



## Important dates:

- General Committee meeting 18th March 7pm
- All background information for goal setting should be returned to all rooms
- 3/3/2026 @6.30pm Big feelings little people
- Parent Workshop with Nurtured Insight

## Staff News...

Congratulations to Shadow on the news of her Gender reveal. It's a girl!



## Message from the Management team..

**Building strong, Positive relationships with children and families are essential to our Philosophy and Community of learning and care.**

[Why are positive relationships important for early learning?](#)



[https://youtu.be/4CDj9\\_Dnito](https://youtu.be/4CDj9_Dnito)

## 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.



# Calendar of Events



february 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 World wetlands day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Anniversary of the Apology of the stolen gener- ation	13	14 International book giving day
15	16	17 Random acts of kindness Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



## Helping hands

We have a few jobs that need attending...

Please see Admin for further details

- Laundry wooden door latch repair
  - Deck oiling painting
  - Painting outdoor equipment
  - Sprinkler replacement

All helpers must have a current NSW working with children check to conduct works on the premises while children are here.



Thank you

## What's hot in Aunty Amy's Kitchen

### Cevapcici - Balkan skinless sausages

1 kg Pork and Veal mince

4-5 cloves garlic chopped

2 Tbsp paprika

1 - 2 tsp Vegeta vegetable stock

(instead of salt - can use salt)

Pepper

Chopped parsley

In a Mixing bowl, mix all the ingredients together and form small sausages approximately 5 cm long. These can be adapted to involve hidden vegetables if that is the point you are at... Just use the food processor to blend what needs to be hidden and add to meat.

Pan fry or BBQ and serve with yogurt



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

Yarrunga Early Learning Centre Newsletter

## Reminders

- Please label clothing and any personal items.
- Pack hats and appropriate clothing depending on weather

## This month we have...

been settling in our new friends that have started this month. We are building secure relationships with them and getting to know their routines.

We are still in the process of

updating all the children's locker pictures, birthday chart etc as we are focused on being with the children.

Harmony week is next month (Monday 16th March– Friday 20th March). We are asking if there are any families that will be willing to come in and share their cultures with us, this could be through cooking, storytelling or singing.

The children have really been loving our ball pit and showing off their gross motor skills as they jump in and the younger children show their ability to crawl out.

We have a new play kitchen on our veranda which the children have been so excited to use. They are using all the pretend play props through their play as they learn about the world through role play.



# GUGUBARRA

## Yarrunga Early Learning Centre Newsletter

### Reminders

- If you are needing to communicate with the JPS, please, where possible, either speak directly to room educators or send a message via the *Xplor* app or conversely speak to admin staff. This ensures that messages are relayed in a timely manner and reduces instances of misinterpretation and error.

The children have begun to settle in beautifully participating in Many of our daily rituals and routines, including helping to reset And tidy our learning spaces. The children have also quite liked Helping with taking the sheets of the beds, washing the tables and Mopping the floors. They have been taking great pride in doing these Tasks, demonstrating a sense of belonging in their environment.

Very recently we had a visit with 'Heidi Ho' where we were very Fortunate learn about personal hygiene and keeping ourselves safe In the sun, through music and movement.

The last couple of months the children have enjoyed participating in Music time on the mat where we explore rhythm, tempo, listening And responding to cues.

Helping to make our own playdough has enabled the children to Learn mathematical concepts, through measurement and counting Spoonfuls of ingredients, along with turn taking.



Kind regards, Alana, Chrissy,  
Zoe, Nabin, Jay, Elle, Robyn



# DINAWAN ROOM

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Hi everyone, we cannot believe it's February already. We have been very busy in our preschool room with some incursions happening we had hey dee ho come and do a music session about healthy habits. The show was interactive and the children were very interested in the content.

We are visiting the Mama museum to see Ruth Davey's exhibition on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb this will be great to see and get out in the community.

In our room we have had lots of fun exploring with water play lots of potion making and our friends love digging in the sandpit, creating giant holes and tunnels for the dinosaurs and cars.

We are in the progress of setting learning goals and would appreciate all background sheets to be returned to educators please.

Josh brought us some new resources it is a toolkit called make-do and it cuts and joins cardboard together to create open ended play for the children it is fantastic

We are constantly learning and recreating learning areas within our room pop in to see what's happening in our wonderful preschool room!!!

