



Newsletter

Important dates:

- Committee Meeting
Wednesday 16th July
7pm
- Wear it yellow 27th May-
3rd June
- June public holiday
centre closed Monday
9th June
- Please ensure children
have appropriate
clothing and footwear for
cold and wet weather as
we continue outdoor
play in all weather.

Staff News...

Robyn on placement for 4 weeks May to June, Kate and Shadow will cover

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

Mother's Day and special events

Thank you all for a lovely Mother's Day lunch and Families week event.

We would love your feedback

We had many positive comments on bringing families together. We would like to know if we can do it better in the future.

Please email admin@yarrunga.com.au

With suggestions or further feedback.

How many events would be suitable to provide a diverse connection through out the year?

Which events do you wish to celebrate/ participate in?

What time of day is best for your family?



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.

What's hot in Aunt Amy's Kitchen

Mediterranean Savoury Muffins

Recipe video above. Savoury Muffins are cheesy muffins studded with Mediterranean flavours! These stay moist and fresh for several days, making them ideal for gift, make ahead for afternoon tea, a school fete, or a lunchbox filler idea.



★★★★★
4.97 from 84 votes

Prep Time	Cook Time	Total Time
15 mins	25 mins	40 mins

Course: Baking, Snack Cuisine: Western
Keyword: Cheese muffins, Savoury Muffins Servings: 24 Calories: 260cal Author: Nagi

Ingredients

- Butter or oil spray, for greasing

Add Ins:

- 4 cups (400g) cheddar cheese, shredded (or other cheese)
- 150g / 5oz feta, crumbled*
- 1 cup green olives slices *
- 1 cup sun-dried tomatoes strips *
- 1 cup roasted peppers *, drained and chopped (capsicum)
- 1 cup green onions *, sliced

Dry Ingredients:

- 4 cups (600g) flour (plain / all purpose flour)
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda / bi-carb soda (sub 1 1/2 tsp baking powder)
- 1 tsp salt

Wet ingredients:

- 2 egg (large, about 60g / 2 oz)
- 2 cup (500 ml) milk (full or low fat)
- 0.5 cup (120g) sour cream or plain yoghurt (Note 1)
- 0.5 cup (120ml) vegetable oil (or any plain flavoured oil)
- 2 garlic clove, minced

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F (160°C/320°F fan).
2. Brush a 12 hole standard muffin tin generously with butter
3. Whisk Dry ingredients in a bowl.
4. Whisk Wet ingredients in a separate bowl.
5. Pour Wet into the Dry ingredients bowl. Mix 8 times.
6. Add cheese, feta, sun dried tomato, capsicum, olives and green onion. Mix as few times as possible just to incorporate remaining bits of flour - no more than 7 big stirs (secret to soft muffins).
7. Divide between 12 holes in muffin in (I use an ice cream scooper). Batter should be thick and fill muffin tin slightly mounded (see video)
8. Bake for 25 minutes or until the muffins are golden and crusty and spring back when touched in the centre.
9. Cool for 10 minutes, then transfer to cooling rack. Serve warm for optimum experience!

Sustainability

What can you do at home to save our planet...











Here is a fun checklist to create and complete together at home.

Help the Environment Checklist

Help the ENVIRONMENT checklist



Tick off the following tasks as you complete them!

<input type="checkbox"/> Turn off the lights when leaving a room 	<input type="checkbox"/> Compost your food scraps 
<input type="checkbox"/> Unplug chargers when not in use 	<input type="checkbox"/> Grow vegetables & fruits in your garden 
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycle paper, plastic and glass 	<input type="checkbox"/> Reuse plastic containers 
<input type="checkbox"/> Walk or bike places instead of driving 	<input type="checkbox"/> Pick up rubbish in your school or neighbourhood 
<input type="checkbox"/> Plant a tree or some flowers 	<input type="checkbox"/> Have a short shower (stay under 4mins!) 

