



YARRUNGA ELC



Important dates:

- Set up day 5th Jan
- First day back for children 6th Jan
- General Committee meeting 21st Jan 7pm
- All enrolment's forms and attachments must be completed and returned
- 10am farewell morning tea for Jay @10am

Staff News...

Students:

Steph– Swinburne UNI Nursery 7th Jan 0-2yrs

We farewell Jay as she will take on a position at Albury Preschool. Jay will return in the new year to assist in the settling of the NT children to the JPS room. Her last day will be the 23rd of Jan. Please feel free to join us for a morning tea @ 10am



Meet the Management Team...

Josh-



Director Monday to Friday

Nicole-



Assistant Director In Office Thursday

Krystine-



Educational Leader Monday to Friday

Emma-



Assistant Educational Leader In Office on Monday

Leah-



Administration Officer Mon, Tues, Wed, and Friday.

Deb-



Management Mentor Monday to Friday



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

January 2026						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Kid Inventors Day	18
19	20	21 World Religion Day	22	23	24 International Day of Education	25
26 Australia Day / Survival Day	27 Lego Day	28	29	30	31	
International Day of Clean Energy						

We Invite families to join us to share resources and experiences on any or all of these celebrations.

Please feel free to share your thoughts with your child's educators.

A NOTE ON CHILD SAFETY

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE A CURRENT NSW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

(VOLUNTEER CHECKS ARE FREE FROM SERVICE NSW)



Service NSW

What's hot in Aunty Amy's Kitchen

Bun Ga Nuong (Vermicelli noodle salad with chicken)

Skinless chicken breast - 3kg

Vermicelli rice noodles - 1.8kg

Sesame oil - 200mL

Sweet chilli sauce - 200mL

Lime juice - 200mL

Fish sauce - 100mL

Water - 100mL

Carrots, julienned - 1.2kg (20 whole)

Lebanese cucumber, julienned - 800g (10 whole)

Red capsicum, julienned - 1.6kg (10 whole)

Red cabbage, finely shredded - 900g

Method

1. Bring a large saucepan of water to the boil. Reduce heat until lightly simmering and add chicken.
2. Poach for 10 minutes or until just cooked through. Remove from the heat, cover and set aside for 10 minutes to finish cooking.
3. Using tongs, transfer chicken to a cutting board and pat dry with paper towel to remove excess moisture.
4. Shred the chicken using 2 forks.
5. Meanwhile, in a large heatproof bowl, add noodles and cover with boiling water. Stand for 5 minutes or until noodles are tender. Drain and rinse well under cold running water.
6. To make the dressing, in a bowl, whisk sesame oil, sweet chilli sauce, lime juice, fish sauce and water until combined.
7. In a large bowl, add carrot, cucumber, capsicum, cabbage, shredded chicken, noodles and dressing and toss to combine.
8. Serve salad in bowls or serving trays.

Amy (AKA Aunty Amy)–

Catering Officer and

Sustainability Officer



Vietnamese cuisine



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 and any personal items.
- Bring own sunscreen if preferred
- Pack hats and appropriate clothing depending on weather

This month we have...

We have just been getting to know the children taking the time to know there daily routines

Welcoming the nursery staff 2026



Sarah: Monday-Friday

Sarah has a little brother who also attends Yarrunga Kaden who has just moved into the preschool room Sarah was in nursery room last year.



Hanna: Monday– Friday

Hanna is studying her diploma in early education Hanna was also in nursery room last year.



Mahaya: Monday-Friday

Mahaya was in preschool room last year and has joined us in the nursery room and just completed her cert 3 Mahaya has 2 beautiful girls in primary school.



Emma: Tuesday - Wednesday

Emma has a beautiful little girl name Sutton who also attends Yarrunga she has just joined the JPS room Emma was also in Nursery room last year



Serena: Monday - Wednesday

Serena has been working at Yarrunga for 30+ years

And was also a educator in the Nursery room last year



Elle: Thursday / Janelle: Thursday - Friday

Elle has a beautiful daughter in primary school and has been in and out of the nursery room covering staff last year

please feel free to ask us any questions we are here to help the transition into childcare a fun and magical moment for your children and a smooth easy drop off as we know It can be hard



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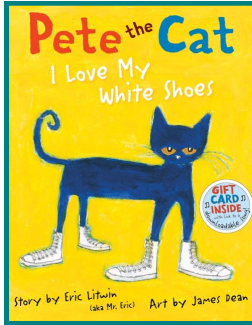
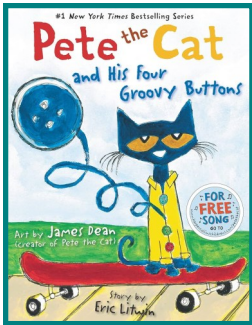
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Reminders

- 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 new educating team in the Junior Preschool Room is largely unchanged from last year, with Alana (M, Tu, Th, F), Chrissy (F/T), and Zoe (F/T) continuing on in here. We welcome Nabin (F/T), who was a student in our room last year and made so many beautiful relationships within the Yarrunga community. Educators Elle (Mondays) and Robyn (Wednesdays) complete the ‘permanent’ team.

