

DATES FOR THE DIARY

August 2019

Management Committee
Meeting Wednesday 20th
August @ 7.30pm



AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2019

RETIREMENT



Sadly, after some 19 years Claire has handed in her resignation, to take effect on the 30th August 2019. Claire will, I'm sure, be sadly missed by the Children, Parents and Staff.

Claire has been an integral part of Yarrunga and a major force in the new renovations.

We will all miss her friendly and professional manner and her vast knowledge of the Early Childhood sector.

We wish her well in retirement and hope she doesn't become a stranger at Yarrunga!!!!!!

Project Update

The end is in sight!

We are busily packing and setting up the rooms in Woodstock Ct in preparation for our return. We are still aiming for our first day back to be Monday 19th August, if there are any changes to this, we will let you know via email and our Facebook group- so keep an eye out.

We are very excited to get back and enjoy our "newRunga".

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



RECIPE *of the* **MONTH**

Meatball Casserole

Ingredients - 1 tbs olive oil, 1 x 700ml bottle passata sauce, 1 finely chopped brown onion, 2 crushed garlic gloves, 2 diced carrots, 2 diced celery sticks, 2 x 400g pkts Woolworths Beef & Lamb Meatballs, 1 cup macaroni, 300g pkt trimmed baby brussels sprouts & 2 tbs chopped flat-leaf parsley leaves.

Method - Preheat oven to 200c, heat oil in a deep flameproof casserole over medium heat, add onion, garlic, carrot and celery, cook stirring occasionally for 10 minutes or until softened. Pour passata over vegetables, half fill bottle with water, reseal and shake, pour into casserole, bring to boil, stir in meatballs and pasta, season. Cover casserole and place in oven, cook for 25 minutes or until meatballs and pasta are cooked through. Meanwhile, steam or microwave Brussels sprouts until tender, serve with meatball casserole and top with chopped parsley.

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.



Father's Day Luncheon & Superheroes Week 26th - 30th August 2019.

National **Superhero Week** for Muscular Dystrophy is a week-long event in which people across Australia dress up as their favorite superhero to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. Please let your children dress up as their superhero during this week and place a gold coin donation in the box provided.

On Friday 30th we will hold our Father's Day Luncheon from 11.00am - 12.30pm, all Dad's and Granddads are most welcome to attend. Please let Karen or Lisa know for catering purposes if you are attending.

Reminder: Keep your family healthier this winter



Did you know the flu shot is free for children from 6 months to under 5 years old?

Colder days and chilly nights have set in and flu season is here. A flu shot is the best prevention, but don't forget there are some simple steps to keep you and your family healthier this winter and stop the spread of flu.

Wash your hands frequently. Talk to your doctor or health worker for more information, or visit

health.nsw.gov.au/flu

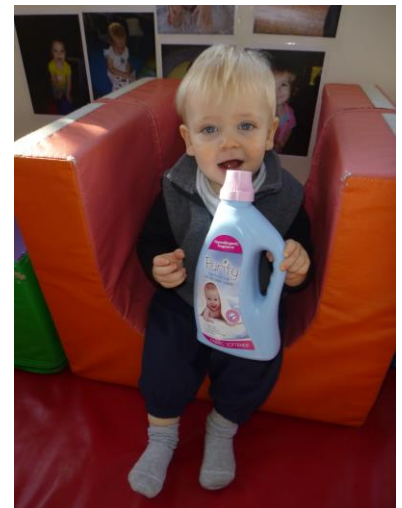
NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS

We have now set learning goals for the children, thank you for your input it is much appreciated. We are excited to be preparing for our return back to our brand new Yarrunga and looking forward to settling back into our normal routines it will be great to be home at last. Last week we had an excursion to Target and Kmart to buy new clocks for our playrooms. The children enjoyed their ride in the pram and soaked up the attention of passersby and other shoppers in the store.

Our children that are moving to the Junior room have transitioned beautifully, we are so proud of them.

We have been doing some pasting within the room the children have enjoyed this experience. We also have been enjoying music and rhythm with scarves. We are looking forward to extending on these experiences back at Yarrunga, but we have put out a music shelf for the children to use at the moment.

Thank you for donations of items for our Heuristic play the Nursery children have loved utilizing containers and things in there play, we are still on the lookout for items (no egg or nut products) scarves, wooden curtain rings, scoops.