Help the Environment Checklist Template | © CleverPatch™ 2020. Subject to terms of use at www.cleverpatch.com.au



HalveWaste
reduce • reuse • recycle



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

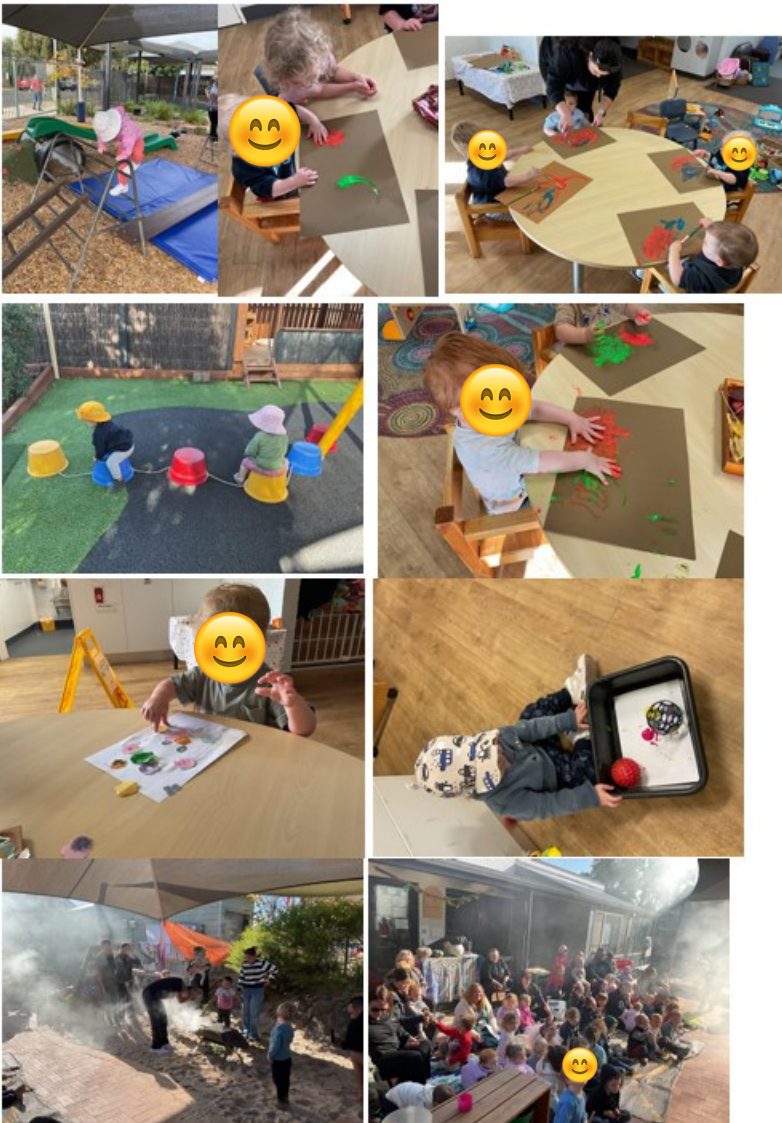
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Reminders

- Please assure your child has an assortment of spare clothes with the changeable weather
- Please label clothing
- Warm clothing and jacket for cold weather

This month, we were busy with a lot of challenging and activities to learn and explore. We have a few new children joined in our room and they all settled down so well. We have experienced "Acknowledgement of Country" ceremony and organized Mother's day, created and sent out the gifts making by our children to mothers. We have caught up the season by creating our arts using Autumn leaves and experienced sensory play through balls' painting. Nursery children were excited and enjoyed the outdoor environments. We are going to implement the process of non-shoes in the room to maintain high hygiene for our little children. Robyn has been away for her placement learning and she will come back middle of June.

