



## APRIL NEWSLETTER 2019

CityCentral  
Church

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### APRIL 2019

Management Committee  
Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
April @ 7.30pm

#### EASTER BREAK

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Monday  
22<sup>nd</sup> April

#### COMING EVENT

Mothers Day Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
May 2019 @ 11am-12.30pm

Many of you may have noticed a homeless man sleeping at the carpark doors. We have been in contact with the Police and he has been asked to not sleep there. We have not seen him for a couple of weeks. If you have any concerns, please speak with the office staff who can contact the police. Pastor at the church informed us that they have never had any trouble with him and he has never wanted to come inside the building.

**PHONES - We have had our phones diverted from Yarrunga to City Central Church, but we are experiencing some difficulty in families not being able to reach us on the phone. Please try these numbers 0417 915 106 or 0418 247 037.**

### ROOM PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Each room emails out a weekly photo collage of the group engaged in play and learning. Please let room educators know if you are not receiving these 😊

## Project Update

If you have taken a drive down Woodstock Ct recently, The project is reported to be on track, the framing for the new office and foyer has been completed, roofing, and windows are in, the office area wrapped and bricking begun.

**Congratulations to our Yarrunga Families that have welcomed a new addition to their family: -**



- Holly, Phillip and big sister Ella welcome a baby girl - Ivy
- Nonie, Sam, Freddie and Margot welcome a baby girl - Annie

Yarrunga can now be followed on Facebook and Instagram



### **CHILDREN'S T-SHIRTS & JUMPERS**

If you would like to order a t-shirt or shirts or jumpers for your child/ren, order forms will be available in the office - Shirts \$12.00, Jumpers \$25 each

Please see Claire, Lisa or Karen



### **CCS GOVERNMENT REBATE:**

The Department of Human Services has commenced communications with families to encourage them to review their income to make sure they are receiving the correct Child Care Subsidy percentage.

Dear Families

It has been seven months since the new Child Care Subsidy started! It is a good time to check in on your family income estimate. Make sure it is up to date and reflects your and your partner's income for the whole financial year.

If your estimate is lower than your actual income, you may get a debt, which you will have to pay back. It is also a good time to check and update your activity test if your circumstances have changed.

The easiest way to update your family income estimate is by using your Centrelink online account through myGov, or the Express Plus Centrelink app.

While you are there, do not forget to make sure your and your partner's activity details are up to date too.

### **Roasted Pumpkin, Leek, Thyme and Bacon Rice Bake**



Ingredients - 600g peeled butternut pumpkin,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup olive oil, 1 halved leek sliced, 200g sliced shortcut bacon, 1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves, 2 cups medium rice - rinsed, 1 litre (4 cups) Campbells Real Chicken Stock - salt reduced & 50g crumbled feta.

Method - Preheat oven to 180c, cut pumpkin into 2cm pieces- toss in 1 tablespoon oil- place on a large oven tray lined with baking paper - cook in oven for about 25-30 minutes or until tender - remove. Meanwhile, heat remaining oil in a large flameproof casserole dish over a medium heat, add leek and bacon, cook stirring occasionally until soft. Stir in thyme and rice, add stock and bring to boil, cover with lid - transfer to oven. Cook for about 25 mins until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed. Remove and stir in pumpkin, sprinkle with feta and serve immediately.

## NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS

Nicole will be going on holidays with her family from the 11<sup>th</sup> of April and will be back on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. We will have a familiar educator in the room with us while Nicole enjoys her time away.



The children are working towards and meeting new milestones every week. We are catering to their ongoing needs by providing new challenges for them including easel and table activities to encourage standing to build muscle as they prepare to walk.

The children are interacting with each other and being social as they continue to build respectful and trusting relationships with each other.

We have been using the interlocking blocks as the children are developing their fine motor skills.

If anyone has a large cardboard box, we could have to build a cubby house for the children to play in that would be fantastic.



Nicole, Emma, Serena and Lesley  
nurserytoddler@yarrunga.com.au

## PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

What a busy March we have had! In April we will be planning on inviting our last year's pre-schoolers to an afternoon tea. This is to support our Transition to School Program to help inform our children on what they can expect when they commence Kindergarten in 2020, as this was such a great experience last year.

Our small groups have become a very focused engagement by all children. As to which we have built into our daily program with flexibility, which have been initiated by children's own interests. This promotes sustained shared thinking and turn taking. Our games have consisted of numeracy by number or pattern sequencing and colour recognition. This month our focus has transitioned from this to writing literacy concepts by tracing lines and using pebbles to create letters from vision cards and this will be one of our small group focuses this month

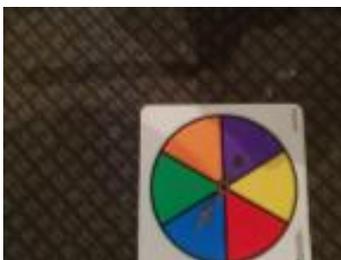
Our large group story telling has evolved into self-expression with mixed media to make meaning by using drama and re-enacting our fairy tales e.g. "The Billy Goats Gruff" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

Our outdoors Munch and Move has evolved from our climbing frame and hurdles to a circuit with sack races, hoops, running races etc. which has been initiated by the pre-schoolers.