Nicole, Emma, Serena and Lesley
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[PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS](#)

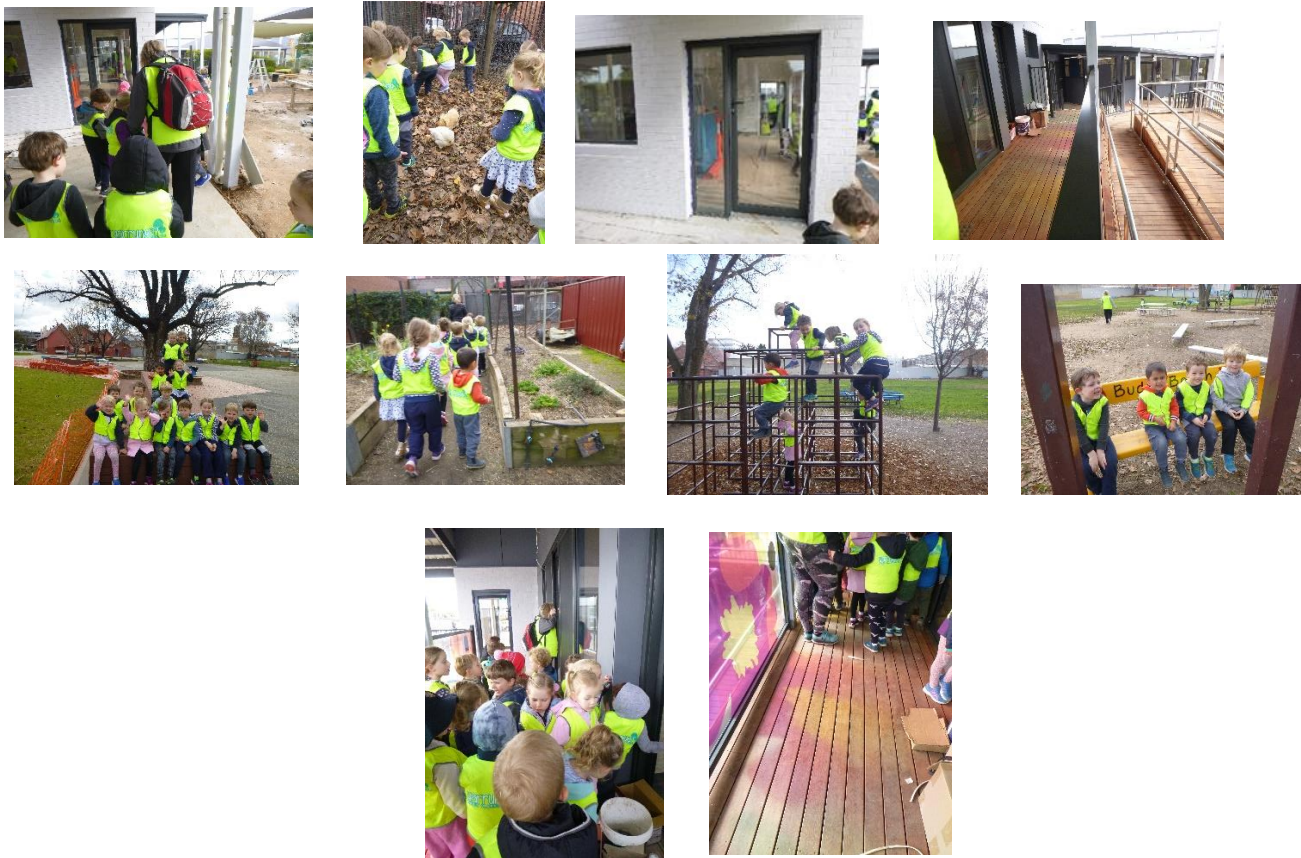
During July/August our main focus has been on local community engagement and the valuable learning opportunities that can be gained from everyday opportunities. We are learning who the people in our community are and what do they do and what we can learn from them. The children have been directing where to go when we go on our adventures. We have visited the mechanics, train station, Milk factory, local park, information Centre, pet shop and Albury Public School. We have read maps and visited our Yarrunga building. Looking at the progress of our Yarrunga building has promoted discussions on what we would like to have out to learn and play with when we return.

We would like families to take the opportunity to talk about moving back to our Yarrunga building and possibly do a drive/walk by if you can this will assist in the settling process.

We have a 1st year student from CSU attending on Fridays. Paris will be part of Preschool curriculum for approx. 8 weeks.

We look forward to a smooth transition to "Myrrunga" in the coming weeks.

A big thank you to all the families for donations of resources and great stories that have been coming in for show and tell.



Krystine, Natt, Netty and Deb.
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JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

Yarrunga continues to support **Pre-service Teachers** from our local CSU campus - we will have a first-year student Ingrid with us in the JPS room each Friday for the next eight weeks. We rotate students through all rooms in line with the requirements of their particular placement, and to give all educators the opportunity to supervise students and add to their professional skill sets.