Nicole, Lisa, Rae, Prakash, Robyn and Elle



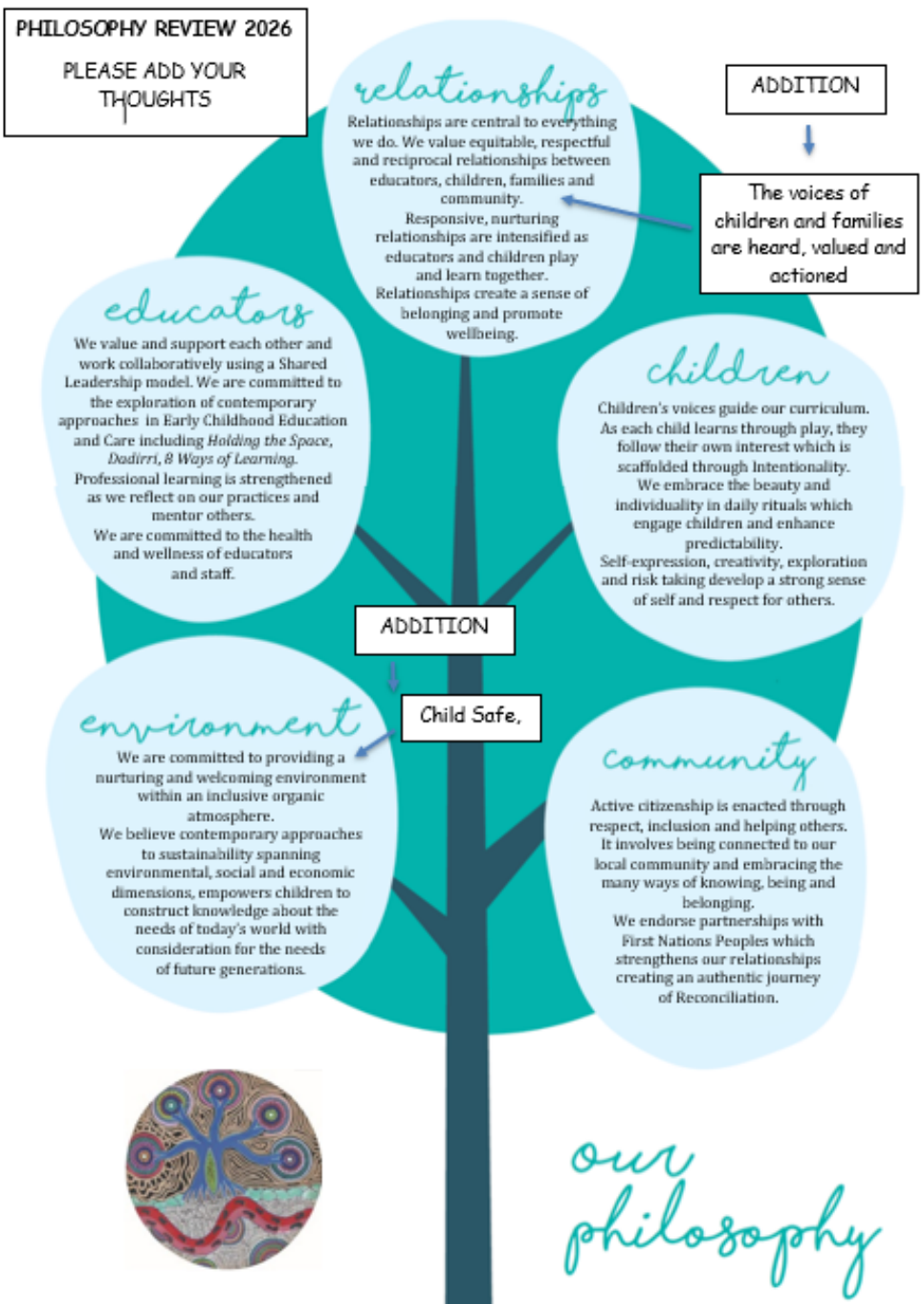


# EDUCATIONAL LEADER

## Follow Up from January (FOM)

### Critical reflection on our Philosophy:

Our goal is to acknowledge that Children's safety is paramount, and that the voices of our Yarrunga community are invited, listened to and actioned. To date we have had some response, however to ensure Yarrunga's Philosophy is reflective of your values and beliefs we invite further input. You can share your thoughts via email [admin@yarrunga.com.au](mailto:admin@yarrunga.com.au) or chatting to office or room staff.



## (FOM) Actions for February

### QAI—Educational Program and Practice & QA5—Relationships with Children

- Displays and planning walls that feature Children's Voices
- Educator 'Pit Stops' and Room Visits with Krystine, Emma and Josh— Opportunity for constructive feedback and team goal-setting
- Educators completing Induction workbooks for QAI & QA5



# EDUCATIONAL LEADER

United Nations Convention on

## The Rights of the Child

In 1989 the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child was created as a commitment to help all children and young people feel safe, supported and valued. It has since been signed by nearly every country in the world. Together, we can use these rights to make sure that every child and young person in Australia can learn, play, grow and live safely.

**Article 1**  
Everyone under 18 has these rights.

**Article 2**  
All children have these rights, no matter who they are where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, what gender they are, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.