We have commenced with our Easter Crafts encouraging the children to express creativity using a range of self-selected materials (coloured paper, party cases, crayons, glue etc.) whilst celebrating a national tradition within our world.

We have ventured out into the community and followed up on children's voices and attended Aloysius Park for children to use swings, slides and fireman's pole.

Fifteen of our pre-schoolers attended the Kiewa Street Fire Station to experience what happens inside. The children saw the control room where they receive the paper work. A full brief of what is required in the fire truck and they were taught to **get down low and go, go, go to the letter box at home**, if ever there was a fire. They were asked to tell their parents "Have you created a fire plan?"



Krystine, Natt, Netty and Deb.

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## JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

Hello Families,

What an action-packed March we have had!

This month saw our children participate in short walks in our community. Some of the older children visited the Library Museum with the pre-schoolers and our younger children have been exploring the nearby pet shop 'Border Aquarium and Pet Centre'. We have been putting into practice our knowledge of safe pedestrian behaviours on our walks that we have learned through the 'Kids and Traffic - key road safety messages' program.



We will be continuing these excursions regularly so make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear for walking.

With the cooler weather upon us please make sure your child is dressed for the conditions, layering clothing is the best option as the afternoons often warm up. Please also label all clothing and belongings with your child's name.

If your child's routine changes, please let

us know so that we can do our best to accommodate their needs.

Thanks and have a great April.

*Terri, Chrissy, Molly and Belle*

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### **Educational Leader Report**

Now that we have been through Assessment and Rating, relocated to our temporary location resulting in a change of curriculum planning/ documentation to meet the changing circumstances at City Central Church. Krystine will be taking a well-deserved break from her role as Educational Leader until we return to Woodstock Ct. Lisa will be taking over the role until this time. We would like to extend a huge thankyou to Krystine for all she has done in guiding and supporting our team, we have been very lucky to have such a dedicated, experienced teacher in the role of Educational Leader.

This month we have reviewed Yarrunga's philosophy, ensuring that our everyday practises align with our Philosophy. Thank you to the families who provided their input via the display in the foyer. With your support we can ensure continuous improvement at Yarrunga and continue to meet the diverse needs of all children and families.

We also continue to work on Quality Area One- Educational Program and Practice. In particular, our group and individual curriculum planning, ensuring that the planning cycle is evident within our documentation. It has been suggested that we increase the link between our fortnightly group plan and the photo collage we send out to families. I will be working with educators to ensure these links are evident, any suggestions from families on what you would like to see emailed with our photo collage would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Lisa

## Children's Photos for this year

Several families have asked if photos can be taken early this year to enable them to be able to look at the class photo and show them who their friends are.

We have booked McCormack Photography again this year, and they have agreed to come, every day for the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> May. More details will become available before Easter, we hope.

## MOTHER'S DAY



Our Mothers and Grandmothers are invited to join us for Lunch on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 between 11am -12.30pm.

Could you reply by the 3<sup>rd</sup> May and nominate the  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour you would like to attend between 11am and 12.30pm to help us with seating and catering

Please speak with your teachers, Claire, Lisa Or Karen (0417915106)

## REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES

Yarrunga will be closed for the Easter period -

Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019



## Children Drop-off and Pick-up

Please remember to drive carefully and slowly as children and Educators must cross the driveway to access the playground.

If parent have any concerns or complaints, please follow the attached *Grievance Policy*

## **Grievance Policy**

### **1 Informal Resolution of Grievances**

Initially any grievance raised will be approached in an informal manner. (Informal Procedure for Resolution of Grievance). If required, an appointment time with the Centre Director and/or President of the Management Committee Kathryn Chandler (phone 0457 717 624) to discuss the grievance can be arranged.

### **2 Formal Resolution of Grievances**

2.1 In the event informal processes are unable to be used or informal processes fail to achieve a satisfactory outcome for any of the parties involved in the grievance, the formal process will then be used. Determining whether the grievance will be handled formally is at the discretion of the Director/President of Management Committee based on feedback from the concerned parties at the conclusion of the informal stage (Formal Procedure for Resolution of Grievance).

2.2 **When a formal resolution of grievance is pursued, all interactions must be documented by the Director (Complaint form), signed (by Director and or parties involved), and a copy given to each party concerned.**

2.3 Any allegation that the safety, health or wellbeing of a child has been compromised, or relating to a staff member, the details of action taken in response to a complaint will be recorded and kept in a confidential place.

### **3 Regulatory Authority - ACECQA**

3.1 The Nominated Supervisor or Certified Supervisor will notify (within 24 hours of the complaint being made) ACECQA of a complaint that alleges

- a serious incident has occurred or is occurring while a child is being educated and cared for by Yarrunga.
- the National Law and/or National Regulations have been contravened.

The required Forms to be completed are;

**Notification of Complaints and Incidents (Other than serious Incidents)** as required by the Education & Care Services National Regulations - through the National Quality Agenda IT System (NQA IT System). Log in to access the portal.

A scanned copy of the written complaint will be uploaded prior to submitting the form electronically.

“We could start a bedtime routine to help the little ones wind down before sleep.”



Children need good sleep for a healthy mind

Health  
Murrumbidgee  
Local Health District

“We could have a cook up on the weekend, save some money and ditch the packets.”



“We could swap sweet drinks for fruity iced water”



HAPPY EASTER