We have been trying to 'squeeze in' as many **Excursions** as we can before we move back to Woodstock Court. We have made the most of being so close to everything while being at our temporary location in City Central Church and have thoroughly enjoyed all the Excursions that we have been on - we will certainly miss this when we leave! We attended **Story Time** at the **Library** on a Tuesday instead of our usual Thursday to give the children that attend on that day the opportunity to participate, and we found out that a '**Tiny Tots**' session is offered on a Wednesday so we can plan an Excursion to the Library for that day as well. We also went for a walk to the 'Pet Shop' (**Border Aquarium and Pet Centre**) with our Friday group as they haven't been on many Excursions as yet.

The 3-5 Preschool room has also been going out regularly for Excursions giving our JPS children the opportunity to utilise the 'wet' areas in their room for **Art & Craft activities** that we are unable to offer in the JPS room at this location, and also while we had the entire outdoor space all to ourselves! The children are always asking educators if they can do **Painting**, so we have provided this for them both indoors and outdoors.

Molly has continued **Cooking** experiences with the children in the afternoon during Small Group Intentional Teaching time making yummy treats to share with everyone for Afternoon Tea - this month she has made sweet brown sugar and apple and savory pizza pinwheels.

We have been developing and practicing our **fine motor skills** as we have been learning to use glue sticks and our masking tape dispenser. Educators use teaching strategies such as **Intentional Teaching**, which is deliberate, purposeful and thoughtful, as well as **Task Analysis** which helps the children understand the key steps involved in the particular task they are about to tackle.

It is not too late to send in your **Family Photo** for us to add to our display-the children love looking at all the photos throughout the day and pointing out their family members to educators and peers. If you would prefer, you can email your photo to us and we can print it.



Terri, Chrissy, Molly and Belle
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Educational Leader Report

This month we have reflected on ratio requirements and how we manage this throughout the day, as well as when children are transitioning from one room to the other. We also discussed inside/ outside play and how we see this occurring when we return to Woodstock Ct. We discussed opening the gates between the yards in the morning so that children have a choice of where they would like to play and who they would like to play with. This fosters the development of relationships with children and educators from other rooms and provides opportunities for children to spend time with their siblings.

We would love to know your thoughts on this. Do you see the value in opportunities for all age groups to play together? Do you have any concerns regarding this? Let us know 😊

Lisa



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NO FOOD FROM HOME!

A reminder that we have children attending Yarrunga with severe allergies to egg, 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.

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.

FATHER'S DAY



We will be holding a Father's Day Lunch on Friday
30th August 2019 11.00am—12.30pm

All Dad's, Granddad's and or other special friend
are invited to attend.

- Please RSVP by Monday 26th August for
catering purposes

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We are incorporating Father's
Day with Super Heroes week
26/8/19-30/8/19

Please feel free to dress your
child/children or yourself as
their/your Super Hero and place a
gold coin donation in the box
provided.

All funds raised will support
Muscular Dystrophy



As from 29th July 2019, the Department of Human Services (DHS) will start balancing each family's Child Care Subsidy (CCS) entitlements for the 2018-19 financial year.

The insert below explains what each family needs to do:-



Australian Government
Department of Human Services

Child Care Subsidy balancing basics

What is balancing?

After the end of each financial year, Centrelink balances your Child Care Subsidy ('balancing' is also known as 'reconciliation'). They do this to make sure you got the right amount of subsidy for the previous financial year.

How does balancing work?

Centrelink look at your actual adjusted taxable income for the 2018-19 financial year and compare it to the estimate you gave them.

They then work out if you were paid too little subsidy, the right amount or too much. They'll send you a letter to let you know the outcome. Your letter will tell you which of the following applies to you:

- You'll get a top up of subsidy because you were paid too little.
- You'll need to pay Centrelink back because you were overpaid.
- Nothing further because you were paid the right amount.

What do you need to do?

To balance your payments, Centrelink needs to confirm your family income for the 2018-19 financial year.

They'll do this after you and your partner lodge your tax returns. If one or both of you don't need to do this, you'll need to tell Centrelink you're not required to lodge a tax return.

Your subsidy can't be balanced until you do this.

Telling Centrelink you're not required to lodge

You can tell Centrelink you don't need to lodge a tax return in either your:

- Centrelink online account through myGov
- Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

Select **Advise non-lodgement** and follow the prompts.

When will Centrelink balance your subsidy?

Centrelink will start balancing Child Care Subsidy payments from 29 July 2019.

Where to go for more information

To see when your subsidy has been balanced you don't need to call Centrelink. Instead you can:

- keep an eye on your myGov Inbox, this is where Centrelink will send your outcome letter
- view the status of Child Care Subsidy balancing in your Centrelink online account through myGov or Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

To find out more about balancing your Child Care Subsidy (or your other family payments) go to humanservices.gov.au/balancing