**Article 3**  
All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

**Article 4**  
The government has a responsibility to make sure your rights are protected. They must help your family to protect your rights and create an environment where you can grow and reach your potential.

**Article 5**  
Your family has the responsibility to help you learn about your rights, and to ensure that your rights are protected.

**Article 6**  
You have the right to be alive.

**Article 7**  
You have the right to a name and this should be officially recognised by the government. You have the right to nationality (to belong to a country).

**Article 8**  
You have the right to an identity - an official record of who you are. No one should take this away from you.

**Article 9**  
You have the right to live with your parent(s), unless it is bad for you. You have the right to live with a family who cares for you.

**Article 10**  
If you live in a different country than your parents do, you have the right to be together in the same place.

**Article 11**  
You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.

**Article 12**  
You have the right to special care and help if you cannot live with your parents.

**Article 13**  
You have the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee (if you have been forced to leave your home and live in another country), as well as all the rights in this Convention.

**Article 14**  
You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.

**Article 15**  
You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.

**Article 16**  
You have the right to privacy.

**Article 17**  
You have the right to get information that is important to your well being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

**Article 18**  
You have the right to be raised by your parent(s) if possible.

**Article 19**  
You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.

**Article 20**  
You have the right to special care and help if you are adopted or in foster care.

**Article 21**  
You have the right to care and protection if you are adopted or in foster care.

**Article 22**  
You have the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee (if you have been forced to leave your home and live in another country), as well as all the rights in this Convention.

**Article 23**  
You have the right to be protected from kidnapping.

**Article 24**  
You have the right to special education and care if you have a disability, as well as all the rights in this Convention, so that you can live a full life.

**Article 25**  
If you live in care or in other situations away from home, you have the right to have these living arrangements looked at regularly to see if they are the most appropriate.

**Article 26**  
You have the right to help from the government if you are poor or in need.

**Article 27**  
You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met. You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things other kids can do.

**Article 28**  
You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

**Article 29**  
Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

**Article 30**  
You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion - or any you choose. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right.

**Article 31**  
You have the right to play and rest.

**Article 32**  
You have the right to protection from work that harms you, and is bad for your health and education. If you work, you have the right to be safe and paid fairly.

**Article 33**  
You have the right to protection from harmful drugs and from the drug trade.

**Article 34**  
You have the right to be free from sexual abuse.

**Article 35**  
No one is allowed to kidnap or sell you.

**Article 36**  
You have the right to protection from any kind of exploitation (being taken advantage of).

**Article 37**  
No one is allowed to punish you in a cruel and harmful way.

**Article 38**  
You have the right to protection and freedom from war. Children under 15 cannot be forced to go into the army or take part in war.

**Article 39**  
You have the right to help if you've been hurt, neglected, or badly treated.

**Article 40**  
You have the right to legal help and fair treatment in the justice system that respects your rights.

**Article 41**  
If the laws of your country provide better protection of your rights than the articles in this Convention, those laws should apply.

**Article 42**  
You have the right to know your rights! Adults should know about these rights and help you learn about them, too.

**Articles 43 to 54**  
These articles explain how governments and international organisations like UNICEF will work to ensure children are protected with their rights.

Every child, in every community, in every country, needs a fair go.

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## Meeting Your Child's Educators:

- At the beginning of March educators will send out information about scheduling parent/educator catch ups. This is a great opportunity for

## QIP Actions:

- Survey families to identify communication preferences and expectations around digital tools

## Contributing to our Quality Improvement Plan:

- QAB-Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities  
(PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT)

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](mailto:admin@yarrunga.com.au)



## NO FOOD FROM HOME!



A reminder that we have children attending Yarrunga with severe allergies and anaphylaxis 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

### Policies/Procedure/Reflection being reviewed this month:

National Quality area 1 Educational program and practice and 5 Relationships with children

### Yarrunga Policies:

Just a reminder to families – our policies can be accessed on our website [www.yarrunga.com.au](http://www.yarrunga.com.au) and the password is 2640

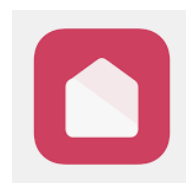
## WEEKLY MENU

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.



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.

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

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](#).



[raisingchildren.net.au](http://raisingchildren.net.au)



Yarrunga is a  
smoke free  
environment  
This includes  
vaping and  
e-cigarettes

*Educator of the Month January/February*

*Rae- Shining in leadership and adapting to roles supporting staff*



*Elle- Professional approach in all rooms and*

*Advocating for healthy eating through  
Munch and move*



*Nicole- Being a confident leader within the Management team*

**Screen time: Disconnect to reconnect**  
**Tips to reduce and balance screen use**  
Find out more at [sch.n.health.nsw.gov.au](https://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.