Jay (Tu - F) will remain with us until late January, when we farewell her and wish her all the very best in her educating and caring journey.



A series of stories that Alana introduced to the class last year are showing to be popular with our new group - Pete the Cat, who, through colourful illustrations and CAT-chy meow-sic(!), teaches us about emotional resilience when we face challenges in our daily life.

Over the coming weeks, our room goals will be focusing on settling the new children and their families. We will be revising our daily routines and rituals, tweaking them as required, to best support the needs of the group.

Primary Care groups have largely been set and families will be informed of their child’s Primary Carer shortly. Please be advised that ALL educators are involved in the care and education of ALL children at Yarrunga. It is the Primary Carer who is responsible for maintaining that child’s Individual Learning Journal; setting goals with you for your child’s first semester; and completing the mid-year summative assessment.

Our day flow 2026

08:00	Yarrunga opens As children arrive, families are encouraged to apply sunscreen Outdoor explorative play
09:00 - 09:30	Morning tea (floating)
10:30 - 10:45	Whole Centre Acknowledgment of Country
11:00	Transition inside Group time
11:15 - 12:00	Lunch
12:00 - 14:30	Sleep / Rest Non-sleepers will be given an opportunity to rest and participate in quiet activities As children wake up, they will be invited to participate in quiet activities
14:30 - 15:00	Afternoon tea
15:00 - 18:00	Outdoor explorative play Children picked up
18:15	Yarrunga closes

Thank you to families who have already returned their *Background Information Sheet*. These are used for getting to know your child’s unique needs and interests and are used by educators to set learning goals for your child in the coming months. Families are invited to attend meetings with your Primary Care Giver to discuss these goals in March.

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

* Please be aware that this is a guide only. Routines and rituals are impacted by a multitude of factors including, but not limited to staffing, group dynamics, weather, special activities, and life in general.



DINAWAN ROOM

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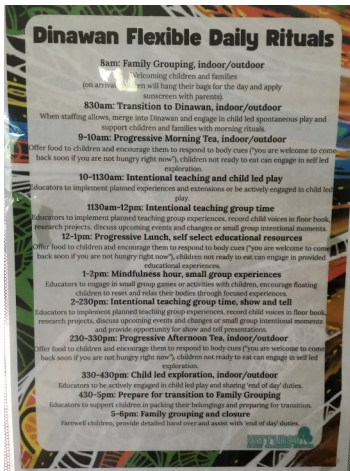
Dinawan

Hi Families and welcome back to Yarrunga those returning and a big welcome to our new families we hope you love our room as much as we do. Please see our Room rituals for a flexible guideline of your child's day.

We have put a picture of Arrival steps for you to use as a guide for am drop offs.

We will be handing out background sheets, please fill out these out asap and return so we can start planning for your children. More information to follow over next two weeks.

Welcome to 2026!!!!



Meet the Team



Prakash works M,T, W,Th, Fr

Robyn will work Thursdays

Lisa works M,T W, Th, Fr

Nicole works M, T,W,Fr in room

Thurs Office

Raelene works M,T, W, Th

Elle works Fridays in preschool room



EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Quality Improvement Planning:

Each month we work through one Quality Area from the National Quality Standard. January's Focus of the Month (FOM) is *Quality Area 7—Governance and Leadership*. In line with QA7 we are currently reviewing Yarrunga's

•Philosophy (Wording to include "Children's Voices")



- 1 Educational program and practice
- 2 Children's health and safety
- 3 Physical environment
- 4 Staffing arrangements
- 5 Relationships with children
- 6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
- 7 Governance and leadership

•Digital Asset and Device Registers, and

•Complaints and Feedback Policy

Copies of these documents are available through the Xplor App and the office. Please stay tuned for family surveys and polls.

QIP Updates:

Our objectives for the next 3 to 6 months:

- 1.Strengthen documentation & Children's Voices
- 2.Improve Staff Induction & Onboarding Systems
- 3.Build educator Digital Capability while maintaining Paper-based and organic documentation strengths

Strategies to support our objectives:

- Family surveys to identify communication preferences and expectations around digital tools
- Ongoing monthly Children's Council meetings to elevate Children's Voices and leadership
- Mentor pairing systems to support new staff and strengthen relationships

Thank you,

Krystine

The **wider** the range of **possibilities** we offer **children**, the more **INTENSE** will be their **MOTIVATIONS** and the **RICHER** their **EXPERIENCES**

Loris Malaguzzi

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 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 7 Governance and leadership

Yarrunga Policies:

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

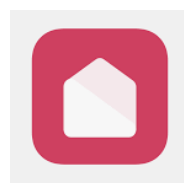
WEEKLY MENU

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.



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



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

Educator of the Month December

Sarah- Cot master builder

Elle – Positive & consistency

Amy – Creating the grad gowns

Robyn – Creating the grad gowns

Krystine – Supporting & Leading the team.

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Screen time: Disconnect to reconnect
Tips to reduce and balance screen use
Find out more at schn.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.