



YARRUNGA ELC



Newsletter

Important dates:

- Committee Meeting
Wednesday 21st May
7pm
- Families week 12-17th
May daily showcase and
community connection
each morning until
10.30am
- Mothers day Luncheon
14th May 11.15am all
welcome
- Wear it yellow 27th May-
3rd June
- June public holiday
centre closed Monday
8th June
- Photos 26th-30th May

Staff News...

We sadly farewell Maree from the Nursery as she has taken some time for herself. And her family

We also congratulate Kaitlin on accepting a position at Albury Preschool.

We will miss both team members and wish them both the best for their future



We have had Lisa available as a casual and she has been a lovely addition to our Yarrunga family.



Easter raffle raised \$ 980



Bunnings Sausage sizzle raised

\$ 2568.77



Thank to all the volunteers and donations

These monies will go towards equipment and revamp to the bottom yard



Families Week

We celebrate families to come together with a show case week. Each room will showcase an experience from their room. Families will be welcome to join us daily from 8.00-10.30am for a community get together

National Families Week

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 Aunty Amy's Kitchen

Cream of Pumpkin soup

Serves 4

Ingredients

1.6 kg butternut pumpkin (about 1), cut into 6cm pieces

9 garlic cloves

1 onion, cut into wedges

1 tbsp olive oil

600 ml pouring cream, at room temperature

To serve: crème fraiche, toasted flaked almonds, cracked pepper and crusty bread

Method

- 1.Preheat oven to 200C. Combine pumpkin, onion and garlic in a roasting pan, drizzle with olive oil and roast until tender and caramelized (20-25 minutes).
- 2.Transfer to a blender with cream and blend until smooth. Serve hot with crème fraiche, almonds, pepper and crusty bread.



We welcome Margot and congratulate Hamish, Ashley and Drew on the safe arrival of their baby girl.

Sustainability

Welcome to our pumpkin patch, Amy assisted the children in cultivating pumpkin seeds and we have many pumpkins growing with 2 large pumpkins drying ready for use.



Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week 2025 runs from the 27th of May to the 3rd of June and this year's theme is Bridging Now to Next. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

This is a great opportunity to embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives in your service. You can try a range of different games from the Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games resource by [clicking here](#).



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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We have lots of arts and craft happening the last couple of months with the children participating in painting and collage for Easter, Autumn and Mother's Day.

Emma is now back from maternity leave and has already built up some beautiful relationships with the children on her days. We have had Maree leave and Sarah will be replacing her coming over from the preschool room starting this week. It will be good for the children to have a familiar face in the room with us.

Over the last month we have had several new children start and they are beginning their Yarrunga journey, settling in nicely.

The children have been enjoying heading outside in the top yard and challenging their gross motor abilities and being around the junior preschool children.





GUGUBARRA

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Reminders

- We are in desperate need of spare hats, if your child has outgrown their hat please think of us for a donation. Hat are still need till approximately June & July following sun smart guidelines and the UV rays.
- Please assure your child has an assortment of spare clothes with the changeable weather

This month we have...

... been very busy with lots of Easter art activities, such as cutting strips for bunny collages, decorating egg templates and making out Easter hat crowns.

Our daily Easter hat parades went so well, with a majority of our Juniors joining in to proudly show off their marvelous crowns and to have a little boggie with all their peers. Thank you to all the families that came to watch, the children loved it as did we.



We have had a month of celebration. Happy birthday to Lou, Primrose, Mahina, Parker, Jett, Mae and last but not least Alana. The children have loved the yummy treats and blowing out candles when hygienically possible.

This month we have welcomed Parker and Aria as they have graduated from the nursery and Paddie (Patrick) a new little face for us to welcome.

The children had also welcomed Prakash to our room for the month as he works towards his advanced diploma in Children's services.

Prakash added another gentle and friendly face to our room and taught the children some soccer skills which our sports crazy kids loved. He has now moved to the preschool room to finish of his remaining studies.



We were also very lucky to have the Maliyan mob dance troupe (from James Fallon high school) come and perform for us. Maliyan means Wedgetail eagle in Wiradjuri language and their dance incorporated eagles, other native animals and cleansing the land. The all girl dance troupe did a great job and even taught us some dance moves.

Cosmic kids yoga has also been very popular with the child

Cosmic kids

From Alana, Chrissy, Zoe and Rae Rae



DINAWAN ROOM

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Reminders

Yarrunga Mother's Day Lunch
(Wed 14th May)

Families Week
(Mon 12th - Frid 16th May)

Please join us for morning tea in the bottom yard each day

World Bee Day
(Tues 20th May)

National Simultaneous Story Time
(Wed 21st May)

Hyphen Library Story Time and Activities

World Turtle Day
(Fri 23rd May)

National Sorry Day

Hyphen Library Story Time
(Mon 26th May)

Reconciliation Week
(Tues 27th May – Tues 3rd June)

We would love to see our families join us for some of these events so please send us through an email, a message on the app or catch one of us in the morning/afternoon for more information.

