana took 5 children along with her to spend the morning with the residents. The trip was overall a positive experience for both the children and residents and a great way for us to involve ourselves in the community. These trips will be continuing throughout the year with different groups of children having the opportunity to attend. Thank you Borella house for giving us the opportunity to give back to our local community.

For the next couple days, we will have a student spending time in our room before spending some time in the nursery. She previously has spent a couple days with the preschoolers earlier in the week. Make sure to say hi if you see her. This month we had a new child start in the Gugubarra room. We would like to give a warm

welcome to Edria and her family. We look forward to getting to know you. We also welcome Elle to the Gugubara room. Elle will be a permanent educator within our Room on Fridays.



NAIDOC week starts this Friday where we will be attending the NAIDOC opening ceremony at QEII Square. Throughout the week we will also be participating in daily smoking ceremonies and other activities acknowledging our first nations peoples and their rich culture. Thank you for sharing your culture and land.

We wish you a fantastic month,

Zoe, Alana, Chrissy, Raelene and Elle





DINAWAN ROOM

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June in the Dinawan Room: A Month of Connection and Awareness

This month in Dinawan, our learning focus has been rich, meaningful, and deeply connected to both individual wellbeing and community engagement. One of our key themes has been *body safety*. Through thoughtful discussions and age-appropriate resources, we've been empowering students with the knowledge that their bodies belong to them. We've explored the concept of consent, safe and unsafe touches, and how to seek help if something doesn't feel right. These conversations are helping to build a foundation of confidence, respect, and personal agency in our young learners.

In line with our commitment to community connection, the students had a wonderful excursion to Borella House, where we spent time with the elderly residents. The children participated in activities like balloon tennis, basketball, and collaborative art-making. This experience fostered intergenerational relationships and empathy, as children and residents shared laughter, creativity, and joyful moments together.

Back in the classroom, sensory exploration has remained a favourite. From slimy textures and colourful painting to shaping playdough and drawing in sand, these activities support fine motor development, creativity, and self-regulation as well as providing a calm and engaging outlet for expression.

With NAIDOC Week approaching, we have been deepening our understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Through stories, music, art, and shared discussions, we are fostering respect for the world's oldest living cultures and celebrating the richness they bring to our shared identity.

It has been a month filled with meaningful learning and connection, all grounded in our goals of safety, belonging, and cultural understanding.

-Nicole, Liv, Josh, Mahaya, Amy and Lisa.



EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Educational Leader Update:

Focus of the Month (FOM)

Quality Area 4: Staffing Arrangements

The month of June saw us reflect on our staff induction systems, rostering, continuity of care and growth of educators to support children’s learning and development.

Staff Appraisals are currently underway and I have created specific appraisal surveys for families to provide input into what they feel Yarrunga’s educators do well and areas that can we can improve on. The children in the preschool and junior preschool rooms have been drawing portraits of their educators, and the interactions of our babies and toddlers with their educators have been documented. By including the voices of children, families and educators we aim to make the appraisal process more holistic. I will create a reflective display focusing on stakeholder input and the voices of our Yarrunga community so you can see how your information has been used to inform Quality Improvement

In July our Focus will shift to Educator Wellbeing. At our July Staff Meeting educators engaged in robust discussion which generated lots of ideas on the following topics:

- What does WELLBEING mean to you?
- What change would make the most positive impact on your WELLBEING?
- Are the roles and responsibilities fair, given your qualifications, experience and salary?

Satisfaction and Wellbeing surveys have been forwarded to staff to provide further insight into their wellbeing goals.

In combination I have been working on a new Staff Inspiration Board which includes reflection notes and mind mapping of our professional journey for the past 6 months. Feedback from input into the Wellness topic questions will be included and a suggestion box added for confidential input from children, families and educators.

Thank you to our wonderful families for your daily input into our programs and interactions. Feedback, no matter how small it may be, really does make a difference to the working lives of Yarrunga’s educators and staff; which in turn benefits outcomes for children!

REMINDERS:

- Children’s Mid-Year Assessments will be forward over the next 2 weeks. Educators will them provide information regarding one-to-one catch ups.



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:

Quality area 4 Staff and Parent handbook, Staff induction

Yarrunga Policies:

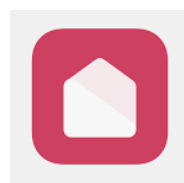
Just a reminder to families – our policies can be accessed on our website www.yarrunga.com.au and the password is 2640

WEEKLY MENU

Our weekly menu is 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.



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



THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY
6-13 JULY 2025

Ancestral Lines by Jeremy Morgan Warrall

This artwork is a visual representation of the generational lines that carry through us, with their roots in the past generation and their branches in the present. Each figure represents a different generation, with their unique characteristics and experiences. The artwork is a celebration of the strength, vision, and legacy of the First Nations people, and a call to action for the next generation to carry on their traditions and values.

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CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC MAIN EVENT

THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

ENTERTAINMENT	STALLS	DANCE GROUPS
BUZZKILL	JEWELLERY	DINAWAN'S CONNECTION
BRYCE HICKSON	FACE PAINTING	MALIYAN MOB
THE MUIRS	WEAVING	FOOD VANS & MORE!!
MARKUS TOI	BUSHFOODS	
RACHEAL BUTLER & KATE CROWLEY		
KOORI GOT TALENT		

FREE FAMILY EVENT!!
HOVELL TREE PARK, ALBURY
(BUNGAMBRAWATHA)
SUNDAY 6 JULY 2025
10.30AM TO 3PM

TVN On-Country VACCA



Educator of the Month



Emma– Proactive lead educator

Zoe– Overcoming Adversity

Mahaya– Learning initiative

Krystine– Professional support and mentoring



Screen time: Disconnect to reconnect

Tips to reduce and balance screen use
Find out more at sch.n.health.nsw.gov.au



Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia

Please access the kid safe website for information at home <https://kidsafe.com.au/>

Parent Line NSW

Call 1300 1300 52

Parent Line is a free telephone counselling and support service for parents and carers with children, aged 0 to 18 years, who live in New South Wales.