Jay, Emma, Hanna, Serena and Sarah





GUGUBARRA

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Gugubarra News

On the topic of community, we had several special events happen this month that have allowed us to broaden our community connections. We had planned an excursion for the Junior Preschool children to attend the flag raising for National Sorry Day and the start of Reconciliation Week and some activities at MAMA. Unfortunately, due to poor weather this was partially cancelled. The children and educators were thankfully still able to attend the activities at MAMA where we reflected on reconciliation through drawing and were able to explore a new exhibit full of art and cultural artifacts created by a local first nations family.



We also celebrated the creation of new plaques for each room by local first nations artist based in Wagga, Yalul Ngurra. We are immensely grateful to the Toi family who recommended Yalul and helped us to commission these beautiful pieces. To celebrate the installation of the plaques the Toi family also graciously offered to perform a smoking ceremony at Yarrunga last Thursday to welcome good energy and purify the centre. We would like to thank the Toi family for the major role they have played in the process of commissioning these plaques and for sharing their rich culture with the children and staff of Yarrunga.



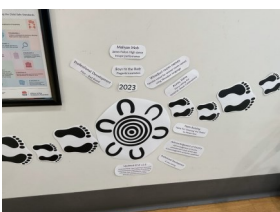
Our final special event of the month occurred on last Friday where we were lucky to have an incredible show performed by Declan the Music Man where he taught the children about instruments from around the world with a comedic flair.



Overall, May was a positive month of strengthening connections, and we hope June will be just as bright.



Many thanks, The Gugubarra Room





DINAWAN ROOM

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May in the Dinawan Room: A Month of Discovery and Connection

The Dinawan Room has had a vibrant and exciting month of May, filled with exploration, creativity, and meaningful learning experiences.

To begin, we warmly welcomed three new educators — Josh, Mahaya, and Lisa — to our learning community. Their fresh energy and passion have already brought new perspectives and enthusiasm into our space.

Our big focus this month has been space exploration! The children have been captivated by the mysteries of the universe. We explored stars, planets, and even complex concepts like gravity through hands-on investigations, engaging stories, and imaginative dramatic play. From building rockets to acting out life on other planets, the room has been buzzing with curiosity and excitement about the cosmos.

In connection with Reconciliation Week, we went on an enriching excursion to MAMA (Murray Art Museum Albury), where we explored Indigenous art and perspectives. This visit sparked meaningful conversations and inspired a series of art-based experiences back in the classroom. The children created their own interpretations of the Reconciliation Week poster, experimented with beading, and expressed their ideas through symbol drawing, deepening their understanding of culture and connection.

We were also honoured to welcome a local Indigenous dance group, The Maliyan Mob, for an incursion that brought music, movement, and storytelling to life through traditional dance. To further mark this special time, we held a smoking ceremony conducted by a family within our service — a sacred ritual to cleanse and renew the space. This ceremony was also an opportunity to welcome our new room signs, which represent and celebrate Indigenous language and culture.

Another highlight of the month was our visit to the Wodonga library for National Simultaneous Storytime, where we joined children from across the country in reading the same story at the same time. It was a joyful celebration of literacy and community, sparking conversations and storytelling once back in the classroom.

As we look ahead, we're proud of the growth and learning that has taken place and excited for what's to come. The Dinawan Room continues to be a space where imagination leads, curiosity is nurtured, and relationships are at the heart of everything we do.

-Nicole, Liv, Josh, Mayaha, Prakash, Amy and Lisa.



EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Educational Leader Update:

Our reflection on **QA6** Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities and **QA3** Physical Environment continues as we collate the data from Mind Maps, Survey results and Practice Audits. The feedback gained from Yarrunga’s children, families, educators and broader community links has been used to create goals for our Community and Sustainability Action Plans. These plans are still in the draft phase and you’re more than welcome to add further ideas if you like.