Hello from the Dinawan room!!!

Whilst this last month has been quite a sad one as we farewelled our much loved Emily and Kaitlin, we have welcomed some new faces to the room which has sparked lots of questions and interest from the children. Lisa, Josh and Mahaya are settling into the room, getting to know the children as they develop respectful relationships, as well as the routines and curriculum information. They have been a fantastic addition to the team and we look forward to what the next few months will bring.

Lisa has introduced a new project to the room - space, which came from an observation of some of our children playing in the yard. This has led to a rocket ship being set up in the sandpit, as well as a developing space room in our sunroom. We are seeking donations of anything space related if you have it around at home or if you see anything in the Op shops! The children are showing such a keen interest in learning all about space, and we are keen to see where this learning will take us.

This month we have some exciting things happening. We wish all of our very special mums a happy and relaxing Mother's Day, and we look forward to celebrating with you on Wednesday 14th for lunch.

This month we will also be planning our Bush Kinder program, which will be beginning in June (weather permitting). We are hoping to have families come and volunteer some of their time to assist with this wonderful experience, please let us know if this is you!

Thank you,
Liv, Nicole, Josh, Lisa, and Mahaya





EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Educational Leader Update:

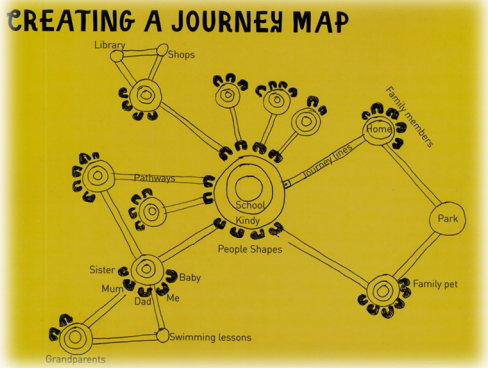
This month we are focusing on **QAb Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities**. You will have received a Family and Community Survey from your child's educator which is about sharing heritage, culture and traditions. Please note that the term 'Culture' in this survey refers to your family rituals and connections, as well as those that reflect our local community.



With the feedback from your surveys and critical reflections from educators and children we aim to create community links opportunities which centre on local viewpoints and apply learning for community benefit as well.

The next step for us is to complete a Culturally Inclusive Practices Audit and Action Plan. I will keep you informed of the survey and audit results and how these contribute to the development of Yarrunga's Community Action Plan and Vision.

Olivia is also keen to link this plan with our Vision for Reconciliation and is creating a Journey Map which captures time lines and the voices of children, families and community relationships.



Children's voices

We are reviewing the Model code for children's images. We are looking at the permission of children's images giving the child the right to choose. This means moving forward there will be less photos /images in our newsletter. Photos will remain on the Xplor home app and in the weekly highlights and around our learning areas. Educators will be discussing this with children in the coming weeks. We would like families to take the time to hold some discussion at home about why children's images are important and how they should be shared. Who benefits from these images?

Staff are completing training in this area this month.

A display will be available in the foyer. If you would like further information please see Deb or room educators.

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:

Bottle safety and breast feeding policy and procedures

Yarrunga Policies:

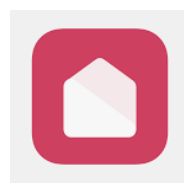
Just a reminder to families – our policies can be accessed on our website www.yarrunga.com.au and the password is 2640

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



Screen time: Disconnect to reconnect

Tips to reduce and balance screen use

Find out more at sch.n.health.nsw.gov.au



Helping children manage screen time

Too much screen time can affect children's health, sleep habits and development. While screens may be a part of life, they don't have to take control. Here are our tips for supporting healthy screen habits with your child. Realistic screen time tips

- Disconnect to reconnect -nothing beats quality facetime with your child. Focus on creating memories together and being present in the moment. Some memories can be saved just for you.
- Prioritise intentional screen use – learning a new skill is a great way to make screen time purposeful, for children and adults alike. Encourage your children to break away from doomscrolling and try watching tutorial, following a recipe or learning a new dance routine instead.
- Have open conversations – talk to your children about realistic screen time limits and finding solutions together. Aim for balance rather than perfection.
- Encourage outdoor time -too much screen use can impact a child's vision, learning and long-term eye health. Natural light is great antidote, so spend time playing outside– you may find that it works as a good distraction too!
- Boost learning through conversation -educational videos can be helpful but children learn best from “serve and return” interactions with you. Reading, playing and asking questions are great ways to promote engagement with their words and noises. Why it matters
- For young children, too much screentime can impact their growth and language development. Real life play, conversations and interactions are key.
- For teenagers, screens can impact their daily routine and wellbeing. The goal isn't to cut out screens completely-it's about finding balance with social connection, education and interests. Where to find support If you're concerned about your child's screen habits, talk to your GP. For more information on managing children's screen time, head to the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network Kids Health Hub



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.