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN GOALS

STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY

CONNECTING WITH NATURE

- Wagirra trail & Yindymarra sculpture walk
- East Albury Nature Reserve
- Botanical Gardens
- Kitchen Garden Project

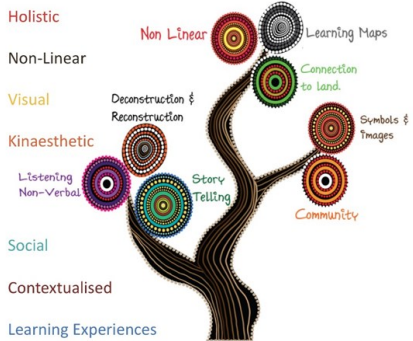
CONNECT WITH LOCAL SERVICES

- Emergency
- Transport
- Retail
- Borella House Residential Care
- Library / Murray Art Museum Albury (MAMA)
- Men’s / Women’s Shed

STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS WITH THE LOCAL FEEDER SCHOOLS



8 Ways of Aboriginal Learning



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EDUCATIONAL LEADER

SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN GOALS



Retrieved 28/05/25 from: <https://www.eeec.org.au/sustainability-and-the-eylf/>

OPEN-ENDED RESOURCES & LOOSE PARTS

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, REFUSE, RETHINK AND REPAIR

8 WAYS PEDAGOGY & NATURE PLAY

GROWING, COMPOSTING, HARVESTING, PREPARING, SHARING

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SHARING WHAT WE KNOW

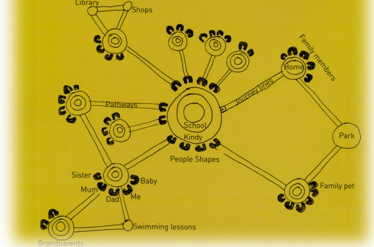
ETHICALLY & LOCALLY SOURCED RESOURCES & PRODUCE

HAVE YOU NOTICED OUR RECONCILIATION JOURNEY MAP?

Please have a look at Olivia's Journey Map in the Foyer. We aim to add photographs and the voices of children, families, educators and community in the coming weeks as we lead up to our NAIDOC Week celebrations.



CREATING A JOURNEY MAP



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:

Media Policy, Toileting procedure and Authorisations form

NQS 6 related policies, Families and communities

Yarrunga Policies:

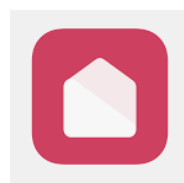
Just a reminder to families – our policies can be accessed on our website www.yarrunga.com.au and the password is 2640

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

From the Department

Parents can win \$200 for having their say on child care We're inviting parents and carers to have a say on child care in a national survey.

Parents and carers will be randomly selected to take part in the survey. They will receive a letter over the next week with a QR link to the online survey. They will also receive a link via SMS and/or email.

Participants can choose to enter a draw to win a \$200 gift voucher. We will draw 30 gift vouchers across Australia.

The online survey opens 2 June and closes at 10 am AEST Monday 30 June 2025.

The survey should take around 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

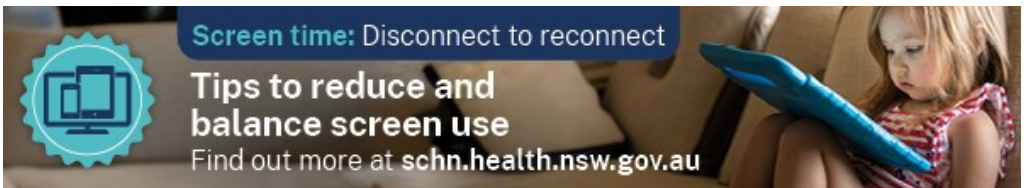
Please encourage parents and carers at your service to complete the survey. The survey will help us to evaluate child care policies and how they impact child care quality, availability and affordability.

If you have any questions about this survey, email the department at sps@education.gov.au

Parents can find out more about the survey on Orima's website.



Education

A banner with a blue background. On the left is a circular icon with a gear and a computer monitor. The text reads: "Screen time: Disconnect to reconnect", "Tips to reduce and balance screen use", and "Find out more at schn.health.nsw.gov.au". On the right is a photograph of a young child sitting on a couch and looking at a tablet.

Screen time: Disconnect to reconnect
Tips to reduce and balance screen use
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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.